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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

# **FORM 10-K**

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

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 2010

Commission File No. 000-1409171

# TITAN MACHINERY INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

# Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

No. 45-0357838

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

4876 Rocking Horse Circle Fargo, ND 58104-6049

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(701) 356-0130

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: Common Stock, \$0.00001 Par Value (Nasdaq Global Market)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes o No ý

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes o No ý

**Note:** Checking the box above will not relieve any registrant required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act from their obligations under those Sections.

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  $\circ$  No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes o No o

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. ý

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer ý Non-accelerated filer o Smaller reporting company o

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

The aggregate market value of our common stock held by non-affiliates as of July 31, 2009 was approximately \$148.3 million (based on the last sale price of \$12.43 per share on such date as reported on the Nasdaq Global Market).

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock as of April 1, 2010 was: Common Stock, \$0.00001 par value, 17,784,550 shares.

# DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the proxy statement for the registrant's 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference into Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Part III of this report.

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http://www.titanmachinery.com, as soon as reasonably practicable after filing such material electronically or otherwise furnishing it to the SEC. We are not including the information on our web site as a part of, or incorporating it by reference into, our Form 10-K.

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#### ITEM 1. BUSINESS

# **Our Company**

Overview

We own and operate a network of full service agricultural and construction equipment stores in the United States. Based upon information provided to us by CNH Global N.V. or its U.S. subsidiary CNH America LLC, collectively referred to in this Form 10-K as CNH, we are the world's largest retail dealer of Case IH Agriculture equipment and a major retail dealer of New Holland Agriculture, Case Construction and New Holland Construction equipment in the U.S. We have two primary business segments, Agriculture and Construction, within each of which we sell and rent new and used equipment, sell parts, and service the equipment in the areas surrounding our stores.

The agricultural equipment we sell and service includes machinery and attachments for uses ranging from large-scale farming to home and garden use. The construction equipment we sell and service includes heavy construction and light industrial machinery for commercial and residential construction, road and highway construction and mining. Within each of our operating segments, we engage in four principal business activities:

new and used equipment sales;
parts sales;
repair and maintenance services; and
equipment rental and other activities.

The new equipment and parts we sell are supplied primarily by CNH. CNH is a leading manufacturer and supplier of agricultural and construction equipment, primarily through the Case IH Agriculture, New Holland Agriculture, Case Construction and New Holland Construction brands. We acquire used equipment for resale through trade-ins from our customers and selective purchases. We also sell parts and provide in-store and on-site repair and maintenance services. We also rent equipment and provide other ancillary services such as equipment transportation, GPS signal subscriptions and finance and insurance products.

We offer our customers a one-stop solution by providing equipment and parts sales, repair and maintenance services and rental functions in each store. Our full service approach provides us with multiple points of customer contact and substantial cross-selling opportunities. We believe our mix of equipment and recurring parts and service sales enables us to operate effectively throughout economic cycles. We also believe our significant scale, superior customer service, diverse and stable customer base, proven management reporting system and experienced management team provide us with a competitive advantage in many of our local markets.

Throughout our 30-year operating history we have built an extensive, geographically contiguous network of 72 stores, including three outlet stores. Our agricultural equipment stores are located in highly productive farming regions, including the Red River valley in eastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota and western portions of the corn belt in Iowa, eastern South Dakota and southern Minnesota. Our construction equipment stores are located in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Montana, Wyoming, eastern Nebraska and western Minnesota.

Our executives have extensive industry experience. David Meyer, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, founded our company in 1980. In 2002, we acquired two stores owned by C.I. Farm Power, Inc., a business owned by our President and Chief Financial Officer, Peter Christianson, which he co-founded in 1988. Based on our collective industry experience, we developed the Titan Operating Model, which combines management accountability and decision-making at the store level with centralized, back-office support. In addition, our executives work closely with our store managers to

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develop the managers' industry knowledge and ensure these managers achieve operational excellence in line with our management philosophy.

We have a history of successful growth through acquisitions. Since January 1, 2003, we have completed 29 acquisitions consisting of 62 stores operating in seven states, including 14 acquisitions consisting of 31 stores completed since our initial public offering on December 11, 2007. We have a well-established track record of successfully integrating acquired stores through the Titan Operating Model, retaining acquired-store employees and maintaining acquired-store customer relationships. We expect that acquisitions will continue to be an important component of our consolidated and segment growth.

## **Industry Overview**

Agricultural Equipment Industry

Agricultural equipment is purchased primarily for the production of food, fiber, feed grain and renewable energy. It is also purchased for home and garden applications and maintenance of commercial, residential and government properties. Deere & Company, CNH and AGCO Corporation are the largest global manufacturers and supply a full line of equipment and parts that address the primary machinery requirements of farmers. For the most recent fiscal year-ends for which information is currently available, revenue from agriculture operations was \$18.1 billion for Deere & Company, \$10.7 billion for CNH and \$6.6 billion for AGCO. In addition to the major manufacturers, several short-line manufacturers produce specialized equipment that addresses regional and niche requirements of farmers. Agricultural equipment manufacturers typically grant dealers in the U.S. authorized store locations, not exclusive territories, to distribute their products.

We believe there are many factors that influence demand for agricultural equipment, parts and repair and maintenance services, including commodity prices, interest rates, general economic conditions and weather. Conditions can fluctuate drastically in a short time period, creating volatility in demand, especially for equipment, in a given year. Government subsidies also influence demand for agricultural equipment. Legislation, most notably the U.S. Farm Bill and the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, attempts to stabilize the agriculture industry through USDA subsidies. USDA subsidies include (i) commodity programs consisting of direct, counter-cyclical and price support payments to farmers; (ii) conservation programs; and (iii) disaster relief programs. We believe USDA subsidies reduce financial volatility and help ensure that farmers operate their farms and equipment during economic down cycles, thus stabilizing demand for equipment, replacement parts and repair and maintenance services.

# Construction Equipment Industry

Construction equipment is purchased primarily for commercial, residential and infrastructure construction, as well as for demolition, maintenance, mining, energy production and forestry operations. The market for construction equipment is larger than the market for agricultural equipment and is segmented across multiple categories including earth moving, lifting, light industrial, asphalt and paving, and concrete and aggregate equipment. We believe Caterpillar, Inc., Komatsu Ltd., Deere & Company, CNH and Ingersoll-Rand Co. Ltd. are the largest global manufacturers of construction equipment. These companies generated revenue from their construction operations of \$29.5 billion for Caterpillar, \$20.4 billion for Komatsu, \$2.6 billion for Deere & Company, and \$2.1 billion for CNH for the most recent fiscal year-ends for which information is currently available. As in the agricultural equipment market, distribution of construction equipment in the U.S. is executed primarily by manufacturer authorized dealers; however, manufacturers' dealership agreements in the construction industry typically assign exclusive distribution territories.

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Construction machinery is generally divided into heavy and light subgroups. Heavy machinery includes large wheel loaders, large tracked excavators, crawler dozers, motor graders and articulated haul trucks. Light machinery includes backhoe landscape tractors, forklifts, compact excavators and skid steers. Heavy machinery is generally purchased by construction companies, municipalities, local governments, rental fleet owners, quarrying and mining companies, waste management companies and forestry-related organizations. Typically, light machinery is purchased by contractors, rental fleet owners, landscapers, logistics companies, farmers and recreational users. Although demand for construction equipment is affected by weather and seasonal factors, it is usually less susceptible to seasonal changes than the agricultural equipment industry.

CNH and industry reports show demand for construction equipment in our markets is driven by several factors, one of which is public infrastructure spending, including roads and highways, sewer and water, as well as by public and private expenditures for the energy and mining industries. Demand for construction equipment is also driven by demand for fossil fuels, as well as metals and other commodities. We expect to benefit from the need for equipment to establish the infrastructure necessary to extract these natural resources, particularly in North Dakota, as consumer and wholesale consumption accelerates.

# **Titan Operating Model**

We believe the Titan Operating Model is a key element to our continued success. Through the Titan Operating Model, we empower leadership and share best practices at the store level while realizing efficiencies at the corporate level. We believe exceptional customer service is most efficiently delivered through accountable store employees who are supported by centralized administrative, finance and marketing functions. By managing our business as a network of independent stores supported by a centralized, shared resources group, we ensure coordination of the entire enterprise while promoting local business relationships on a store-by-store basis. We have implemented the Titan Operating Model in each of our reporting segments.

# Strong Stores

Each of our stores is run by a store manager who is reviewed and compensated based on the store's achievement of revenue, profitability, market share and balance sheet objectives. Also, each store is typically staffed by a parts manager, a service manager and field marketers, all of whom report directly to the store manager. Under our operating model, decision-making for customer-related issues is decentralized, with each store manager responsible for matters such as the type of equipment to stock, equipment pricing, customer credit approvals, staffing levels and customer satisfaction. This operating model enables each trained and motivated store manager to concentrate on customers' equipment, parts and service needs, while our shared resources group manages the administrative functions of the store. We believe customers in our industry view store managers and sales and service personnel as important partners in operating their businesses. Therefore, we believe developing and supporting strong store managers enables us to grow same-store sales through fostering new relationships and further developing existing relationships with our customers. In addition, we believe that choosing to centralize customer-related decision making at the corporate level risks undermining the partnership many customers seek to build with their dealer.

# Shared Resources

Our shared resources group provides a range of services to support our stores, including warranty and service administration, information technology support, administration, marketing campaigns, human resources management, finance and insurance, central purchasing, accounting, data administration and cash management. We believe these functions can be run more efficiently when combined and provide more sophisticated tools to our store managers than an independent dealership

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could support alone. We maintain accountability through our management reporting systems, which provide data on certain key operational and financial metrics on a daily basis, as well as a comprehensive review of financial performance on a monthly basis. We believe the services provided by our shared resources group enables our stores to achieve a higher level of customer service by freeing them from certain general and administrative functions and a more competitive market presence at a lower cost than would be feasible if our stores operated independently. Furthermore, as we acquire new stores, we believe the shared services required to support these stores will grow at a lower rate than our overall growth in store count.

Management Development and Succession Planning

Our executives work closely with our regional and store managers and mid-level corporate managers to ensure the managers benefit from our executives' industry knowledge and execute operational excellence in line with our management philosophy. We also conduct formal meetings on a monthly basis with our store managers and regional managers to assess operational and financial objectives, develop near-term strategies and share best practices across the organization. We believe the relationships between our executives, regional managers, store managers and mid-level corporate managers will sustain our financial success through continued implementation of our effective operating model, by providing a strong pool of capable successors to our current team of executives, regional managers and store managers. Further, we have deliberately structured our store personnel with entrepreneurial individuals trained, including through our programs, to move up the management ladder. In addition, we sponsor programs with several Technical Colleges and Community Colleges that offer scholarships to students who will ultimately work for us in various capacities empowered with the basic knowledge and tools to succeed.

#### **Business Strengths**

In addition to the Titan Operating Model, we believe the following attributes of our business model and market position are important factors in our ability to compete effectively and achieve our long-term financial objectives:

Leading North American Equipment Provider with Significant Scale

According to CNH, we are the world's largest retail dealer of Case IH Agriculture equipment and a major retail dealer of New Holland Agriculture, Case Construction and New Holland Construction equipment in the U.S. We believe our size and large, contiguous geographic market provide us with several competitive advantages including:

our ability to efficiently manage inventory by empowering each individual store with inventory management responsibility and access to our centralized inventory management system, thus allowing inventory exchanges among the stores, which permits us to maintain only the inventory deemed needed by each store while providing significant breadth of parts and equipment to our customers;

our ability to use expanded sales channels, including used equipment listings and periodic auctions hosted on our website, which enables us to offer our customers alternative purchasing options; and

our ability to sell inventory to customers in a large geographic area covering North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Wyoming and Montana, which enables us to capitalize on crop diversification and disparate weather throughout this area, as well as local trends in residential, infrastructure and commercial construction.

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## Customer Focus at the Local Level

As part of the Titan Operating Model, we centralize general and administrative functions and finance resources. This strategy enables our store employees to focus exclusively on customers and eliminates redundant operating expenses. We also centralize our marketing resources to offer our stores and field marketers professional marketing support that includes targeted direct mailings, advertising with targeted local media outlets, participation in and sponsorship of trade shows and industry events, our Titan Trader monthly magazine, and our hosting of open houses, service clinics, equipment demonstrations, product showcases and customer appreciation outings. We believe this operating structure, which focuses on serving our customers on a local level, will allow us to increase market share.

# Superior Customer Service to Attract and Retain Customers

We believe our ability to respond quickly to our customers' demands is a key to profitable growth. Our executives are committed to maintaining a customer-focused culture. We spend significant time and resources training our employees to effectively service our customers in each of our local markets, which we believe will increase our revenue. Our training program involves active participation in all manufacturer-sponsored training programs and the use of industry experts as consultants for customized training programs and a training team to assist in the integration of newly-acquired operations. We also partner with several technical colleges to sponsor students who we plan to ultimately employ. In particular, the following capabilities enable us to better service our customers:

our ability to staff a large number of highly-trained service technicians across our network of stores, which makes it possible to schedule repair services on short notice without affecting our technician utilization rates;

our ability to staff and leverage product and application specialists across our network of stores, which makes it possible to offer valuable pre-sale and aftermarket services, including equipment training, best practices education and precision farming technology support; and

our ability to innovate and lead our industry through initiatives such as Rural Tower Network, our joint venture with certain local Caterpillar and John Deere dealerships to deploy a GPS guidance system in support of precision farming in our core geographic market, which provides our customers with the latest advances in technology and operating practices.

# Unique Entrepreneurial Culture to Attract and Retain Superior Employees

We created a unique entrepreneurial culture that empowers our employees to make decisions and act within the parameters of a proven operating process and system. We believe this culture and our size gives us a competitive advantage in attracting and retaining the best employees in our industry. We developed an operating system and process that provides our employees with defined objectives and frequent feedback of results within an entrepreneurial environment that allows them to work independently yet consistently throughout our company. Through this operating system and process we have established defined financial metrics on a balanced scorecard, which is used monthly with each store manager to assess performance. Each store manager is empowered to operate the individual store as appropriate within the guidelines set by the operating system and process. This balanced management philosophy enables our employees to understand clearly how they succeed in our organization and how to interact with customers who expect a level of autonomy from our employees. Our compensation system focuses on rewarding our employees for high performance, thus enabling us to retain most of those employees who perform at or above expectations. This system also enables us to attract talented individuals outside of our industry and train them to perform at a high level within a relatively short period of time.

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Diverse and Stable Customer Base to Avoid Market Volatility

We believe our large and diverse customer base limits our exposure to risks associated with customer concentration and fluctuations in local market conditions. We have long and stable relationships with many of our customers. During fiscal 2010, we conducted business with approximately 58,000 customers, none of whom accounted for more than 1.0% of our total revenue and our top ten customers combined represented approximately 5.3% of our total revenue.

Proven Information Technology Systems

Our management reporting systems provide the data and reports that facilitate our ability to make informed decisions. We use these systems to actively manage our business and enable each store to access the available inventory of our other stores before ordering additional parts or equipment from our suppliers. As a result, we minimize our investment in inventory while promptly satisfying our customers' parts and equipment needs. Our customer relationship management system provides sales and customer information and other organizational tools to assist our field marketers, parts managers and service managers. In addition, our management reporting systems facilitate training and foster development of management personnel.

Experienced Management Team to Implement our Growth Strategy

Our executive team is led by David Meyer, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Peter Christianson, our President and Chief Financial Officer, who have approximately 35 and 31 years, respectively, of industry experience. Our regional managers, store managers and field marketers also have extensive knowledge and experience in our industry. In addition, we compensate, develop and review our regional managers and store managers based on an approach that aligns their incentives with the goals and objectives of our company, including achievement of revenue, profitability, market share and balance sheet objectives. We believe the strength of our management team will help our success in the marketplace.

# **Growth Strategy**

We believe our business strengths will enable us to grow our business as we continue to pursue the following growth strategies:

Increase Market Share and Same-Store Sales

We focus on increasing our share of the equipment sold in our markets because our market share impacts current period revenue and compounds our revenue over the life of the equipment sold through recurring parts and service business. We seek to generate same-store growth and increase market share through:

employing significant marketing and advertising programs, including targeted direct mailings, advertising with targeted local media outlets, participation in and sponsorship of trade shows and industry events, our Titan Trader monthly magazine, and by hosting open houses, service clinics, equipment demonstrations, product showcases and customer appreciation outings;

supporting and providing customers with training for evolving technologies, such as precision farming, that are difficult for single-store operators to support;

maintaining state-of-the-art service facilities, mobile service trucks and trained service technicians to maximize our customers' equipment uptime through preventative maintenance programs and seasonal 24/7 service support; and

utilizing our inventory system to maximize parts and equipment availability for our customers.

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#### Make Selective Acquisitions

The agricultural and construction equipment industries are fragmented and consist of many relatively small, independent businesses servicing discrete local markets. We believe a favorable climate for dealership consolidation exists due to several factors, including the competitiveness of our industry, growing dealer capitalization requirements and lack of succession alternatives. We intend to evaluate and pursue acquisitions with the objectives of entering new markets, consolidating distribution within our established network and strengthening our competitive position.

We have a track record of completing and integrating acquisitions and have successfully used acquisitions to enter new markets. We look to add stores through acquisitions that offer attractive growth opportunities, high demand for the equipment we sell and services we offer, management strength, and contiguity with our existing geography. These factors have guided us to successful acquisition candidates. We believe our track record of successful acquisitions and expansion increases the probability that our future expansion will be profitable.

We believe that we are effectively able to identify attractive acquisition candidates due to our leadership position in the industry, our track record of completing and integrating acquisitions, and our contacts in and knowledge of our industry and geographic region. We regularly assess the acquisition landscape, evaluating potential acquisition candidates in terms of their availability and desirability to our long-term growth strategy. In addition, we believe acquisition economics in our industry have been and will continue to be conducive to executing our long-term growth strategy. Typically, we acquire only the fixed assets, working capital and selected inventory we believe are necessary to run an efficient store according to the Titan Operating Model and assume only the liabilities related to financing the inventory and working capital acquired, although we sometimes acquire all the stock of a company. We, therefore, typically calculate our net purchase price of an acquisition as the value paid for the assets acquired less the amount of any liabilities assumed. Upon completion of an acquisition we seek to re-finance the inventory acquired according to the parts and floor plan financing parameters of the Titan Operating Model. We believe our management team's experience in evaluating potential acquisition candidates helps them determine whether a particular dealership can be successfully integrated into our existing operations and enables them to structure mutually beneficial purchase terms.

The consent of CNH is required to acquire any CNH dealership, and the consent of Bremer Bank, N.A. ("Bremer Bank") and GE Commercial Distribution Finance ("GE") is required for the acquisition of dealerships meeting certain thresholds or other criteria defined in the financing agreements with the respective entities.

The table below summarizes our acquisition of 29 dealers, totaling 62 stores, since January 1, 2003. Certain stores (designated with an \*) are included in the Agriculture segment but also sell some construction equipment.

# **Agriculture Segment**

Acquired Dealer	Location of Stores
Titan Machinery, LLC	Watertown, South Dakota
January 2003	Wahpeton, North Dakota
	Casselton, North Dakota
	Fargo, North Dakota
Consolidated Ag Service, Inc.	Graceville, Minnesota
February 2004	Marshall, Minnesota*
	Pipestone, Minnesota
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Acquired Dealer	Location of Stores
Smith International, Inc.	Waverly, Iowa
March 2005	
H.C. Clark Implement Co., Inc. <i>May</i> 2005	Aberdeen, South Dakota*
Vern Anderson, Inc.	Anthon, Iowa
November 2005	Cherokee, Iowa
	Kingsley, Iowa
	Le Mars, Iowa
Walterman Implement, Inc.  November 2005	Dike, Iowa
Farm Power, Inc. of Minnesota and	Elbow Lake, Minnesota
related entities	
March 2006	Fergus Falls, Minnesota
Richland County Implement, Inc. <i>February 2007</i>	Wahpeton, North Dakota
Aberdeen Equipment Co., Huron	Aberdeen, South Dakota*
Equipment Co. and Redfield	
Equipment Co.	
April 2007	Huron, South Dakota
	Redfield, South Dakota
Red Power International, Inc.	Ada, Minnesota
August 2007	Crookston, Minnesota*
Twin City Implement, Inc.	Mandan, North Dakota*
November 2007	
Reiten & Young International, Inc.  December 2007	Grand Forks, North Dakota*
Avoca Operations, Inc. and Greenfield	Avoca, Iowa
Operations, Inc.	
January 2008	Greenfield, Iowa
Ceres Equipment Inc. February 2008	Roseau, Minnesota
Quad County Implement, Inc.  May 2008	Blairstown, Iowa
Wolf's Farm Equipment, Inc. September 2008	Kintyre, North Dakota
Pioneer Garage, Inc.	Pierre, South Dakota
October 2008	Highmore, South Dakota
	Miller, South Dakota
Anderson Power and Equipment, Inc.	Thief River Falls, Minnesota
December 2008	8

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Acquired Dealer	<b>Location of Stores</b>
Winger Implement, Inc.	Winger, Minnesota
May 2009	
Arthur Mercantile Company	Arthur, North Dakota
May 2009	
Valley Equipment, Inc.	Mayville, North Dakota
June 2009	
Lickness Bros. Implement Co.	Britton, South Dakota
August 2009	
Oskaloosa Implement Co.	Pella, Iowa
November 2009	Oskaloosa, Iowa
Valley Farm Equipment, Inc.	Milbank, South Dakota
November 2009	

# **Construction Segment**

Acquired Dealer	<b>Location of Stores</b>
Krider Equipment Co., Inc.	Fargo, North Dakota
January 2003	Bismarck, North Dakota
Fargo Tractor & Equipment, Inc. January 2003	West Fargo, North Dakota
Piorier Equipment Company, Inc. and related entities	Sioux City, Iowa
June 2006	Marshall, Minnesota
	Rapid City, South Dakota
	Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Mid-Land Equipment Company, L.C.	Des Moines, Iowa
May 2008	Davenport, Iowa
	Clear Lake, Iowa
	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
	Omaha, Nebraska
	Lincoln, Nebraska
Western Plains Machinery Co. and WP Rentals LLC	Billings, Montana (2 stores)
December 2008	Belgrade, Montana
	Great Falls, Montana
	Missoula, Montana
	Columbia Falls, Montana
	Cheyenne, Wyoming
	Casper, Wyoming
	Gillette, Wyoming

Integrate New Dealers into the Titan Operating Model

We have developed the Titan Operating Model to optimize the performance and profitability of each of our stores. Upon consummation of each acquisition, we integrate acquired stores into our

operations by implementing the Titan Operating Model to enhance each acquired store's performance within its target market. We generally complete integration of a store within 18 months, although it may take several years before acquired stores fully realize the benefits of the Titan Operating Model. We believe the Titan Operating Model provides us with multiple points of customer contact, creates cross-selling opportunities, fosters strong customer relationships and supports a culture of individual accountability that increases our revenue and provides a strong platform for future growth.

# **Suppliers**

CNH Case IH Agriculture, Case Construction, New Holland Agriculture and New Holland Construction

We have a longstanding relationship with CNH and, according to CNH, are the world's largest retail dealer of Case IH Agriculture equipment. We have been an authorized dealer of Case agricultural equipment since the inception of our company in 1980 and added the other CNH brands as Case grew, acquired other brands and merged with New Holland in 1999 to form CNH. CNH supplied, through CNH America LLC, CNH's U.S. manufacturing entity, approximately 81.9% of the new agricultural equipment and 64.1% of the new construction equipment we sold in fiscal 2010.

CNH is a global leader in the agricultural and construction equipment industries based on the number of units sold. In 2009, CNH had \$13.8 billion in worldwide revenue, with agricultural equipment accounting for approximately 77% and construction equipment accounting for approximately 15% of CNH's total revenue. In addition, CNH provides financing and insurance products and services to its end-user customers and authorized dealers through its CNH Capital business unit. CNH is a publicly-traded company and a majority-owned subsidiary of Fiat S.p.A.

CNH is the world's second largest manufacturer of agricultural equipment. CNH owns and operates the Case IH Agriculture and New Holland Agriculture brands. Case IH Agriculture, recognized by the red color of its equipment, possesses over 160 years of farm equipment heritage. New Holland Agriculture, recognized by the blue color of its tractors and the yellow color of its harvesting and hay equipment, has over 100 years of farm equipment industry experience. CNH's agricultural equipment dealers are assigned authorized store locations but do not have exclusive territories.

CNH is one of the world's largest manufacturers of construction equipment in terms of market share, owning and operating the Case Construction, New Holland Construction and Kobelco brands. CNH's construction equipment dealers are assigned a specific geographic area of responsibility, which typically includes an entire state, within which the dealers have the right to sell new Case Construction, New Holland Construction and/or Kobelco equipment.

We have entered into separate dealership agreements with certain CNH entities to sell the Case IH Agriculture, New Holland Agriculture, Case Construction and New Holland Construction brands. These dealer agreements authorize us to sell CNH equipment and parts and entitle us to use CNH trademarks and trade names, with certain restrictions. The CNH entities have the right to terminate their dealer agreements with us immediately in certain circumstances, including if a person acquires 20% or more of our common stock without CNH's consent, and, in some cases, for any reason 90 days following written notice. The dealership agreements and industry practices generally provide that payment on equipment and parts purchased from CNH entities is due within 30 days and is typically subject to floor plan financing as discussed below. With respect to sales of equipment, payments from customers, which are typically financed by a third party, are due upon sale. Payments from customers for parts and services are due within 30 days. CNH makes available to us any floorplans, parts return programs, sales or incentive programs or similar plans or programs it offers to other dealers, and provides us with promotional items and marketing materials.

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Based upon information provided to us by CNH, we are the world's largest retail dealer of Case IH Agriculture equipment and a major retail dealer of New Holland Agriculture, Case Construction and New Holland Construction equipment in the U.S. Thus, our relationship with CNH entities is more than a typical supply relationship; it is strategic for both our company and CNH. In that regard, it is in our mutual interests to maintain the strong longstanding relationship we share.

#### Other Suppliers

In addition to products supplied by CNH, we sell a variety of new equipment, parts and attachments from other manufacturers. These products tend to address specialized niche markets and complement the CNH products we sell by filling gaps in the CNH line of products. We believe our offering of products for specialized niche markets supports our goal of being a one-stop solution for equipment needs at each of our stores. Approximately 20.0% of our total new equipment sales in fiscal 2010 resulted from sales of products manufactured by companies other than CNH with our single largest manufacturer other than CNH representing less than 3.4% of our total new equipment sales. The terms of our arrangements with these other suppliers vary, but most of the dealership agreements contain termination provisions allowing the supplier to terminate the agreement after a specified notice period, which is typically 30 days. Payment and financing practices with these other suppliers are similar to those practices described above with respect to CNH entities.

## **Operating Segments, Products and Services**

We operate our business in two reportable segments, Agriculture and Construction. Within each of our Agriculture and Construction segments, we have four principal sources of revenue: new and used equipment sales, parts sales, repair and maintenance service and equipment rental and other business activities. We recently realigned our operations into two reporting segments to reflect our changing business mix, highlight our growth potential, provide more insight into our operating results, and reflect our internal performance reporting and decision-making. See Note 16 to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this annual report for additional information regarding our segments.

#### Equipment Sales

We sell new agricultural and construction equipment manufactured under the CNH family of brands as well as equipment from a variety of other manufacturers. The used equipment we sell is from inventory acquired through trade-ins from our customers and selective purchases. The agricultural equipment we sell and service includes application equipment and sprayers, combines and attachments, hay and forage equipment, planting and seeding equipment, precision farming technology, tillage equipment, and tractors. The construction equipment we sell and service includes articulated trucks, compact track loaders, compaction equipment, cranes, crawler dozers, excavators, forklifts, loader/backhoes, loader/tool carriers, motor graders, skid steer loaders, telehandlers and wheel loaders. We sell new and used equipment through our professional, in-house retail sales force, which is organized by geography and operating segment. We also sell used equipment through our outlet stores. We believe this organizational structure improves the effectiveness of our sales force, better serves our customers and helps us negotiate advantageous trade-in purchase terms. Equipment sales generate cross-selling opportunities for us by populating our markets with equipment we repair and maintain and for which we sell parts. For the year ended January 31, 2010, equipment revenue was \$643.2 million, representing 76.8% of total revenue for the period.

### Parts Sales

We sell a broad range of maintenance and replacement parts on equipment that we sell, as well as other types of equipment. We maintain an extensive in-house parts inventory to provide timely parts and repair and maintenance support to our customers. We generally are able to acquire out-of-stock

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parts directly from manufacturers within two business days. Our parts sales provide us with a relatively stable revenue stream that is less sensitive to economic cycles than our equipment sales and rental operations. For the year ended January 31, 2010, parts revenue was \$119.5 million, representing 14.2% of total revenue for the period.

# Repair and Maintenance Services

We provide repair and maintenance services, including warranty repairs, for our customers' equipment. Each of our stores includes service bays staffed by trained service technicians. Our technicians are also available to make on-site repairs. In addition, we provide proactive and comprehensive customer service by maintaining service histories for each piece of equipment owned by our customers, maintaining 24/7 service hours in times of peak service usage, providing on-site repair services, scheduling off-season maintenance activities with customers, notifying customers of periodic service requirements and providing training programs to customers to educate them as to standard maintenance requirements. At the time equipment is purchased, we also offer customers the option of purchasing extended warranty protection. Our after-market services have historically provided us with a high-margin, relatively stable source of revenue through changing economic cycles. For the year ended January 31, 2010, service revenue was \$59.0 million, representing 7.0% of total revenue for the period.

# Equipment Rental and Other Business Activities

We rent equipment to our customers on a short-term basis for periods ranging from a few days to a few months. We actively manage the size, quality, age and composition of our rental fleet and use our information technology systems to closely monitor and analyze customer demand and rate trends. We maintain the quality of our fleet through our on-site parts and services support and dispose of rental equipment through our retail sales force. Our rental business creates cross-selling opportunities for us in equipment sales. In addition, we provide ancillary equipment support activities such as equipment transportation, GPS signal subscriptions in connection with precision farming and reselling CNH Capital finance and insurance products. For the year ended January 31, 2010, other revenue was \$17.1 million, representing 2.0% of total revenue for the period.

#### Customers

We serve over 58,000 customers in the U.S., primarily in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming and Montana. Our customers include a wide range of farmers, construction contractors, public utilities, municipalities and maintenance contractors. They vary from small, single machine owners to large farming or contracting firms that operate under sophisticated capital equipment and maintenance budgets. Our stores enable us to closely service local and regional customers. We believe the Titan Operating Model enables us to satisfy customer requirements and increase revenue through cross-selling opportunities presented by the various products and services that we offer. In fiscal 2010, no single customer accounted for more than 1.0% of our revenue and our top ten customers combined accounted for approximately 5.3% of our total revenue. In addition to our U.S. customers, we sell equipment on a limited basis to international customers, primarily in Eastern Europe. Our U.S. customers primarily finance their equipment purchases through CNH Capital.

#### Floorplan Financing

We attempt to maintain at each store, or have readily available at other stores in our network, sufficient inventory to satisfy customer needs. Inventory levels fluctuate throughout the year and tend to increase before the primary sales seasons for agricultural equipment. The cost of financing our inventory is an important factor affecting our financial results.

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# CNH Capital

CNH Capital offers floorplan financing to CNH dealers for extended periods to finance products from both CNH and other suppliers. CNH Capital provides this financing in part to enable dealers to carry representative inventories of equipment and encourage the purchase of goods by dealers in advance of seasonal retail demand. CNH Capital charges variable market rates of interest based on the prime rate on balances outstanding after any interest-free periods and retains a security interest in all of our assets, including inventories, which it inspects periodically. The interest-free periods, which CNH offers periodically in the form of additional incentives or special offers, typically average four months for new and used agriculture equipment and new construction equipment. CNH Capital also provides financing for used equipment accepted in trade, repossessed equipment and approved equipment from other suppliers, and receives a security interest in such equipment.

# Other Financing Sources for Equipment

In addition to the financing provided by CNH Capital, financing also may be available through floorplan financing programs provided by the suppliers, which may be financed by such suppliers themselves or through third party lenders.

# Other Financing

We have a revolving operating line of credit with Bremer Bank for up to \$25.0 million. The revolving operating line of credit is to provide for our short term working capital requirements.

# Sales and Marketing

As part of the Titan Operating Model, we have centralized sales support and marketing management. All of our stores benefit from our centralized media buys, strategic planning, sales support and training, and we provide our store managers and their sales teams with flexibility to localize sales and marketing.

We currently market our products and services through:

field marketers, our direct sales representatives who operate out of our network of local stores and call on customers in the markets surrounding each store;

parts counter and service managers, who provide our customers with comprehensive after-market support;

local and national advertising efforts, including broadcast, cable, print and web-based media; and

our remarketing division, which trades and sells used equipment through our outlet store and website.

# Field Marketers

We believe our sales force is one of the industry's most productive and highly trained. Our field marketers perform a variety of functions, such as servicing customers at our stores, calling on existing customers and soliciting new business at farming, construction and industrial sites. These field marketers target customers in specific areas, and we develop customized marketing programs for our sales force by analyzing each customer group for profitability, buying behavior and product selection. All members of our sales force are required to attend frequent in-house training sessions to develop product and application knowledge, sales techniques and financial acumen. Our sales force is supported by our corporate marketing department.

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# Parts Counter and Service Managers

Our parts counter and service managers are involved in our uptime service efforts, taking advantage of our seasonal marketing campaigns in parts and service sales. As a group, they have won multiple awards from our suppliers for their efforts benefiting both our customers and our key strategic partners. We believe they rank among the most well-trained and efficient parts and service groups in our industry.

Print, Broadcast and Web-Based Advertising Campaigns

Each year we initiate several targeted direct mail, print and broadcast advertising and marketing campaigns. CNH and other suppliers periodically provide us with advertising funds, which we primarily use to promote new equipment, parts and financing programs. We will continue to explore and launch additional sales channels as appropriate, including, for example, new internet-based efforts.

#### Remarketing Division

Our remarketing division capitalizes on sales opportunities for aged used agricultural and construction equipment transferred out of our retail stores. We have opened three outlet stores that sell used equipment. In addition, we are actively engaged in marketing equipment through our website.

# Competition

The agricultural and construction equipment sales and distribution industries are highly competitive and fragmented, with large numbers of companies operating on a regional or local scale. Our competitors range from multi-location, regional operators to single-location, local dealers and include dealers and distributors of competing equipment brands, including John Deere, Caterpillar and the AGCO family of brands, as well as other dealers and distributors of the CNH family of brands. Competition among equipment dealers, whether they offer agricultural or construction products or both, is primarily based on the price, value, reputation, quality and design of the products offered by the dealer, the customer service and repair and maintenance service provided by the dealer, the availability of equipment and parts and the accessibility of stores. While we believe we compete favorably on each of the identified competitive factors, our sales and margins may be impacted depending on (i) the extent of aggressive pricing competition through manufacturer discount programs or other competitive pricing tactics, (ii) our ability to obtain higher service gross margins based on our service quality and reputation and (iii) our ability to attract new and maintain existing customers based on the availability and quality of the products we offer and our local relationship and reputation.

The number of agricultural and construction equipment dealers operating on a regional scale is limited and we are one of the principal regional-scale, agricultural and construction equipment dealers in the U.S. The primary regional-scale equipment dealers with whom we compete include RDO Equipment Co., Butler Machinery, Ziegler Inc. and Brandt Holdings Co. RDO Equipment Co. is a John Deere agricultural and construction equipment dealer with 56 locations in nine states including North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Montana. Butler Machinery is a Caterpillar construction and agriculture equipment dealer with 11 locations in North Dakota and South Dakota. Ziegler Inc. is a Caterpillar construction and agriculture equipment dealer with 20 locations in three states including Minnesota and Iowa. Brandt Holdings owns John Deere, Vermeer and Bobcat construction and agricultural equipment dealers with 32 locations in 11 states including Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

#### **Information Technology Systems**

We currently use an integrated management reporting system developed and supported by Dealer Information Systems Corporation to manage our operating information. In fiscal 2010, we began

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implementing a new enterprise resource planning ("ERP") system that will replace our current management reporting system. Our information system enables us to closely monitor our performance and actively manage our business on a consolidated and segment basis and includes features that were enhanced to support the Titan Operating Model, including detailed store-based financial reporting, inventory management and customer relationship management.

Through our information system we maintain a complete database on inventory of parts and equipment and a centralized inventory control system for each segment. Our system enables each store to access the available inventory of our other stores before ordering additional parts or equipment from our suppliers. We are also able to monitor inventory levels and mix at each store and make adjustments in accordance with our operating plan. Finally, our system is externally connected to CNH, enabling us to locate CNH equipment and parts inventories, and communicate with other CNH dealers.

Our customer relationship management system provides sales and customer information and other organizational tools to assist our sales force. We maintain an extensive customer database that allows us to monitor the status and maintenance history of our customers' equipment and enables us to more effectively provide parts and services to meet their needs. In addition, our system includes, among other features, on-line contract generation, automated billing, local sales tax computation and automated rental purchase option calculation. We also use our relationship management information system and customer database to monitor sales information and customer demand.

The data we store in our information system is backed-up on a daily basis and stored at an off-site location. Thus, if our system were to become inoperable, we would be able to continue operations through an off-site data center. Further, we own the software and hardware necessary to operate this system and have employees trained to manage and maintain the software without reliance on external support.

# **Corporate Information**

We were incorporated as a North Dakota corporation in 1980 and reincorporated in Delaware in December 2007 prior to our initial public offering. Our executive offices are located at 4876 Rocking Horse Circle, Fargo, ND 58104-6049. Our telephone number is (701) 356-0130. We maintain a web site at <a href="https://www.titanmachinery.com">www.titanmachinery.com</a>.

# **Intellectual Property**

We do not have any registered intellectual property. Case IH, Case and New Holland are registered trademarks of CNH, which we use in connection with advertisements and sales as authorized under our dealership agreements. We license trademarks and trade names of new equipment obtained from suppliers other than CNH from their respective owners. We operate each of our stores under either the Titan Machinery name or, if there was strong local name recognition and customer loyalty at a location we acquired, the name historically used by the dealership in that location for a transition period, the length of which can vary depending upon the location.

#### **Product Warranties**

Product warranties for new equipment and parts are provided by our suppliers. The term and scope of these warranties vary greatly by supplier and by product. We also offer customers the option of purchasing extended warranty protection at the time equipment is purchased. Suppliers pay us for repairs we perform to equipment under warranty. We generally sell used equipment "as is" and without manufacturer's warranty, although manufacturers sometimes provide limited warranties if the supplier's original warranty is transferable and has not expired. Typically, we provide no additional warranties on used equipment.

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# Seasonality

Our quarterly operating results are subject to fluctuation due to varying weather patterns, which may impact the timing and amount of equipment purchases, rentals, and after-sales parts and service purchases by our Agriculture and Construction customers.

## **Employees**

As of April 1, 2010, we employed 1,240 full-time and 251 part-time employees. None of our employees is covered by a collective bargaining agreement. We believe our relations with our employees are good.

# **Governmental Regulation**

We are subject to numerous federal, state, and local rules and regulations, including regulations promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency and similar state agencies, with respect to storing, shipping, disposing, discharging and manufacturing hazardous materials and hazardous and non-hazardous waste. These activities are associated with the repair and maintenance of equipment at our stores. Currently, none of our stores or operations exceeds small quantity generation status. Compliance with these rules and regulations has not had any material effect on our operations, nor do we expect it to in the future. Further, we have not made, and do not anticipate making, any material capital expenditures related to compliance with environmental regulations. However, there can be no assurance that these expectations are accurate, particularly if regulations change, unforeseen incidents occur or unknown past contamination or non-compliance is discovered, among other similar events.

## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

## We are substantially dependent upon our relationship with CNH.

We are an authorized dealer of CNH agricultural and construction equipment and parts. In fiscal 2010, CNH supplied approximately 81.9% of the new agricultural equipment and 64.1% of the new construction equipment we sold and represented a significant portion of our parts revenue. Our acquisition strategy contemplates the acquisition of additional CNH geographic areas of responsibility and store locations in both the Agricultural and Construction equipment segments. We depend on CNH Capital America LLC, or CNH Capital, for floorplan financing to purchase a substantial portion of our inventory. In addition, CNH Capital provides a significant percentage of the financing used by our customers to purchase CNH equipment from us. CNH also provides incentive programs and discount programs from time to time that enable us to price our products more competitively. In addition, CNH conducts promotional and marketing activities on national, regional and local levels. Due to our substantial dependence on CNH, our success depends, in significant part, on (i) the overall reputation and success of CNH; (ii) the availability and terms of floorplan financing and customer financing from CNH Capital; (iii) the incentive and discount programs provided by CNH and its promotional and marketing efforts for its agricultural and construction products; (iv) the goodwill associated with CNH trademarks; (v) the introduction of new and innovative products by CNH; (vi) the manufacture and delivery of competitively-priced, high quality equipment and parts by CNH in quantities sufficient to meet our customers' requirements on a timely basis; (vii) the quality, consistency and management of the overall CNH dealership system; and (viii) the ability of CNH to manage its risks and costs, including those associated with being a multinational company. If CNH does not provide, maintain or improve any of the foregoing, or if CNH were sold or reduced or ceased operations, there could be a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results o

# CNH may terminate its dealership agreements with us or change the terms of those agreements, which could adversely affect our business.

Under our dealership agreements with CNH through CNH America LLC, CNH's U.S. manufacturing entity, CNH entities have the right to terminate these agreements immediately in certain circumstances, and, in some cases, for any reason 90 days following written notice. Furthermore, CNH entities may change the terms of their agreements with us, among other things, to change our sales and service areas and/or the product, pricing or delivery terms. CNH routinely conducts evaluations of dealership standards, customer satisfaction surveys and market share studies, the results of which can impact the relationships with its dealers. CNH uses the evaluation results to increase or decrease the monetary rewards to dealers, or limit or expand the availability of financing, warranty reimbursements or other marketing incentives. If CNH were to change the terms of any or all of these agreements in a manner that adversely affects us, our business may be harmed, and if CNH were to terminate all or any of its dealer agreements with us, our business would be severely harmed.

# Restrictions in our CNH dealership agreements may significantly affect our operations and growth and prevent a change in control of our company.

We operate our stores pursuant to CNH's customary dealership agreements. These agreements impose a number of restrictions and obligations on us with respect to our operations, including our obligations to actively promote the sale of CNH equipment within our designated geographic areas of responsibility, fulfill the warranty obligations of CNH, provide services to our customers, maintain sufficient parts inventory to service the needs of our customers, maintain inventory in proportion to the sales potential in each sales and service geographic area of responsibility, maintain adequate working capital and maintain stores only in authorized locations. Prior consent of CNH is required for the acquisition by another party of 20% or more of our outstanding stock and for our acquisition of other CNH dealerships; otherwise, CNH may terminate our dealership agreements. There can be no assurances that CNH will give its consent. The restrictions and obligations in our CNH dealership agreements limit our flexibility in operating our current stores and acquiring new stores, which could have an adverse effect on our operations and growth. Furthermore, the requirement that CNH consent to the acquisition by any party of 20% or more of our outstanding stock may have the effect of discouraging transactions involving a change in our control, including transactions that stockholders might deem to be in their best interests.

# Our equipment dealer appointments are not exclusive to the geographic areas we serve, which could adversely affect our operations and financial condition.

CNH could appoint other equipment dealers in close proximity to our existing stores. The sales and service geographic areas of responsibility assigned to our dealerships can be enlarged or reduced by CNH upon 30 days' prior written notice. CNH and other equipment dealers can also sell in our sales and service geographic areas of responsibility. To the extent CNH appoints other equipment dealers within our markets, enlarges or reduces the sales and service geographic areas of responsibility relating to our stores, amends the dealership agreements or imposes new or different terms or conditions under the dealer agreements, our operations and financial condition could be adversely affected.

# Our operating results may be adversely impacted by an under-supply or over-supply of equipment.

If our suppliers cannot continue to provide us a reliable supply of new equipment, we may not be able to meet our customers' demand and our operating results could be negatively impacted. In times of heightened global demand for equipment, which is often driven by other factors (e.g., farm cash receipts often drive demand for agricultural equipment and infrastructure development often drives construction equipment demand), equipment suppliers may experience difficulty providing all

dealerships a reliable supply of new agricultural equipment, which could adversely impact our results of operations. Further, an under-supply of equipment may cause prices for such equipment to increase. To the extent we cannot pass on any increased costs of equipment to our customers, our operating results may suffer. Conversely, an industry over-supply of equipment may also adversely affect our operations. Though manufacturers typically manage production of new equipment in response to demand, there may be short-term under-supplies or over-supplies of new equipment as manufacturers adjust to industry demand fluctuations. For used and rental equipment, short-term lease programs and commercial rental agencies for construction and agricultural equipment have expanded significantly in North America. Nationwide rental conglomerates have become sizeable purchasers of new equipment and can have a significant impact on industry sales and margins. When equipment comes off of lease or is replaced with newer equipment by rental agencies, there may be a significant increase in the availability of late-model used equipment. An over-supply of used equipment could adversely affect demand for, or the market prices of, new and used equipment. In addition, a decline in used equipment prices could have an adverse effect on residual values for leased equipment, which could adversely affect our financial performance.

# If our acquisition plans are unsuccessful, we may not achieve our planned revenue growth.

We believe a significant portion of our future growth will depend on our ability to acquire additional dealerships. Our ability to continue to grow through the acquisition of additional CNH geographic areas of responsibility and store locations or other businesses will be dependent upon the availability of suitable acquisition candidates at acceptable costs, our ability to compete effectively for available acquisition candidates and the availability of capital to complete the acquisitions. We may not successfully identify suitable targets, or if we do, we may not be able to close the transactions, or if we close the transactions, they may not be profitable. In addition, CNH's consent is required for the acquisition of any CNH dealership, and the consent of Bremer Bank and GE is required for the acquisition of dealerships meeting certain thresholds or other criteria defined in the financing agreements with the respective entities. CNH typically evaluates management, performance and capitalization of a prospective acquirer in determining whether to consent to the sale of a CNH dealership. There can be no assurance that CNH, Bremer Bank or GE will consent to any or all acquisitions of dealerships that we may propose.

# Our potential inability to successfully integrate newly-acquired dealerships may adversely affect our financial results.

Once an acquisition is completed, we face many other risks commonly encountered with growth through acquisitions. These risks include incurring significantly higher than anticipated capital expenditures and operating expenses; failing to assimilate the operations and personnel of the acquired dealerships; disrupting our ongoing business; dissipating our management resources; failing to maintain uniform standards, controls and policies; and impairing relationships with employees and customers as a result of changes in management. Fully integrating an acquired dealership into our operations and realization of the full benefit of our strategies, operating model and systems may take several years. There can be no assurance that we will be successful in overcoming these risks or any other problems encountered with such acquisitions. To the extent we do not successfully avoid or overcome the risks or problems related to acquisitions, our results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected. Future acquisitions also will have a significant impact on our financial position and capital needs, and could cause substantial fluctuations in our quarterly and yearly results of operations. Acquisitions could include significant goodwill and intangible assets, which may result in future impairment charges that would reduce our stated earnings.

We have grown significantly through acquisitions in recent years and expect to continue to grow through acquisitions. Management has expended, and expects to continue to expend, significant time

and effort in evaluating, completing and integrating acquisitions and opening new stores. There can be no assurance that our systems, procedures and controls will be adequate to support our expanding operations. Any future growth will also impose significant added responsibilities on our executives, including the need to identify, recruit and integrate new senior level managers and executives. There can be no assurance we will be able to identify and retain such additional management. If we are unable to manage growth efficiently and effectively, or are unable to attract and retain additional qualified management, there could be a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

We lease many of our dealership sites from related parties, and if we are unable to obtain commercially reasonable terms and conditions from these related parties or unrelated third parties in the future, our growth and financial condition may be adversely affected.

We lease 36 of our 72 dealership sites from entities affiliated with David Meyer, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Tony Christianson, one of our directors, Peter Christianson, our President and Chief Financial Officer, or James L. Williams, one of our directors. We expect that we may lease future dealership sites we acquire from parties related to our affiliates. There is no guarantee that related parties will offer us commercially reasonable terms and conditions or that unrelated third parties will provide alternate dealership sites on commercially reasonable terms and conditions. If we cannot obtain commercially reasonable terms and conditions on leases for our current or future dealership sites from entities related to Messrs. Meyer, Tony Christianson, Peter Christianson or Williams, or from unrelated third parties, our growth and financial condition may be adversely affected.

Substantial inventory financing is required for the equipment we sell but may not be available, which could adversely affect our growth and results of operations.

The sale of agricultural and construction equipment requires substantial inventories of equipment and parts to be maintained at each store to facilitate sales to customers on a timely basis. We generally purchase our inventories of equipment with the assistance of floorplan financing programs through CNH Capital and other lenders. As we grow, whether internally or through acquisitions, our inventory requirements will increase and, as a result, our financing requirements also will increase. In the event that our available financing sources are not maintained or are insufficient to satisfy our future requirements, we would be required to obtain financing from other sources. There can be no assurance that additional or alternative financing could be obtained on commercially reasonable terms. To the extent additional financing cannot be obtained on commercially reasonable terms, our growth and results of operations could be adversely affected.

Failure to properly manage our equipment inventory, our largest asset, would have a significant adverse effect on our operations.

Our equipment inventory has generally represented 50% or more of our total assets. Thus, our success is significantly dependent upon our ability to manage the supply and cost of new and used equipment. The pricing of equipment can be highly volatile and subject to negotiation, particularly in the used equipment market. Pricing for and sales of used equipment can be significantly affected by the limited market for such equipment. Further, liquidation prices of used agricultural and construction equipment can have significant fluctuations due to economic cycles, utilization trends and degree of specialization. We are dependent upon the ability of our management and buyers to negotiate acceptable purchase prices, to affect a proper balance of new and used equipment and to manage the amount of equipment in inventory to assure quick turnover. Our failure to manage our inventory and equipment costs could materially adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

Adverse changes in governmental agricultural policies, including decreases in farm subsidies, may reduce demand for agricultural equipment and cause our revenue to decline.

Changes in governmental agricultural policy could adversely affect sales of agricultural equipment. Government subsidies influence demand for agricultural equipment. Future farm bills and USDA budgets may reduce the amount of payments to individual farmers. We cannot predict the outcome of such governmental funding, and to the extent that future funding to individual farmers is reduced, these reductions in funding could reduce demand for agricultural equipment and we could experience a decline in revenue.

## Economic events, particularly in the credit markets, may adversely affect our business and results of operations.

The agricultural and construction equipment industries are affected by macroeconomic factors, including changes in international, national, regional, and local economic conditions. Current global economic conditions pose a risk to our business as customers may postpone spending in response to tighter credit, negative financial news, downturns in agricultural commodity prices and the housing market and/or declines in income or asset values, which could have a material negative effect on the demand for our products and services. Our business is also particularly dependent on our access to the capital and credit markets to finance acquisitions and manage inventory. Tight credit markets, a low level of liquidity in many financial markets, and extreme volatility in fixed income, credit, currency and equity markets have the potential to adversely affect our business. Such disruptions in the overall economy and financial markets and the related reduction in consumer confidence in the economy, slow activity in the capital markets, negatively affect access to credit on commercially acceptable terms, and may adversely impact the access of us or our customers to credit and the terms of any such credit. Further, any decreased collectability of accounts receivable or increase in customer insolvencies could negatively impact our results of operations. The nature of the agricultural and construction equipment industries is such that a downturn in demand can occur suddenly, due to tightening credit markets, decreasing commodity prices or demand, decreasing infrastructure and housing development, adverse weather conditions or other circumstances, resulting in excess inventory, un-utilized production capacity and reduced prices for equipment, which would harm our revenue and profitability. Uncertainty about current global economic conditions, agricultural commodity prices and demand and the housing market could also continue to increase the volatility of our stock price.

Adverse changes in the agricultural industries could result in decreases in purchases of agricultural equipment and harm our revenue and profitability.

Our business depends to a great extent upon general activity levels in the agricultural industries. Changes in farm income and farmland value, the level of worldwide farm output and demand for farm products, commodity prices, animal diseases and crop pests, and limits on agricultural imports are all material factors that could adversely affect the agricultural industries and result in a decrease in the amount of agricultural equipment that our customers purchase. The nature of the agricultural equipment industries is such that a downturn in demand can occur suddenly, resulting in excess inventories, un-utilized production capacity and reduced prices for new and used equipment. These downturns may be prolonged and our revenue and profitability would be harmed.

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# Adverse changes in the construction industry could result in decreased demand for construction equipment and harm our revenue.

General economic conditions in markets in which we do business can impact the demand for our construction equipment. The construction industry in our geographical areas has experienced a prolonged economic down cycle as a result of the macroeconomic environment, which negatively impacts sales of light construction equipment. Decreased demand for our products can have a negative impact on our financial performance and cash flow. Our business and earnings are impacted by the changes in the construction industry. The ability of consumers to obtain mortgages for the purchase of newly constructed homes or commercial properties impacts the overall demand for new home construction. The uncertainties created by recent events in the sub-prime mortgage market and their impact on the overall mortgage market, including the tightening of credit standards, could adversely affect the ability of consumers to obtain financing, thus reducing demand for new construction and in turn reducing our customers' demand for our construction equipment. Reduced demand for our construction equipment can negatively affect our financial performance and cash flow.

# Climate fluctuations may negatively impact the agricultural and construction equipment markets and harm our sales.

Weather conditions, particularly severe floods and droughts, can have a significant impact on the success of regional agricultural and construction markets and, therefore, the economic conditions of the regions in which we operate stores. Accordingly, our financial condition and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected by any adverse cyclical trends or weather conditions. Our quarterly operating results are subject to fluctuation due to varying weather patterns, which may impact the timing and amount of equipment, parts and service purchases by our customers. A significant increase in the severity of weather cycles could increase the volatility of our results of operations and impact our financial condition. If we acquire businesses in geographic areas other than where we currently have operations, we may be affected more by the above-mentioned or other seasonal and equipment buying trends.

# Our results of operations may fluctuate from period to period due to interest rate adjustments.

The ability to finance affordable purchases, of which the interest rate charged is a significant component, is an important part of a customer's decision to purchase agricultural or construction equipment. Volatility in the credit markets may have a negative impact on our business by making it more difficult for certain of our customers to obtain financing to purchase agricultural or construction equipment. Interest rate increases may make equipment purchases less affordable for customers and, as a result, our revenue and profitability may decrease as we manage excess inventory and reduce prices for equipment. To the extent we cannot pass on our increased costs of inventory to our customers, our net income may decrease. Conversely, any decrease in interest rates may positively affect a customer's decision to purchase agricultural or construction equipment. Partially as a result of the foregoing, our results of operations have in the past and in the future are expected to continue to fluctuate from quarter to quarter and year to year. We are unable to anticipate the timing and impact of interest rate adjustments.

# Aggressive pricing competition could adversely affect our results of operation and growth.

The agricultural and construction equipment sales and distribution industries are highly competitive and fragmented, with large numbers of companies operating on a regional or local scale. Historically, our competitors have competed aggressively on the basis of pricing or inventory availability, resulting in decreased margins on our sales to the extent we choose to match our competitors' downward pricing. To the extent we choose not to match or remain within a reasonable competitive distance from our competitors' pricing, it could also have an adverse impact on our results

of operations, as we may lose sales volume. In addition, to the extent CNH's competitors provide their dealers with more innovative or higher quality products, better customer financing, or have more effective marketing efforts, our ability to compete and financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.

We are substantially dependent on our Chief Executive Officer and President/Chief Financial Officer, the loss of either of whom could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We believe our success will depend to a significant extent upon the efforts and abilities of David Meyer, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Peter Christianson, our President and Chief Financial Officer. The employment relationships with both Mr. Meyer and Mr. Christianson are terminable by us or each of them at any time for any reason. The loss of the services of one or both of these persons and other key employees could have a material adverse effect on our operating results.

Selling agricultural and construction equipment and parts subjects us to product liability risks that could adversely affect our financial condition and reputation.

Products sold or serviced by us may expose us to potential liabilities for personal injury or property damage claims relating to the use of such products. There can be no assurance that we will not be subject to or incur any liability for such claims in the future. There can be no assurance that our product liability insurance will be adequate to cover product liability claims. There also can be no assurance that such insurance will continue to be available on economically reasonable terms. An uninsured or partially insured claim for which indemnification is not provided could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition. Furthermore, if any significant claims are made against us or against CNH or any of our other suppliers, our business may be adversely affected by any resulting negative publicity.

Being a public company has substantially increased our legal and financial compliance costs, which could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Compliance with publicly-traded company regulations adversely impacts our resources. As a publicly-traded company, we are subject to rules and regulations that increase our legal and financial compliance costs, make some activities more time-consuming and costly, and divert our management's attention away from the operation of our business. These rules and regulations may make it more difficult and more expensive for us to maintain director and officer liability insurance and we may be required to accept reduced policy limits and coverage or incur substantially higher costs to obtain the same or similar coverage. As a result, we may experience more difficulty attracting and retaining qualified individuals to serve on our board of directors or as executive officers. We cannot predict or estimate the amount of additional costs we may incur as a result of these requirements or the timing of these costs. Furthermore, our current management has limited experience in running a public company. The costs of being public and the diversion of management's time and attention may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our internal control over financial reporting may not be effective and our independent registered public accounting firm may not be able to certify as to its effectiveness, which could have a significant and adverse effect on our business and reputation.

We are required to comply with the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and rules and regulations of the SEC thereunder. If we fail to maintain the adequacy of our internal control over financial reporting, as such standards are modified, supplemented or amended from time to time, we may not be able to ensure that we can conclude on an ongoing basis that we have effective internal control over financial reporting in accordance with Section 404. We cannot be certain as to the timing of completion of our evaluation, testing and any remedial actions or their

impact on our operations. If we are not able to comply with the requirements of Section 404 our independent registered public accounting firm may not be able to certify as to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, we may be unable to report our financial results accurately or in a timely manner and we may be subject to sanctions or investigation by regulatory authorities, such as the SEC. As a result, there could be a negative reaction in the financial markets due to a loss of confidence in the reliability of our financial statements. In fiscal 2010, we began implementing a new ERP system. Unforeseen problems with or any difficulties encountered integrating the new ERP system could result in internal control deficiencies.

# ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

#### ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

**Equipment Stores** 

We currently operate 72 agricultural and construction equipment stores, including three outlet stores in the following locations. Certain stores (those designated with an \*) are included in the Agriculture segment but also sell some construction equipment.

# **Agriculture Segment**

North Dakota (14 stores)		Iowa (12 stores, including 1 outlet)				
Arthur	Lidgerwood	Anthon	Grundy Center			
Casselton	Lisbon	Avoca	Kingsley			
Grand Forks*	Mandan*	Blairstown	Le Mars			
Jamestown	Mayville	Cherokee	Oskaloosa			
Kintyre	Wahpeton (2 stores)	Cherokee (outlet)	Pella			
Kulm	Wishek	Greenfield	Waverly			
Lamoure						

Minnesota (13 stores, including 1 outlet)		South Dakota	0 stores)		
Ada Moorhead		Aberdeen (2 stores)*	Miller		
Albert Lea	Moorhead (outlet)	Britton	Pierre		
Crookston*	Pipestone	Highmore	Redfield		
Elbow Lake	Roseau	Huron	Watertown		
Fergus Falls	Thief River Falls	Milbank			
Graceville	Winger				

# **Construction Segment**

Marshall\*

North Dake	ota (4 stores)	Iowa (6 stores, i	cluding 1 outlet)		
Bismarck	Minot	Cedar Rapids	Des Moines		
Fargo (2 stores)		Clear Lake	Des Moines (outlet)		
		Davenport	Sioux City		
Nebraska	(2 stores)	South Dak	ota (2 stores)		
Lincoln	Omaha	Rapid City	Sioux Falls		

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Montana (6 stores)Wyoming (3 stores)BelgradeColumbia FallsCasperGilletteBillings (2 stores)MissoulaCheyenneGreat Falls

Our stores are generally located in rural areas on property zoned for commercial use. The stores typically range from 5,000 square feet with three acres of land to 40,000 square feet with 14 acres of land. We fully utilize the leased space for each of our stores and believe the respective square footage and related acreage is adequate to meet our current and anticipated needs.

Store Lease Arrangements

We lease real estate for 36 of our stores from entities affiliated with David Meyer, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Tony Christianson, one of our directors, Peter Christianson, our President and Chief Financial Officer or James L. Williams, one of our directors. Of these 36 stores, we lease 34 dealership sites from Dealer Sites, LLC, an entity owned in part by Messrs. Meyer, Tony Christianson and Peter Christianson or their affiliates; one dealership site from C.I. Farm Power, Inc., an entity owned by Mr. Peter Christianson; and one dealership site from Arthur Mercantile Company, an entity owned in part by James L. Williams, one of the Company's directors. We lease 44 additional properties under operating lease agreements with unrelated parties. The leases for our dealership sites generally expire between 2010 and 2024, other than those leases which are currently automatically renewed on a year-to-year-basis until either we or the lessor terminate them. We do not intend to own significant amounts of real estate. Therefore, we anticipate that when we need real estate, including as part of acquiring dealerships, we will lease such real estate from third parties, which may include affiliates of our investors, directors or management. We intend for the terms of all of our leases to be commercially reasonable. We do not believe the terms of our leases with entities affiliated with Messrs. Meyer, Tony Christianson, Peter Christianson and James L. Williams are any less favorable to us than could be obtained in an arm's length transaction with an unrelated party.

Our store lease agreements with entities affiliated with David Meyer, Peter Christianson, Tony Christianson and James L. Williams all contain substantially similar terms. The leases with Dealer Sites, LLC, C.I. Farm Power, Inc. and Arthur Mercantile Company provide for fixed lease periods ranging from three to ten years. All of the leases provide for fixed monthly rental payments and require us to pay the real estate taxes on the properties for the lease periods. The leases require that we maintain public liability and personal property insurance on each of the leased premises, and require us to indemnify the lessor in connection with any claims arising from the leased premises during our occupation of the property. The leases generally prohibit us from assigning the lease agreements or subletting the leased premises without the prior written consent of the lessor. The lease agreements with Dealer Sites, LLC provide that in the event Dealer Sites, LLC and Titan Machinery Inc. agree to sell the leased premises to a party other than us or our affiliates during the term of the lease, then we shall share in half of any surplus or deficit resulting to Dealer Sites, LLC from that sale.

Our store lease agreements with unrelated parties contain terms comparable to the agreements with entities affiliated with our directors and officers described above. The lease periods range from automatically renewable month-to-month terms to twenty years in length. Many of the lease agreements either give us the option to renew or extend the lease for an additional period at the conclusion of the original lease term or automatically renew the lease term at the conclusion of the original lease period on a month-to-month or year-to-year basis. A majority of the leases provide for fixed monthly rental payments and require us to pay the real estate taxes on the properties for the lease periods. All of the leases require that we maintain public liability and personal property insurance on each of the leased premises, and a majority of the leases require us to indemnify the lessor in connection with any claims arising from the leased premises during our occupation of the property. Most of the leases prohibit us

from assigning the lease agreements or subletting the leased premises without the prior written consent of the lessor. We have been granted a right of first refusal to purchase the Watertown and one of the Aberdeen properties during the applicable lease terms. The lease agreements for the West Fargo, Kingsley, Le Mars, Watertown, Mayville and Redfield properties grant us the option to purchase the leased premises during or at the conclusion of the lease term. The lease agreements for the Milbank and Albert Lea properties grant Dealer Sites, LLC the option to purchase the leased premises during or at the conclusion of the lease term. The Kingsley, Le Mars and Redfield lease agreements grant the lessor the right to require Dealer Sites, LLC to purchase the leased premises during or at the conclusion of the lease term.

As part of our due diligence review prior to a dealership acquisition, we evaluate the adequacy, suitability and condition of the related real estate. Our evaluation typically includes a Phase I environmental study, and if deemed necessary, a Phase II environmental study, of the real property to determine whether there are any environmental concerns. If any environmental concerns exist, we generally require that such concerns be addressed prior to acquisition of the dealership.

# Headquarters

We currently lease and occupy approximately 22,900 square feet in multiple locations in Fargo, North Dakota for our headquarters, which expire on various dates between May 1, 2010 and January 31, 2015. We will begin leasing a new building for our headquarters in May 2010, which will allow our Shared Resource group to be staffed out of one location. We continually review our location needs, including the adequacy of our headquarters space, to ensure our space is sufficient to support our operations. We believe there is ample opportunity for expansion in the Fargo area if necessary.

# ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are, from time to time, subject to claims and suits arising in the ordinary course of business. Such claims have, in the past, generally been covered by insurance. Management believes the resolution of other legal matters will not have a material effect on our financial condition or results of operation, although no assurance can be given with respect to the ultimate outcome of any such actions. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that our insurance will be adequate to cover all liabilities that may arise out of claims brought against us. We are not currently a party to any material litigation.

# ITEM 4. (REMOVED AND RESERVED)

# EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The names, ages and positions of our executive officers are as follows:

Name	Age	Position
David Meyer	56	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Peter Christianson	53	President, Chief Financial Officer and Director
Ted Christianson	51	Vice President, Finance and Treasurer

**David Meyer** is our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Meyer was a founder of our company in 1980 and has been a director of our company since its creation. From 1976 to 1980, Mr. Meyer was a partner in a Case and New Holland dealership with locations in Lisbon and Wahpeton, North Dakota.

**Peter Christianson** has been our President and a director since January 2003 and our Chief Financial Officer since August 2007. Prior to joining us and since 1988, he was a partner and owner of C.I. Farm Power, Inc., the operator of two of the dealership locations acquired by Titan Machinery LLC in 2002. Peter Christianson and Ted Christianson are brothers.

**Ted Christianson** has been our Vice President, Finance and Treasurer since August 2007 and was previously our Chief Financial Officer from 2003 until August 2007. Mr. Christianson has spent over 15 years with startups and high growth companies in a variety of financial management roles, including as chief financial officer. Mr. Christianson was the full-time Managing Partner for Adam Smith Properties, a private real estate development company from 1997 to 2003. Mr. Christianson was formerly with US Bank (First Bank System).

## **PART II**

# ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

#### **Market Information**

Our common stock began trading on December 6, 2007 on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "TITN" in connection with our initial public offering. The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low sale prices of our common stock as reported by the Nasdaq Global Market.

	High			Low
Fiscal 2010		_		
First Quarter	\$	12.96	\$	7.50
Second Quarter	\$	17.00	\$	9.96
Third Quarter	\$	14.49	\$	10.38
Fourth Quarter	\$	13.19	\$	9.81
Fiscal 2009				
First Quarter	\$	24.50	\$	14.66
Second Quarter	\$	34.49	\$	17.59
Third Quarter	\$	28.17	\$	9.53
Fourth Quarter	\$	16.20	\$	7.75

As of April 1, 2010, there were approximately 74 record holders of our common stock, excluding holders whose stock is held either in nominee name and/or street name brokerage accounts.

#### DIVIDENDS

We have not historically paid any dividends on our common stock and do not expect to pay cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. Payment of future cash dividends, if any, will be at the discretion of our board of directors after taking into account various factors, including our financial condition, operating results, current and anticipated cash needs, outstanding indebtedness and plans for expansion and restrictions imposed by lenders, if any. Upon the consummation of our initial public offering on December 11, 2007, we paid accrued cash dividends in the aggregate amount of \$441,028 in connection with the conversion of all of our outstanding preferred stock.

# UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

We did not have any unregistered sales of equity securities during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2010.

# SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

For information on our equity compensation plans, refer to Item 12, "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters."

#### REPURCHASES

We did not engage in any repurchases of our Common Stock during the fiscal year ended January 31, 2010.

# ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The data given below as of and for each of the five years in the period ended January 31, 2010, has been derived from the Company's Audited Consolidated Financial Statements. In order to understand the effect of accounting policies and material uncertainties that could affect our presentation of financial information, such data should be read in conjunction with the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto included under Item 8 to this Form 10-K and in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation included under Item 7 to this Form 10-K.

	Year Ended January 31,									
	2010 2009 2008 2007						2006			
				(in thousar	ıds,	except per s	hare	e data)		
Statement of Operations Data:										
Revenue										
Equipment	\$	643,186	\$	540,307	\$	338,382	\$	220,958	\$	175,549
Parts		119,509		94,984		58,743		42,619		31,099
Service		58,983		44,224		27,344		21,965		16,572
Other		17,103		10,922		8,502		7,056		5,250
		838,781		690,437		432,971		292,598		228,470
Cost of revenue										
Equipment	\$	578,411	\$	478,324	\$	302,320	\$	200,558	\$	160,814
Parts		83,219		67,270		42,568		29,909		22,459
Service		21,615		16,729		10,118		8,183		6,404
Other		14,441		8,245		5,913		5,337		4,081
		697,686		570,568		360,919		243,987		193,758
Gross Profit		141,095		119,869		72,052		48,611		34,712
Operating expenses		108,998		86,940		53,190		37,399		26,978
Income from operations		32,097		32,929		18,862		11,212		7,734
Other income (expense)										
Interest and other income		1,843		1,545		577		349		87
Interest expense		(6,948)		(3,969)		(6,292)		(5,473)		(3,368)
Debt retirement costs						(3,824)				
Income before income taxes		26,992		30,505		9,323		6,088		4,453
Provision for income taxes		(11,255)		(12,430)		(4,110)		(2,450)		(1,721)
Income from continuing operations		15,737		18,075		5,213		3,638		2,732
Discontinued operations										
Net income	\$	15,737	\$	18,075	\$	5,213	\$	3,638	\$	2,732
Adjustment to income:										
Amortization of syndication fees preferred stock						(51)		(21)		(21)
Unpaid accumulated preferred dividends						(88)		(102)		(102)
Income available to common stockholders	\$	15,737	\$	18,075	\$	5,074	\$	3,515	\$	2,609
Earnings per share		0.06	<b>*</b>		<u></u>	0.05	<b>.</b>	0.01	<b>.</b>	0.10
Basic	\$	0.89	\$	1.11	\$	0.90	\$	0.81	\$	0.60
Diluted	\$	0.88	\$	1.08	\$	0.67	\$	0.57	\$	0.47
Weighted average shares outstanding		17 500		16 201		F (05		4 2 4 5		4 2 4 1
Basic		17,593		16,291		5,607		4,345		4,341
Diluted		17,968		16,779		8,246		6,907		6,317

	2010	2009	nuary 31, 2008 thousands)	2007	2006
Balance Sheet Data:					
Cash	\$ 76,185	\$ 41,047	\$ 42,802	\$ 7,572	\$ 8,671
U.S. treasury bills		44,994			
Receivables	22,254	19,626	22,061	10,921	5,794
Inventories	347,580	241,094	145,767	106,254	81,631
Prepaid expense	1,009	533	215	186	33
Income tax receivable	1,595	1,433	1,074		
Deferred income taxes	2,266	1,426	1,027	462	423
Goodwill and intangibles, net	15,057	12,830	8,608	3,905	1,587
Property and equipment	46,604	45,269	16,023	8,175	5,327
Other assets	2,262	1,996	1,792	1,397	1,617
Total Assets	\$ 514,812	\$ 410,248	\$ 239,369	\$ 138,872	\$ 105,083
Accounts payable	\$ 12,352	\$ 18,652	\$ 9,244	\$ 4,228	\$ 5,488
Line of credit					
Floorplan notes payable(1)	249,872	166,481	105,848	84,699	61,908
Current maturities of long-term debt	7,218	7,623	5,654	2,824	1,532
Customer deposits	12,974	15,158	19,310	4,608	4,015
Accrued expenses	9,870	8,308	6,137	2,287	1,942
Income taxes payable				378	350
Total current liabilities	292,286	216,222	146,193	99,024	75,235
Long-term liabilities	32,002	20,259	15,759	8,043	4,405
Subordinated debentures			1,300	16,747	14,194
Redeemable securities				1,680	1,556
Total stockholders' equity	190,524	173,767	76,117	13,378	9,693
	\$ 514,812	\$ 410,248	\$ 239,369	\$ 138,872	\$ 105,083

(1) Approximately 51% of floorplan notes payable were interest bearing at January 31, 2010.

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#### ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

You should read the following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations together with our financial statements and the related notes appearing under Item 8. Some of the information contained in this discussion and analysis or set forth elsewhere in this annual report, including information with respect to our plans and strategy for our business and expected financial results, includes forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. You should review the "Risk Factors" under Item 1A for a discussion of important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results described in or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in the following discussion and analysis.

# **BUSINESS DESCRIPTION**

We own and operate a network of full service agricultural and construction equipment stores in the United States. Based upon information provided to us by CNH Global N.V. or its U.S. subsidiary CNH America LLC, collectively referred to in this annual report as CNH, we are the world's largest retail dealer of Case IH Agriculture equipment and a major retail dealer of New Holland Agriculture, Case Construction and New Holland Construction equipment in the U.S. We operate our business through two reportable segments, Agriculture and Construction. Within each segment, we have four principal sources of revenue, new and used equipment sales, parts sales, service, and other business activities including equipment rental.

The agricultural equipment we sell and service includes machinery and attachments for uses ranging from large-scale farming to home and garden use. The construction equipment we sell and service includes heavy construction and light industrial machinery for commercial and residential construction, road and highway construction and mining applications. We offer our customers a one-stop solution for their equipment needs through:

new and used equipment sales;
parts sales;
repair and maintenance services; and
equipment rental and other activities.

The new equipment and parts we sell are supplied primarily by CNH. According to public reports filed by CNH, CNH is a leading manufacturer and supplier of agricultural and construction equipment based on the number of units sold, primarily through the Case IH Agriculture, New Holland Agriculture, Case Construction and New Holland Construction brands. Sales of new CNH products accounted for approximately 80.0% of our new equipment revenue in fiscal 2010, with no other supplier accounting for more than 3.4%. We acquire used equipment for resale through trade-ins from our customers and selective purchases. We sell parts and provide in-store and on-site repair and maintenance services. We rent equipment and provide other ancillary services such as equipment transportation, GPS signal subscriptions and finance and insurance products.

Throughout our 30-year operating history we have built an extensive, geographically contiguous network of 72 stores, including three outlet stores, located in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Montana and Wyoming. We have a successful history of growth through acquisitions, including 29 acquisitions consisting of 62 stores operating in seven states since January 1, 2003. We have a well-established track record of successfully integrating acquired stores, retaining acquired-store employees and maintaining acquired-store customer relationships. We expect that acquisitions will continue to be an important component of our growth.

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# **Certain External Factors Affecting our Business**

We are subject to a number of factors that affect our business as discussed in the sections entitled "Risk Factors" and "Information Regarding Forward- Looking Statements." Certain of the external factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

# Industry Factors

Our business is primarily driven by the demand for agricultural equipment for use in the production of food, fiber, feed grain and renewable energy; home and garden applications; and the maintenance of commercial, residential and government properties. Based on USDA data, we believe farmers have recently experienced historically strong economic fundamentals, driven by growing global demand for agricultural commodities in part due to growth in renewable energy and the economies of developing countries. This strong farm economy contributed significantly to our results of operations in fiscal 2010 and 2009. We believe our operating model, as discussed in "Business Titan Operating Model," enables us to maximize opportunities and implement our conservative expenditure philosophy that emphasizes scalable costs. Further, our large and diverse customer base and seven-state geographic footprint limits our exposure to negative events that may occur in a particular area or crop. Additionally, we believe that the acquisition opportunities will continue to be strong.

Additionally, our business is impacted by the demand for construction equipment for use in private and government commercial, residential and infrastructure construction; demolition; maintenance; mining and forestry operations. CNH and industry reports show that demand for construction equipment in our markets is driven by several factors, one of which is public infrastructure spending, including roads and highways, sewer and water. On February 17, 2009, Congress enacted the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "ARRA"), a bill intended to stimulate economic growth and create jobs in part through additional government spending on public infrastructure. Any growth in federal allocations to public infrastructure spending over the next few years should positively impact our future results of operations, though it is difficult to assess the impacts of the ARRA, which could impact our customers and the industries in which we operate in unforeseen ways. An offsetting factor may be the recent declines in residential and commercial real estate development to the extent such declines continue and the tightening of the credit markets that finance these real estate and infrastructure developments. To address the uncertainty of the construction industry, we expect to continue our focus on the agriculture industry and acquisition opportunities to establish additional locations in the markets where we believe the local construction industry will maintain its current level or grow.

## Seasonality

Our quarterly operating results are subject to fluctuation due to varying weather patterns, which may impact the timing and amount of equipment purchases, rentals, and after-sales parts and service purchases by our Agriculture and Construction customers.

## Economic Cyclicality

Sales of equipment, particularly new units, historically have fluctuated with general economic cycles. During economic downturns, equipment retailers tend to experience similar periods of decline and recession as the general economy. The impact of an economic downturn on retailers is generally less than the impact on manufacturers due to the sale of parts and service by retailers to maintain customer equipment.

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# Credit Market Changes

Changes in credit markets can affect our customers' ability and willingness to make capital expenditures, including purchasing our equipment. Creditors have recently tightened their lending standards due to the collapse of the sub-prime mortgage market. These tightened lending standards may have a negative impact on our business if our customers are unable to obtain financing for equipment purchases. However, if retail interest rates remain low, our business may be positively affected by customers who find financing purchases of our equipment more attractive due to lower borrowing costs. Our business is also particularly dependent on our access to credit markets to finance acquisitions and manage inventory. Tightened lending standards may make it more difficult for us to obtain financing on commercially reasonable terms. We cannot predict what future changes will occur in credit markets or how these changes will impact our business.

#### Inflation

Inflation has not had a material impact upon operating results and we do not expect it to have such an impact in the future. To date, in those instances in which we have experienced cost increases, we have been able to increase selling prices to offset such increases. There can be no assurance, however, that our business will not be affected by inflation or that we can continue to increase our selling prices to offset increased costs and remain competitive.

## Acquisitions

We have a successful history of growth through acquisitions. Since January 1, 2003, we have completed 29 acquisitions consisting of 62 stores operating in seven states. These acquisitions have been the most significant factor affecting our results of operations and liquidity over the last several years, as noted in the period-to-period comparisons below. We expect that acquisitions will continue to be an important component of our growth. Acquisitions are typically financed with floorplan debt, long-term debt and cash from operations. Although we cannot quantify the impact of any such potential acquisitions, we believe the nature of their impact on our financial statements to be similar to that experienced with our prior acquisitions as noted in our discussions of period comparisons.

The following is a summary of acquisitions completed during the identified periods.

# Fiscal 2010

On May 1, 2009, we acquired all of the outstanding stock of Winger Implement, Inc., resulting in the addition of one store in Winger, Minnesota. We subsequently merged Winger Implement, Inc. into our company.

On May 28, 2009, we acquired certain assets of Arthur Mercantile Company, resulting in the addition of one store in Arthur, North Dakota. James L. Williams, Arthur Mercantile Company's President and Treasurer, is a Titan Machinery director.

On June 30, 2009, we acquired certain assets of Valley Equipment, Inc., resulting in the addition of one store in Mayville, North Dakota. James L. Williams, Valley Equipment, Inc.'s President, is a Titan Machinery director.

On August 14, 2009, we acquired certain assets of Lickness Bros. Implement Co., resulting in the addition of one store in Britton, South Dakota.

On November 2, 2009, we acquired certain assets of Oskaloosa Implement Co., resulting in the addition of two stores located in Pella and Oskaloosa, Iowa.

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On November 2, 2009, we acquired all of the outstanding stock of Valley Farm Equipment, Inc., resulting in the addition of one store in Milbank, South Dakota. We subsequently merged Valley Farm Equipment, Inc. into our company.

#### Fiscal 2009

On December 31, 2008, we acquired certain assets of WP Rentals LLC and all of the outstanding stock of Western Plains Machinery Co., resulting in the addition of three rental stores located in Billings and Belgrade, Montana and Cheyenne, Wyoming, and six construction equipment stores located in Billings, Great Falls, Missoula, and Columbia Falls, Montana and Casper and Gillette, Wyoming. We subsequently merged Western Plains Machinery Co. into our company.

On December 22, 2008, we acquired all of the outstanding stock of Anderson Power and Equipment, Inc., resulting in the addition of one store in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. We subsequently merged Anderson Power and Equipment, Inc. into our company.

On October 1 2008, we acquired certain assets of Pioneer Garage, Inc., resulting in the addition of three stores located in Pierre, Highmore, and Miller, South Dakota.

On September 12, 2008, we acquired certain assets of Wolf's Farm Equipment Inc., resulting in the addition of one store in Kintyre, North Dakota.

On May 28, 2008, we acquired certain assets of Mid-Land Equipment Company, resulting in the addition of six stores located in Des Moines, Davenport, Clear Lake and Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska.

On May 1, 2008, we acquired all of the outstanding stock of Quad County Implement, Inc., resulting in the addition of one store in Blairstown, Iowa. We subsequently merged Quad County Implement, Inc. into our company.

On February 1, 2008, we acquired certain assets of Ceres Equipment Inc., resulting in the addition of one store in Roseau, Minnesota.

# Fiscal 2008

On January 2, 2008, we acquired all of the outstanding stock of Avoca Operations, Inc. and Greenfield Operations, Inc., resulting in the addition of one store in Avoca, Iowa and one store in Greenfield, Iowa. We subsequently merged Avoca Operations, Inc. and Greenfield Operations, Inc. into our company.

On December 1, 2007, we acquired all of the outstanding stock of Reiten & Young International, Inc., resulting in the addition of one store in Grand Forks, North Dakota. We subsequently merged Reiten & Young International, Inc. into our company.

On November 13, 2007, we acquired certain assets of Twin City Implement, Inc., resulting in the addition of one store in Mandan, North Dakota.

On August 1, 2007, we acquired all of the outstanding stock of Red Power International, Inc., resulting in the addition of two stores located in Ada and Crookston, Minnesota. We subsequently merged Red Power International, Inc. into our company.

On April 13, 2007, we acquired certain assets of Aberdeen Equipment Co., Huron Equipment Co. and Redfield Equipment Co., three related dealerships, resulting in the addition of three stores located in Aberdeen, Huron and Redfield, South Dakota.

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On February 3, 2007, we acquired certain assets of Richland County Implement, Inc., resulting in the addition of one store located in Wahpeton, North Dakota.

# **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

During the preparation of our financial statements, we are required to make estimates, assumptions and judgments that affect reported amounts. These estimates, assumptions and judgments include those related to bad debts and credit sales, inventories, goodwill and intangibles, income taxes and legal proceedings, revenue recognition, allowance for doubtful accounts, inventory reserves, incentive plan accruals, deferred taxes, stock-based compensation, and accounting for business combinations. We update these estimates, assumptions and judgments as appropriate, which in most cases is at least quarterly. We use our technical accounting knowledge, cumulative business experience, judgment and other factors in the selection and application of our accounting policies. While we believe our estimates, assumptions and judgments we use in preparing our financial statements are appropriate, they are subject to factors and uncertainties regarding their outcome and therefore, actual results may materially differ from these estimates. We believe the following are our primary critical accounting policies and estimates.

## Revenue Recognition

Revenue on equipment and parts sales is recognized upon delivery of product to customers. Rental and service revenue is recognized at the time the related services are provided. In addition to outright sales of new and used equipment, certain rental agreements may include rent-to-purchase options. Under these agreements, customers are given a period of time to exercise an option to purchase the related equipment, with a portion of the rental payments being applied to the purchase price. Any such equipment is included in inventory until the purchase option is exercised. Rental revenue is recognized during the rental period, with equipment sales revenue being recognized upon the exercise of the purchase option.

#### Inventories

New and used machinery are stated at the lower of cost (specific identification) or market with adjustments for decreases in market value on inventory rented but available for sale being a percentage of the rental income received on such inventory. Parts inventories are valued at the lower of average cost or market, and an estimate of parts inventories not expected to be sold in the next year has been reported separately. Typically, there are no freight-in charges, except in cases of special orders where such freight-in charges are included in the cost of inventory. Work in process is valued at the billable rates of labor incurred and parts inventories used on service work in process at year end.

# Intangible Assets and Goodwill

Intangible assets include covenants not-to-compete that are being amortized using the straight-line method over the terms of the related agreements, which range from five to ten years.

Goodwill represents the excess of costs over the fair value of the assets of businesses acquired not allocable to separately identifiable intangible assets. Goodwill acquired in business combinations is assigned to its related reporting unit, which consist of the Company's operating segments.

Goodwill is not amortized, but is tested for impairment at the end of the Company's fiscal year, or more frequently upon the occurrence of an event or when circumstances indicate that a reporting unit's carrying amount of goodwill is greater than its fair value. The goodwill impairment test is performed by comparing the carrying value of the reporting unit to its fair value. Fair value is calculated by discounting the estimated future cash flows of the Company's reporting units. As of January 31, 2010, the carrying value of the Company's goodwill was not considered impaired.

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#### Income Taxes

Income taxes are provided for the tax effects of transactions reported in the financial statements and consist of taxes currently due plus deferred taxes related primarily to differences between the basis of receivables, inventory, property and equipment, intangible assets, stock-based compensation, and accrued expenses for financial and income tax reporting. The deferred tax assets and liabilities represent the future tax return consequences of those differences, which will either be taxable or deductible when the assets and liabilities are recovered or settled. Our policy is to recognize interest expense and penalties related to income tax matters within our provision for income taxes. We perform a comprehensive review of our portfolio of uncertain tax positions in accordance with the requirements and recognition standards established by Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC" or "Codification") 740, *Income Taxes*. Pursuant to this guidance, an uncertain tax position represents our expected treatment of a tax position taken, or expected to be taken, in a tax return, that has not been reflected in measuring income tax expense for financial reporting purposes.

# Stock-Based Compensation

We account for stock-based compensation in accordance with the provisions of the ASC 718, *Compensation Stock Compensation*. This guidance requires that stock-based compensation, which includes stock options and restricted stock, be accounted for at the fair value of the applicable equity instrument.

## **Business Combinations**

We account for business combinations in accordance with the provisions of ASC 805, *Business Combinations*. This guidance allows the acquirer to finalize the acquisition accounting during the measurement period, which may not exceed one year from the date of acquisition. During the measurement period the Company's accounting for the business combination transaction may be based on estimates due to various unknown factors present at the date of acquisition.

## **Key Financial Metrics**

In addition to tracking our sales and expenses to evaluate our operational performance, we also monitor certain key financial metrics, including absorption and same-store sales.

# Absorption

Absorption is an industry term that refers to the percentage of an equipment dealer's fixed operating expense covered by the gross margin of its combined parts and service businesses. Absorption in a given period is calculated by dividing our gross profit from parts and service sales in the period by the difference between (i) our operating expenses (including interest on floorplan notes) and (ii) our variable expense of sales commissions on equipment sales and incentive compensation in the same period. We believe that absorption is an important management metric because during economic down cycles our customers tend to postpone new and used equipment purchases while continuing to run, maintain and repair their existing equipment. Thus, operating at a high absorption rate enables us to operate profitably throughout economic down cycles. We measure and track absorption on a company-wide basis as well as on a per store basis. Our company-wide absorption rate was 75.4%, 75.7% and 72.6% for fiscal years 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

# Same-Store Sales

Same-store sales for any period represent sales by stores that were part of our company for the entire comparable period in the preceding fiscal year. We do not distinguish relocated or

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newly-expanded stores in this same-store analysis. Closed stores are excluded from the same-store analysis. We believe that tracking this metric is important to evaluating the success of the Titan Operating Model on a comparable basis.

## **Key Financial Statement Components**

#### Revenue

Equipment. We derive equipment revenue from the sale of new and used agricultural and construction equipment.

*Parts.* We derive parts revenue from the sale of parts for equipment that we sell, as well as for other equipment makes. Our parts sales provide us with a relatively stable revenue stream that is less sensitive to the economic cycles that affect our equipment sales.

*Services.* We derive services revenue from maintenance and repair services to our customers' equipment. Our repair and maintenance services provide a high-margin, relatively stable source of revenue through changing economic cycles.

*Other.* We derive other revenue from equipment rentals and ancillary equipment support activities such as equipment transportation, GPS signal subscriptions and reselling finance and insurance products.

# Cost of Revenue

Equipment. Cost of equipment revenue is the lower of the acquired cost or the market value of the specific piece of equipment sold.

Parts. Cost of parts revenue is the lower of the acquired cost or the market value of the parts sold, based on average costing.

*Service*. Cost of service revenue represents costs attributable to services provided for the maintenance and repair of customer-owned equipment and equipment then on-rent by customers.

*Other.* Costs of other revenue represent costs associated with equipment rental, providing transportation, hauling, parts freight, GPS subscriptions and damage waivers, including, among other items, drivers' wages, fuel costs, shipping costs and our costs related to damage waiver policies.

# Operating Expenses

Our operating expenses include sales and marketing expenses, sales commissions (which generally are based upon equipment gross profit margins), payroll and related benefit costs, insurance expenses, professional fees, property rental and related costs, property and other taxes, administrative overhead, and depreciation associated with property and equipment (other than rental equipment).

#### Floorplan Interest

The cost of financing inventory is an important factor affecting our results of operations. Floorplan financing from CNH Capital represents the primary source of financing for equipment inventories, particularly for equipment supplied by CNH. CNH regularly offers interest-free periods as well as additional incentives and special offers. As of January 31, 2010, approximately 49% of our floorplan notes payable was non-interest bearing.

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Other Interest Expense

Interest expense represents the interest on our outstanding debt instruments, other than floorplan financing facilities.

# **Results of Operations**

Comparative financial data for each of our four sources of revenue for fiscal 2010, 2009, and 2008 are expressed below. The results of these periods include the operating results of the acquisitions made during these periods. The period-to-period comparisons included below are not necessarily indicative of future results. Information regarding segment revenue and income (loss) before income taxes is presented for each period following our discussion of the consolidated results of operations. Additional information regarding our segments is included in Note 16 of our audited financial statements.

		Year Ended January 31,						
		2010		2009	2008			
		(dollars in thousan						
Equipment								
Revenue	\$	643,186	\$	540,307	\$	338,382		
Cost of revenue		578,411		478,324		302,320		
Gross profit	\$	64,775	\$	61,983	\$	36,062		
Parts								
Revenue	\$	119,509	\$	94,984	\$	58,743		
Cost of revenue		83,219		67,270		42,568		
Gross profit	\$	36,290	\$	27,714	\$	16,175		
Service		00,200	Ψ.	27,771	Ψ.	10,170		
Revenue	\$	58,983	\$	44,224	\$	27,344		
Cost of revenue		21,615		16,729		10,118		
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Gross profit	\$	37,368	\$	27,495	\$	17,226		
Other, including trucking		,		,.,		,		
and rental								
Revenue	\$	17,103	\$	10,922	\$	8,502		
Cost of revenue		14,441		8,245		5,913		
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Gross profit	\$	2,662	\$	2,677	\$	2,589		
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The following table sets forth our statements of operations data expressed as a percentage of revenue for the periods indicated.

Year	Ended	January	31,
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	2010	2009	2008
Revenue			
Equipment	76.8%	78.2%	78.1%
Parts	14.2%	13.8%	13.6%
Service	7.0%	6.4%	6.3%
Other, including trucking and rental	2.0%	1.6%	2.0%
Total revenue	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of revenue			
Equipment	69.0%	69.3%	69.8%
Parts	9.9%	9.7%	9.8%
Service	2.6%	2.4%	2.4%
Other, including trucking and rental	1.7%	1.2%	1.4%
Total cost of revenue	83.2%	82.6%	83.4%
Gross profit	16.8%	17.4%	16.6%
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Operating expenses	13.0%	12.6%	12.3%
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Income from operations	3.8%	4.8%	4.3%
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Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 2010 Compared to Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 2009

# **Consolidated Results**

Revenue

	 Year Ended ary 31, 2010	Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 2009			ncrease	Percent Change			
	(dollars in thousands)								
Equipment	\$ 643,186	\$	540,307	\$	102,879	19.0%			
Parts	119,509		94,984		24,525	25.8%			
Service	58,983		44,224		14,759	33.4%			
Other, including trucking and rental	17,103		10,922		6,181	56.6%			
Total Revenue	\$ 838,781	\$	690,437	\$	148,344	21.5%			

The increase in revenue was primarily due to acquisitions contributing to fiscal 2010 revenue and same-store sales growth. The acquired stores contributed \$117.0 million in additional total revenue, while the same-store sales growth contributed \$31.3 million, an increase of 4.9% over the prior year. The same-store sales increase was driven by strong Agriculture segment sales offset by declines in our Construction segment. Revenue increases over the prior year in parts, service and other outpaced the increase in equipment revenue primarily due to a weak construction equipment market in fiscal 2010.

# Cost of Revenue

			cal Year Ended nuary 31, 2009	]	Increase	Percent Change			
		(dollars in thousands)							
Equipment	\$	578,411	\$	478,324	\$	100,087	20.9%		
Parts		83,219		67,270		15,949	23.7%		
Service		21,615		16,729		4,886	29.2%		
Other, including trucking and rental		14,441		8,245		6,196	75.1%		
Total cost of revenue	\$	697,686	\$	570,568	\$	127,118	22.3%		

The increase in cost of revenue was primarily due to increased revenue. Acquisitions contributed \$97.7 million of the increase in total cost of revenue, while same-store sales growth contributed \$29.4 million. As a percentage of revenue, cost of revenue was 83.2% for fiscal 2010 compared to 82.6% for fiscal 2009.

# Gross Profit

	Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 2010			al Year Ended uary 31, 2009	Increase/ (Decrease)		Percent Change
		(do	llars ir	thousands)			
Equipment	\$	64,775	\$	61,983	\$	2,792	4.5%
Parts		36,290		27,714		8,576	30.9%
Service		37,368		27,495		9,873	35.9%
Other, including trucking and rental		2,662		2,677		(15)	(0.6)%
Total Gross Profit	\$	141,095	\$	119,869	\$	21,226	17.7%

The increase in gross profit was primarily due to increased revenue, somewhat offset by lower equipment margins. Acquisitions contributed \$19.3 million of the increase in total gross profit, while same-store sale gross profits provided the remaining \$1.9 million. Gross profit margins were 16.8% for fiscal 2010 compared to 17.4% for fiscal 2009. Fiscal 2009 Agriculture equipment margins were enhanced by a tight supply of equipment that did not recur in fiscal 2010. The return to more traditional supply conditions and inventory levels also resulted in increased equipment inventory valuation charges over the prior year. Fiscal 2010 also included a reduced manufacturer market share incentive payment as compared to the prior year. The decrease in "other" margins was primarily due to a lower utilization of rental fleet that resulted from a weak fiscal 2010 construction industry.

# Operating Expenses

	Year Ended ry 31, 2010	Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 2009			ncrease	Percent Change	
	(dol	lars in	thousands)				
Operating Expenses	\$ 108,998	\$	86,940	\$	22.058	25.4%	

The increase in operating expenses was primarily due to the additional costs associated with acquisitions such as compensation, rent, depreciation, travel and training. As a percentage of total revenue, operating expenses increased slightly to 13.0% in fiscal 2010 as compared to 12.6% in fiscal 2009. This increase from the prior year was due to the increased number of stores in our Construction segment, which have higher operating expenses as a percent of revenue, as well as lower revenues due to the challenging construction market, as compared to the same period of fiscal 2009.

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Other Income (Expense)

	Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 2010 Fiscal Year Ended Increase/ January 31, 2009 (Decrease)		Percent Change		
	(do	llars iı	n thousands)		
Interest and other income	\$ 1,843	\$	1,545	\$ 298	19.3%
Floorplan interest expense	(5,485)		(3,240)	2,245	69.3%
Interest expense	(1,463)		(729)	734	100.7%

Interest and other income increased \$0.3 million as we received a manufacturer financing incentive in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2010, offset by a decrease in interest income from investing our cash balances in highly secure investments in fiscal 2010 that carried lower interest rates than those earned in fiscal 2009. The increase in floorplan interest expense of \$2.2 million was due to the increase in floorplan notes payable balances as compared to fiscal 2009, as well as increased interest rates. The increase in interest expense of \$0.7 million resulted from higher long-term debt balances as compared to fiscal 2009.

# Provision for Income Taxes

	Year Ended ary 31, 2010	Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 2009		Decrease		Percent Change	
	(doll	ars in	thousands)				
Provision for income taxes	\$ 11.255	\$	12.430	\$	(1.175)	(9.5)	1%

Our effective tax rate increased from 40.7% in fiscal 2009 to 41.7% in fiscal 2010. The increase in the effective tax rate from the prior year primarily reflects an increase in permanent differences between financial and income tax reporting, such as the increase in stock option expense over the prior year.

## **Segment Results**

	Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 2010		Ja	Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 2009 lars in thousands)		ncrease/ Decrease)	Percent Change
Revenues							
Agriculture	\$	751,258	\$	624,035	\$	127,223	20.4%
Construction		116,361		88,032		28,329	32.2%
Segment revenues		867,619		712,067		155,552	21.8%
Eliminations		(28,838)		(21,630)		(7,208)	33.3%
Total	\$	838,781	\$	690,437	\$	148,344	21.5%
Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes							
Agriculture	\$	36,133	\$	32,023	\$	4,110	12.8%
Construction		(6,837)		604		(7,441)	(1232.0)%
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Segment income (loss) before income taxes		29,296		32,627		(3,331)	(10.2)%
Shared Resources		(2,120)		(1,678)		(442)	26.3%
Eliminations		(184)		(444)		260	(58.6)%
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Income before income taxes	\$	26,992	\$	30,505	\$	(3,513)	(11.5)%
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## Agriculture

Fiscal 2010 Agriculture revenues increased 20.4% compared to fiscal 2009. The revenue increase was due to acquisitions and an Agriculture same-store sales increase of 8.2% over fiscal 2009. Income before income tax increased 12.8% due to increased revenues, which generated additional gross profits and greater fixed operating expense utilization compared to the prior year. These increases were somewhat offset by lower Agriculture gross profit margins due to greater agriculture equipment supply and availability and a lower manufacturer market share incentive payment in the current year compared to fiscal 2009.

#### Construction

Fiscal 2010 Construction revenues increased 32.2% compared to fiscal 2009. The revenue increase was due to acquisitions offset by a Construction same-store sales decrease of 26.8% as compared to fiscal 2009. Both acquisition and same-store revenue were negatively impacted by a weak fiscal 2010 construction market. The lower Construction revenue drove the \$7.4 million decrease in income (loss) before income tax through lower gross profits and lower fixed operating expense utilization. Construction operating expense as a percent of sales was 23.7% in fiscal 2010 compared to 16.4% in fiscal 2009.

# Shared Resources/Eliminations

We incur centralized expenses/income at our general corporate level, which we refer to as "Shared Resources", and then allocate these net expenses to our segments. Since these allocations are set early in the year, unallocated balances may occur. The Shared Resource amount increased \$0.4 in fiscal 2010 compared to the prior year.

Eliminations remove any inter-company revenues or income before tax residing in our segment results.

Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 2009 Compared to Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 2008

## **Consolidated Results**

#### Revenue

	Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 2009		Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 2008		Increase		Percent Change
	(dollars in thousands)						
Equipment	\$	540,307	\$	338,382	\$	201,925	59.7%
Parts		94,984		58,743		36,241	61.7%
Service		44,224		27,344		16,880	61.7%
Other, including trucking and rental		10,922		8,502		2,420	28.5%
Total Revenue	\$	690,437	\$	432,971	\$	257,466	59.5%

The increase in revenue was primarily due to acquisitions contributing to fiscal 2009 revenue and same-store sales growth. The acquired stores contributed \$176.7 million in additional total revenue, or 68.6% of the increase, while the same-store sales growth contributed \$80.8 million, or 31.4% of the increase. Same-store sales increased 21.5% over the prior year, which is indicative of the strong market for the products we sell. The calculation of same-store sales includes fiscal 2008 sales of \$22.4 million from a special manufacturer leasing program available in our Agriculture segment. We did not conduct the same program in fiscal 2009 but do enter into various other manufacturer programs from time to time.

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