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# FORM 10-Q

Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

#### For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2007

#### OR

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **GRANITE CONSTRUCTION INCORPORATED**

State of Incorporation:

Delaware

I.R.S. Employer Identification Number: 77-0239383

Corporate Administration: 585 W. Beach Street Watsonville, California 95076 (831) 724-1011

Indicate by checkmark 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 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. xYes "No

Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer "Non-accelerated filer"

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). "Yes xNo

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of April 20, 2007.

Class

Outstanding

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

41,935,780 shares

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

# Granite Construction Incorporated CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited - in thousands, except share and per share data)

	March 31, 2007	December 31, 2006		I	March 31, 2006
Assets					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 207,647	\$	204,893	\$	225,495
Short-term marketable securities	93,313		141,037		57,613
Accounts receivable, net	413,267		492,229		439,400
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of					
billings	25,666		15,797		28,812
Inventories	47,337		41,529		35,412
Real estate held for sale	58,192		55,888		50,189
Deferred income taxes	36,552		36,776		22,586
Equity in construction joint ventures	37,422		31,912		26,359
Other current assets	65,930		63,144		65,087
Total current assets	985,326		1,083,205		950,953
Property and equipment, net	444,570		429,966		393,312
Long-term marketable securities	49,882		48,948		42,932
Investments in affiliates	23,585		21,471		15,365
Other assets	43,341		49,248		46,879
Total assets	\$ 1,546,704	\$	1,632,838	\$	1,449,441
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity					
Current liabilities					
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 29,962	\$	28,660	\$	29,041
Accounts payable	214,395		257,612		220,284
Billings in excess of costs and estimated					
earnings	270,641		287,843		231,475
Accrued expenses and other current					
liabilities	170,042		189,328		121,325
Total current liabilities	685,040		763,443		602,125
Long-term debt	70,530		78,576		110,903
Other long-term liabilities	64,315		58,419		53,670
Deferred income taxes	19,798		22,324		37,325
Commitments and contingencies					
Minority interest in consolidated					
subsidiaries	18,227		15,532		30,822
Shareholders' equity					
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, authorized					
3,000,000 shares, none outstanding	-		-		-
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, authorized	419		418		418
150,000,000 shares as of March 31, 2007					
and December 31, 2006 and 100,000,000					
shares as of March 31, 2006; issued and					
outstanding 41,942,130 shares as of March					

- 31, 2007, 41,833,559 shares as of December
- 31, 2006 and 41,845,631 shares as of March 31, 2006

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Additional paid-in capital	79,597	78,620	68,477
Retained earnings	605,797	612,875	543,495
Accumulated other comprehensive income	2,981	2,631	2,206
Total shareholders' equity	688,794	694,544	614,596
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 1,546,704	\$ 1,632,838	\$ 1,449,441

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements. 4

# **Granite Construction Incorporated** CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Unaudited - in thousands, except per share data)

Three Months Ended March 31,	2007	2006
Revenue		
Construction	\$ 421,549	\$ 434,338
Material sales	66,111	61,630
Total revenue	487,660	495,968
Cost of revenue		
Construction	385,516	403,960
Material sales	54,108	51,773
Total cost of revenue	439,624	455,733
Gross profit	48,036	40,235
General and administrative expenses	54,337	48,256
Gain on sales of property and equipment	713	4,238
Operating loss	(5,588)	(3,783)
Other income (expense)		
Interest income	6,843	4,733
Interest expense	(1,086)	(1,395)
Equity in income (loss) of affiliates	351	(77)
Other, net	(233)	(606)
Total other income (expense)	5,875	2,655
Income (loss) before provision for (benefit from)		
income taxes and minority interest	287	(1,128)
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	89	(773)
Income (loss) before minority interest	198	(355)
Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries	(2,447)	(1,067)
Net loss	\$ (2,249)	\$ (1,422)
Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.03)
Basic and diluted weighted average shares of		
common stock	40,992	40,739
Dividends per share	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10

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# Granite Construction Incorporated CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited - in thousands)

Three Months Ended March 31,	2007	2006
Operating Activities		
Net loss	\$ (2,249)	\$ (1,422)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash		
provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	17,825	16,811
Provision for (benefit from) doubtful accounts	1,238	(215)
Gain on sales of property and equipment	(713)	(4,238)
Stock-based compensation	1,763	1,695
Excess tax benefit on stock-based compensation	(2,700)	-
Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries	2,447	1,067
Equity in (income) loss of affiliates	(351)	77
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, net	87,512	33,802
Inventories	(5,808)	(2,251)
Real estate held for sale	(2,562)	(3,300)
Equity in construction joint ventures	(5,510)	1,049
Other assets	(4,163)	(8,083)
Accounts payable	(43,217)	(12,523)
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings,		
net	(27,071)	37,440
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	(12,553)	(19,860)
Net cash provided by operating activities	3,888	40,049
Investing Activities		
Purchases of marketable securities	(32,883)	(20,060)
Maturities of marketable securities	68,925	26,500
Additions to property and equipment	(33,691)	(24,309)
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment	1,386	14,846
Contributions to affiliates	(2,313)	-
Distributions from affiliates	-	413
Issuance of notes receivable	-	(500)
Collection of notes receivable	3,682	2,911
Net cash provided by (used in) investing		
activities	5,106	(199)
Financing Activities		
Additions to long-term debt	260	2,154
Repayments of long-term debt	(6,746)	(13,513)
Dividends paid	(4,184)	(4,169)
Repurchases of common stock	(4,644)	(4,030)
Contributions from minority partners	12,324	5,416
Distributions to minority partners	(5,975)	(467)
Excess tax benefit on stock-based compensation	2,700	-
Other financing activities	25	373
Net cash used in financing activities	(6,240)	(14,236)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	2,754	25,614
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	204,893	199,881

Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 207,647	\$ 225,495
Supplementary Information		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest	\$ 499	\$ 837
Income taxes	6	10,331
Non-cash investing and financing activity:		
Restricted stock issued for services	11,607	9,629
Dividends accrued but not paid	4,194	4,185
Financed acquisition of assets	612	-
Debt repayments from sale of assets	870	-

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements. 6

# Granite Construction Incorporated NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

#### **Basis of Presentation:**

The condensed consolidated financial statements included herein have been prepared by Granite Construction Incorporated ("we", "us", "our" or "Granite") without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and should be read in conjunction with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted, although we believe the disclosures which are made are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. Further, the condensed consolidated financial statements reflect, in the opinion of management, all normal recurring adjustments necessary to present fairly our financial position at March 31, 2007 and 2006 and the results of our operations and cash flows for the periods presented. The December 31, 2006 condensed consolidated balance sheet data was derived from audited consolidated financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Interim results are subject to significant seasonal variations and the results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2007 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

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# **Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements:**

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements" ("SFAS 157"). SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements, but does not change existing guidance as to whether or not an instrument is carried at fair value. SFAS 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. We are currently evaluating the impact of implementing SFAS 157 on our consolidated financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities" ("SFAS 159"). SFAS 159 permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected are reported in earnings. SFAS 159 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. We are currently evaluating the impact of implementing SFAS 159 on our consolidated financial statements.

#### 3.

### **Change in Accounting Estimate:**

Our gross profit in the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006 includes the effects of significant changes in the estimates of the profitability of certain of our Heavy Construction Division ("HCD") projects. The net effect of these estimate changes decreased gross profit in each period.

Heavy Construction Division Change in Accounting Estimate	Three Months Ended March 31,					
(dollars in millions)	2007			2006		
Reduction in gross profit	\$	(25.0)	\$	(21.0)		
Increase in gross profit		9.5		7.5		
Net reduction in gross profit	\$	(15.5)	\$	(13.5)		
Number of projects with significant downward estimate changes*		4		6		
		2.0 -		1.1 -		
Range of reduction to gross profit from each project	\$	10.0	\$	3.1		

Number of projects with significant upward estimate changes*	1	3
		1.1 -
Range of increase to gross profit from each project	\$ 5.0	\$ 2.8

\* Significant is defined as a change with a net gross margin impact of \$1.0 million or greater

During the three months ended March 31, 2007, the changes that reduced gross profit resulted from changes in productivity and quantity estimates based on experience gained in the quarter, costs from design issues and owner-directed changes. The four HCD projects with significant downward changes during the period were at various stages of completion at March 31, 2007 ranging from 57.0% to 89.0%. All four projects also had significant downward estimate changes in 2006.

The impact of these downward changes on gross profit during the three months ended March 31, 2007 was partially offset by an increase in estimated profitability from one other project, due primarily to better than expected productivity experienced in the quarter.

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### Granite Construction Incorporated NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

The following table presents additional information about the four projects with significant downward estimate changes for the three months ended March 31, 2007 (dollars in millions):

	Number of Projects	Total Contract Value		2007 Gross Profit Reduction Impact		Backlog March 31, 2007	Percent of Total HCD Backlog at March 31, 2007
Projects between 85% and							
90% complete	2	\$	392.0	\$ 10.0	\$	48.0	2.8%
Project at 57% complete	1		72.0	2.0		31.0	1.8%
Highway project in California - 89% complete	1		447.0	10.0		48.0	2.8%
Total for projects with significant downward							
changes	4	\$	911.0	\$ 22.0	\$	127.0	7.4%
All other projects with backlog greater than \$5.0							
million	20				\$	1,589.0	91.4%

We recorded minority interest related to these estimate changes of approximately \$1.4 million and \$0.6 million for three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006 respectively. Three of our joint venture projects are currently forecast at a loss and will require additional capital contributions from our minority partners if the forecasts do not improve. Our joint venture agreements require that such capital contributions be made if needed. Based on our most recent assessment of our partners' financial condition, we currently believe that one of our partners does not have the ability to contribute all of the additional capital that will be needed if the project forecast does not improve. Included in minority interest in our condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2007 is expense related to the potentially uncollectible partner balance of approximately \$2.6 million. The remaining minority interest balance related to these loss projects of \$8.5 million at March 31, 2007 has been included in other long-term assets in our condensed consolidated balance sheet.

At December 31, 2006, a fourth joint venture project was forecasted at a loss and would have required additional contributions from our minority partner if the forecast did not improve. Based on our assessment at December 31, 2006, we did not believe that our partner would have the ability to contribute the required capital and therefore we recorded expense of approximately \$4.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2006 related to the potentially uncollectible partner balance. In March 2007, the joint venture agreement related to this project was amended to effectively relieve our partner of its obligation to fund the joint venture for its capital deficit to ensure that our partner would be able to contribute to the successful completion of this joint venture project and other considerations. This amendment did not have a material impact on our operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2007, as the potentially uncollectible minority interest was expensed during the year ended December 31, 2006.

We currently have a highway project that involves construction of seven miles of highway in western Oregon. It includes construction of at least eight new structures over creeks, rivers and a railroad, as well as construction of several retaining walls, culverts and drainage improvements. While clearing and excavating the site, numerous and massive landslides throughout the seven-mile project site were discovered. Some of these ancient landslides are at critical locations of the project, including under bridge abutments. At December 31, 2006 we had forecast this project at a loss of approximately \$20.0 million, largely due to very preliminary designs and estimates of cost associated with these geotechnical issues. During the quarter ended March 31, 2007 the geotechnical design was completed along with our analysis of the impact of these landslides on the project. It has been determined that the potential cost would be significantly higher than our earlier estimates and that the project would take

approximately two years longer to complete than originally anticipated. After conferring with the Oregon Department of Transportation ("ODOT") on the most cost effective way to deal with these differing site conditions, we requested that ODOT terminate the original contract. ODOT has indicated that it is willing to consider a negotiated contract termination and will discuss the proposal with us in the coming weeks to determine if termination would be in the best interests of the Project and the Oregon taxpayers. Because of the uncertainty surrounding the ultimate resolution of these issues and the ongoing termination discussions, we have not recorded any adjustments to our project forecast during the quarter ended March 31, 2007. Should we reach agreement with ODOT to terminate the contract we will adjust the forecast to reflect the estimated cost associated with the settlement, which is currently not determinable. If ODOT elects not to terminate the contract we would reflect additional costs associated with the geotechnical and/or other changes when they are definitive and quantifiable. Such additional costs could be significant. We would pursue additional compensation related to these issues from ODOT, but would not recognize any revenue until a change order was signed in accordance with our policy.

We believe we are entitled to additional compensation related to some of our downward estimate changes and are actively pursuing these issues with the contract owners. However, the amount and timing of any future recovery is highly uncertain. While we recognize the impact of estimated costs immediately when known, under our accounting policies we do not recognize revenue from contract changes until we have a signed change order or executed claim settlement. We believe that our current estimates of gross profit are achievable. However, it is possible that the actual cost to complete will vary from our current estimate and any future estimate changes could be significant.

Additionally, during the three months ended March 31, 2007 our Branch Division recognized the effects of changes in the estimates of the profitability of certain projects. The net impact of these estimate changes was an increase in gross profit of approximately \$4.9 million due primarily to the settlement of outstanding issues with the contract owners and increased productivity on several projects. The net impact of such estimate changes in the Branch Division for the three months ended March 31, 2006 was an increase in gross profit of approximately \$7.8 million due primarily to the settlement of outstanding issues on two projects with no associated cost.

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#### Inventories:

Inventories consist primarily of quarry products valued at the lower of average cost or market.

#### 5.

## **Property and Equipment:**

(in thousands)	Ν	March 31, 2007		, , , ,		, March 31 2006	
Land	\$	66,593	\$	56,797	\$	52,969	
Quarry property		118,149		112,654		104,568	
Buildings and leasehold improvements		71,390		72,975		68,583	
Equipment and vehicles		814,057		804,370		764,845	
Office furniture and equipment		27,915		26,006		21,969	
Gross property and equipment		1,098,104	1	,072,802		1,012,934	
Less: accumulated depreciation, depletion and							
amortization		653,534		642,836		619,622	
Net property and equipment	\$	444,570	\$	429,966	\$	393,312	

#### 6.

#### **Intangible Assets:**

The following table indicates the allocation of goodwill by reportable segment which is included in other assets on our condensed consolidated balance sheets:

	December					
	Ma	rch 31,		31,	Ma	arch 31,
(in thousands)	2007			2006		2006
Goodwill by segment:						
Heavy Construction Division	\$	-	\$	-	\$	18,011
Branch Division		9,900		9,900		9,900
Total goodwill	\$	9,900	\$	9,900	\$	27,911

Also included in other assets on our condensed consolidated balance sheets are other intangible assets with a net book value of \$2.2 million, \$2.4 million and \$2.8 million at March 31, 2007, December 31, 2006 and March 31, 2006, respectively. Amortization expense related to intangible assets was approximately \$142,000 and \$100,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Amortization expense expected to be recorded in the future is as follows: \$416,000 for the balance of 2007, \$554,000 in 2008, \$269,000 in 2009, \$230,000 in 2010, \$170,000 in 2011 and \$577,000 thereafter.

#### 7.

### **Construction Joint Ventures:**

We participate in various construction joint venture partnerships. Generally, each construction joint venture is formed to accomplish a specific project and is jointly controlled by the joint venture partners. The joint venture agreements typically provide that our interest in any profits and assets, and our respective share in any losses and liabilities that may result from the performance of the contract are limited to our stated percentage interest in the project. Although each venture's contract with the project owner typically requires joint and several liability among the joint venture partners, our agreements with our joint venture partners provide that each partner will assume and pay its full proportionate share of any losses resulting from a project.

We have determined that certain of these joint ventures are variable interest entities as defined by FASB Interpretation No. 46 (revised December 2003), "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities." Accordingly, we have consolidated those joint ventures where we have determined that we are the primary beneficiary. At March 31, 2007, the joint ventures we have consolidated were engaged in construction projects with total individual contract values ranging from \$123.8 million to \$463.9 million. Our proportionate share of the consolidated joint ventures ranges from 52.0% to 99.0%.

Consistent with Emerging Issues Task Force Issue 00-01, "Investor Balance Sheet and Income Statement Display under the Equity Method for Investments in Certain Partnerships and Other Ventures," we account for our share of the operations of construction joint ventures in which we have determined we are not the primary beneficiary on a pro rata basis in the consolidated statements of operations and as a single line item in the consolidated balance sheets. At March 31, 2007, the joint ventures in which we hold a significant interest but are not the primary beneficiary were engaged in construction projects with total individual contract values ranging from \$36.9 million to \$347.9 million. Our proportionate share of these joint ventures ranges from 20.0% to 40.0%.

# Granite Construction Incorporated NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

We also participate in various "line item" joint venture agreements under which each partner is responsible for performing certain discrete items of the total scope of contracted work. The revenue for these discrete items is defined in the contract with the project owner and each venture partner bears the profitability risk associated with its own work. All partners in a line item joint venture are jointly and severally liable for completion of the total project under the terms of the contract with the project owner. There is not a single set of books and records for a line item joint venture. Each partner accounts for its items of work individually as it would for any self-performed contract. We account for our portion of these contracts as a project in our accounting system and include receivables and payables associated with our work on our consolidated balance sheet.

Although our agreements with our joint venture partners for both construction joint ventures and line item joint ventures provide that each party will assume and pay its share of any losses resulting from a project, if one of our partners is unable to pay its share, we would be fully liable under our contract with the project owner. Circumstances that could lead to a loss under our joint venture arrangements beyond our proportionate share include a partner's inability to contribute additional funds to the venture in the event the project incurs a loss, or additional costs that we could incur should a partner fail to provide the services and resources toward project completion that had been committed to in the joint venture agreement. At March 31, 2007, approximately \$455.3 million of work representing our partners' share of unconsolidated and line item joint venture contracts in progress had yet to be completed.

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### **Real Estate Partnerships:**

We participate in real estate partnerships through our Granite Land Company. Generally, each partnership is formed to accomplish a specific real estate development project. We have determined that certain of these partnerships are variable interest entities as defined by FASB Interpretation No. 46 (revised December 2003), "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities." Accordingly, we have consolidated those partnerships for which we have determined that we are the primary beneficiary. At March 31, 2007, the partnerships we have consolidated were engaged in development projects with total assets ranging from approximately \$0.2 million to \$24.8 million. At March 31, 2007, approximately \$58.2 million was classified as real estate held for sale on our condensed consolidated balance sheet and of that balance approximately \$55.6 million was pledged as collateral for the obligations of consolidated real estate partnerships. Our proportionate share of the results of these partnerships varies depending on the ultimate profitability of the partnerships.

We account for our share of the operations of real estate partnerships in which we have determined we are not the primary beneficiary in "investments in affiliates" in our consolidated balance sheets and in "other income (expense)" in our consolidated statements of operations. At March 31, 2007, the partnerships in which we hold a significant interest but are not the primary beneficiary were engaged in development projects with total assets ranging from approximately \$3.5 million to \$56.9 million. Total liabilities of real estate partnerships in which we are not the primary beneficiary were approximately \$85.0 million at March 31, 2007. Our proportionate share of the results of these partnerships varies depending on the ultimate profitability of the partnerships.

#### 9.

# Weighted Average Shares Outstanding:

A reconciliation of the weighted average shares outstanding used in calculating basic and diluted net loss per share in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations is as follows:

	Three Months I	Ended March
	31,	,
(in thousands)	2007	2006

Basic and diluted weighted average shares outstanding		
Weighted average common stock outstanding	41,841	41,689
Less: weighted average restricted stock outstanding	849	950
Total weighted average shares outstanding	40,992	40,739

Since we incurred a loss in each of the quarters ended March 31, 2007 and 2006, the effect of dilutive securities totaling 497,000 and 550,000 equivalent shares, respectively, have been excluded from the calculation of diluted net loss per share because their impact would be anti-dilutive. Dilutive securities consist of restricted stock, common stock options and common stock units.

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# Granite Construction Incorporated NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

#### 10.

#### **Comprehensive Loss:**

The components of comprehensive loss, net of tax, are as follows:

		Three Months Ended March 31,							
(in thousands)	-	2007	2006						
Net loss	\$	(2,249)	\$	(1,422)					
Other comprehensive income:									
Changes in net unrealized gains on investments		350		604					
Total comprehensive loss	\$	(1,899)	\$	(818)					

#### 11.

**Income Taxes:** 

*Uncertain tax positions:* We adopted the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - an Interpretation of FASB Statement 109" ("FIN 48"), on January 1, 2007. As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, we recognized an increase in the liability for uncertain tax positions of approximately \$4.8 million, of which approximately \$0.6 million is accounted for as a decrease in the beginning balance of retained earnings. Including the cumulative increase at the beginning of 2007, we had approximately \$5.2 million of total gross unrecognized tax benefits at March 31, 2007. There were no unrecognized tax benefits that would affect the effective tax rate in any future period at either January 1, 2007 or March 31, 2007.

We file income tax returns in the U.S. federal and various state and local jurisdictions. We are not currently under examination by federal, state or local taxing authorities for any open tax years. The tax years 2002 through 2006 remain open to examination by the major taxing authorities to which we are subject. We record interest related to uncertain tax positions as interest and any penalties are recorded as other expense in our statement of operations. As of January 1, 2007 we estimated interest of approximately \$3.0 million which was included in our liability for uncertain tax positions.

*Provision for income taxes:* Our effective tax rate decreased to 31.0% for the three month period ended March 31, 2007 from 68.5% for the corresponding period in 2006. The higher effective tax rate in the three months of 2006 was due to the recognition of a change in our assessment of certain tax exposures of approximately \$0.4 million.

### 12.

### **Legal Proceedings:**

# Silica Litigation

Our wholly owned subsidiary Granite Construction Company ("GCCO") is one of approximately 100 to 300 defendants in ten active California Superior Court lawsuits. Of the ten lawsuits, five were filed against GCCO in 2005 and five were filed against GCCO in 2006, in Alameda County (*Riley vs. A-1 Aggregates, et al.; Molina vs. A-1 Aggregates, et al.; Dominguez vs. A-1 Aggregates, et al.; Cleveland vs. A. Teichert & Son.; Guido vs. A. Teichert & Son, Inc.; Williams vs. A. Teichert & Son, Inc.; Horne vs. Teichert & Son, Inc.; Harris vs. A-1 Aggregates, et al.; Kammer vs.A-1 Aggregates, et al.; and Solis vs. The 3M Company et al.*). Each lawsuit was brought by a single plaintiff who is seeking money damages by way of various causes of action, including strict product and market share liability, and alleges personal injuries caused by exposure to silica products and related materials during the plaintiffs' use or association with sand blasting or grinding concrete. The plaintiff in each lawsuit has categorized the defendants as equipment defendants, respirator defendants, premises defendants and sand defendants. We have been identified as a sand defendant, meaning a party that manufactured, supplied or distributed silica-containing products. Our

preliminary investigation revealed that we have not knowingly sold or distributed abrasive silica sand for sandblasting, and therefore, we believe the probability of these lawsuits resulting in an incurrence of a material liability is remote. We have been dismissed from fourteen other similar lawsuits. In addition, we have been apprised of three complaints that are based on similar allegations of exposure to silica containing products being filed, but not served, against GCCO and more than 100 other defendants in California Superior Court. 11

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#### Hiawatha Project DBE Issues

The Hiawatha Light Rail Transit ("HLRT") project was performed by Minnesota Transit Constructors ("MnTC"), a joint venture that consisted of GCCO, and other unrelated companies. GCCO was the managing partner of the joint venture, with a 56.5% interest. The Minnesota Department of Transportation ("MnDOT") is the contracting agency for this federally funded project. The MnDOT and the U.S. Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General ("OIG") each conducted a review of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("DBE") program maintained by MnTC for the HLRT project. In addition, the U.S. Department of Justice ("USDOJ"), is conducting an investigation into compliance issues with respect to MnTC's DBE Program for the HLRT project. The MnDOT and the OIG (collectively, the "Agencies") have initially identified certain compliance issues in connection with MnTC's DBE program, and as a result, have determined that MnTC failed to meet the DBE utilization criteria as represented by MnTC. There has been no formal administrative subpoena issued, nor has a civil complaint been filed in connection with the administrative reviews or the investigation. The MnTC is fully cooperating with all of the agencies involved and will be provided an opportunity to informally present its response to the initial determinations of the Agencies as well as the investigation by the USDOJ.

#### Other Legal Proceedings

We are a party to a number of other legal proceedings arising in the normal course of business which, from time to time, include inquiries from public agencies seeking information concerning our compliance with government construction contracting requirements and related laws and regulations. We believe that the nature and number of these proceedings and compliance inquiries are typical for a construction firm of our size and scope. Our litigation typically involves claims regarding public liability or contract related issues. While management currently believes, after consultation with counsel, that the ultimate outcome of such proceedings and compliance inquiries which are currently pending, individually and in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position or overall trends in results of operations or cash flows, litigation is subject to inherent uncertainties. Were an unfavorable ruling to occur, there exists the possibility of a material adverse impact on the results of operations, cash flows and/or financial position for the period in which the ruling occurs. While any one of our pending legal proceedings is subject to early resolution as a result of our ongoing efforts to settle, whether or when any legal proceeding will resolve through settlement is neither predictable nor guaranteed.

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### **Business Segments:**

We have two reportable segments: the Branch Division and HCD. The Branch Division is comprised of branch offices, including our majority owned subsidiary, Wilder Construction Company, that serve local markets, while HCD pursues major infrastructure projects throughout the nation. HCD focuses on building larger heavy civil projects with contract durations that are frequently greater than two years, while the Branch Division projects are typically smaller in size and shorter in duration. HCD has been the primary participant in our construction joint ventures. Substantially all of our revenue from the sales of materials is from the Branch Division. On February 14, 2007 we announced an organizational realignment of our business operations which will involve reorganizing our operating divisions geographically into "Granite West" and "Granite East" and is expected to take approximately twelve months to complete. Upon completion of this reorganization, the composition of our reportable segments will likely change.

The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies contained in our 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K. We evaluate performance based on operating profit or loss (excluding gain on sales of property and equipment), and do not include income taxes, interest income, interest expense or other income (expense). Unallocated other corporate expenses principally comprise corporate general and

administrative expenses.

During the three months ended March 31 2007, we also recorded revenue and operating income of \$4.9 million and \$2.9 million, respectively, primarily related to sales of certain real estate development assets by our Granite Land Company subsidiary that are not included in either the Branch Division or HCD. There were no comparable sales during the three months ended March 31, 2006. Of the \$2.9 million of operating income in Granite Land Company for the three months ended March 31, 2007 our partners' share was approximately \$1.9 million.

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Summarized segment information is as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,							
(in thousands)	HCD	HCD Branch			Total			
2007								
Revenue from external customers	\$ 207,992	\$	274,751	\$	482,743			
Inter-segment revenue transfer	(6,691)		6,691		-			
Net revenue	201,301		281,442		482,743			
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	3,189		13,925		17,114			
Operating (loss) income	(15,679)		19,396		3,717			
Property and equipment	41,236		378,958		420,194			
2006								
Revenue from external customers	\$ 251,354	\$	244,584	\$	495,938			
Inter-segment revenue transfer	(6,514)		6,514		-			
Net revenue	244,840		251,098		495,938			
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	3,577		11,991		15,568			
Operating (loss) income	(12,094)		18,832		6,738			
Property and equipment	47,830		321,425		369,255			

A reconciliation of segment operating losses to consolidated totals is as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,						
(in thousands)		2007		2006			
Total operating income for reportable segments	\$	3,717	\$	6,738			
Other income, net		5,875		2,655			
Gain on sales of property and equipment		713		4,238			
Unallocated other corporate expense		(12,919)		(13,581)			
Granite Land Company operating income (loss) excluding gain on							
sales of property and equipment		2,901		(1,178)			
Income (loss) before provision for (benefit from) income taxes and							
minority interest	\$	287	\$	(1,128)			

### **Subsequent Event:**

In April 2007, the Company acquired certain assets of the Superior Group of Companies, a Pacific Northwest-based construction materials producer and asphalt paving company for approximately \$56.8 million in cash with an additional \$3.0 million payable upon the resolution of certain contingencies. The purchased assets include 16 asphalt plants, more than 50 million tons of permitted reserves (owned and leased), construction equipment and rolling stock and all associated shops and buildings. The acquisition will be accounted for in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141, "Business Combinations."

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

## Forward-Looking Disclosure

From time to time, Granite makes certain comments and disclosures in reports and statements, including in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, or statements made by its officers or directors that are not based on historical facts and which may be forward-looking in nature. Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, a "safe harbor" may be provided to us for certain of these forward-looking statements. We wish to caution readers that forward-looking statements are subject to risks regarding future events and the future results of Granite that are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts, and projections as well as the beliefs and assumptions of Granite's management. Words such as "outlook," "believes," "expects," "appears," "may," "will," "should," "anticipates" or the negative thereof or comparable terminology, are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. In addition, other written or oral statements which constitute forward-looking statements have been made and may in the future be made by or on behalf of Granite. These forward-looking statements are estimates reflecting the best judgment of senior management that rely on a number of assumptions concerning future events, many of which are outside of our control, and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those more specifically described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K under "Item 1A. Risk Factors." Granite undertakes no obligation to publicly revise or update any forward-looking statements for any reason. As a result, the reader is cautioned not to rely on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

### **Overview**

We are one of the largest heavy civil contractors in the United States and are engaged in the construction of highways, dams, airport infrastructure, mass transit facilities and other infrastructure-related projects. We have offices in Alaska, Arizona, California, Florida, Minnesota, Nevada, New York, Texas, Utah and Washington. Our business involves two operating segments: the Branch Division and the Heavy Construction Division ("HCD").

On February 14, 2007 we announced an organizational realignment of our business operations which is designed to accommodate growth of our vertically integrated Branch business in the West and improve profitability of our large, complex projects. This realignment will involve realigning our operating divisions geographically into "Granite West" and "Granite East" and is expected to take approximately to the end of 2007 to complete.

Granite West will include the operations of our current Branch Division as well as the western portion of our large project business that is currently included in HCD. Granite West will retain our successful decentralized operating structure, with each of its branch locations aligning under one of three operating groups: Northwest, Northern California and Southwest. Each of these newly formed operating groups will report to a Granite West Group Vice President who will oversee three to six branches and will have the responsibility to stimulate strategic thinking and growth in their geographic territory. Among other key benefits, this structure will allow Granite West to utilize its resources and market knowledge to take advantage of the larger projects we expect to be let as a result of healthy funding in the West as well as the recently passed infrastructure funding propositions in California.

Granite East will include the eastern portion of our large project business that is currently included in HCD and will be aligned to focus on enhancing project management oversight and discipline from estimating through execution. Granite East will leverage its resources and core capabilities in areas where it has local knowledge, local relationships and local resources. It will be operated out of three regional offices: the Central Region, based in Dallas, Texas; the Southeast Region, based in Tampa, Florida; and the Northeast Region, based in Tarrytown, New York.

In addition to our two current operating segments, we purchase, develop and sell real estate through our Granite Land Company subsidiary ("GLC") which also provides real estate services for other Granite operations. GLC's portfolio of

projects includes both commercial and residential development and is geographically diversified throughout the West and Texas. The amount invested by GLC in each project is typically less than \$5.0 million and the revenues and operating income of Granite Land Company are not included in either the Branch Division or HCD operating segments.

Our construction contracts are obtained primarily through competitive bidding in response to advertisements by federal, state and local agencies and private parties and to a lesser extent through negotiation with private parties. Our bidding activity is affected by such factors as backlog, current utilization of equipment and other resources, our ability to obtain necessary surety bonds and competitive considerations. Bidding activity, backlog and revenue resulting from the award of new contracts may vary significantly from period to period.

The two primary economic drivers of our business are (1) federal, state and local public funding levels and (2) the overall health of the economy, both nationally and locally. The level of demand for our services will generally have a direct correlation to these drivers. For example, a weak economy will generally result in a reduced demand for construction in the private sector. This reduced demand increases competition for fewer private sector projects and will ultimately also increase competition in the public sector as companies migrate from bidding on scarce private sector work to projects in the public sector. Greater competition can reduce revenue growth and/or increase pressure on gross profit margins. A weak economy also tends to produce less tax revenue, thereby decreasing the funds available for spending on public infrastructure improvements. There are funding sources that have been specifically earmarked for infrastructure spending, such as gasoline taxes, which are not necessarily directly impacted by a weak economy. However, even these funds can be temporarily at risk as state and local governments struggle to balance their budgets. Conversely, higher public funding and/or a robust economy will generally increase demand for our services and provide opportunities for revenue growth and margin improvement.

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Our general and administrative costs include salaries and related expenses, incentive compensation, discretionary profit sharing and other variable compensation, as well as other overhead costs to support our overall business. In general, these costs will increase in response to the growth and the related increased complexity of our business. These costs may also vary depending on the number of projects in process in a particular area and the corresponding level of estimating activity. For example, as large projects are completed or if the level of work slows down in a particular area, we will often re-assign project employees to estimating and bidding activities until another project gets underway, temporarily moving their salaries and related costs from cost of revenue to general and administrative expense. Additionally, our compensation strategy for selected management personnel is to rely heavily on a variable cash and restricted stock performance-based incentive element. The cash portion of these incentives is expensed when earned while the restricted stock portion is expensed over the vesting period of the stock (generally five years). Depending on the mix of cash and restricted stock, these incentives can have the effect of increasing general and administrative expenses in very profitable years and decreasing expenses in less profitable years.

#### **Results of Operations**

	Three Months Ended March						
Comparative Financial Summary	ancial Summary 31,						
(in thousands)		2007		2006			
Revenue	\$	487,660	\$	495,968			
Gross profit		48,036		40,235			
General and administrative expenses		54,337		48,256			
Gain on sales of property and equipment		713		4,238			
Operating loss		(5,588)		(3,783)			
Net loss		(2,249)		(1,422)			

Our results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2007 reflect operating income from our Branch Division that was comparable to the corresponding period in 2006. The Branch Division results were offset by a larger operating loss in our Heavy Construction Division during the first three months of 2007 due primarily to the impact of increased project cost estimates on four projects. Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2007 include a positive contribution from our Granite Land Company subsidiary. Additionally, the results for the first three months of 2007 reflect decreased gains on sales of property and equipment.

Total Revenue		Three Months Ended March 31,								
		200	7	2006						
(in thousands)	I	Amount	Percent	A	Amount	Percent				
Revenue by Division:										
Branch Division	\$	281,442	57.7	\$	251,098	50.6				
Heavy Construction Division		201,301	41.3		244,840	49.4				
Other		4,917	1.0		30	-				
Total	\$	487,660	100.0	\$	495,968	100.0				

Branch Division Revenue	Three Months Ended March 31,20072006							
(in thousands)	Amount Pe		Percent	Amount		Percent		
California:								
Public sector	\$	93,661	51.9	\$	72,273	45.2		
Private sector		41,757	23.1		47,079	29.4		
Material sales		45,141	25.0		40,604	25.4		
Total	\$	180,559	100.0	\$	159,956	100.0		

West (excluding California):				
Public sector	\$ 47,449	47.0	\$ 40,924	44.9
Private sector	32,464	32.2	29,292	32.1
Material sales	20,970	20.8	20,926	23.0
Total	\$ 100,883	100.0	\$ 91,142	100.0
Total Branch Division Revenue:				
Public sector	\$ 141,110	50.1	\$ 113,197	45.1
Private sector	74,221	26.4	76,371	30.4
Material sales	66,111	23.5	61,530	24.5
Total	\$ 281,442	100.0	\$ 251,098	100.0

**Branch Division Revenue:** Revenue from our Branch Division increased \$30.3 million, or 12.1%, for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared with the three months ended March 31, 2006. The increase reflected higher revenue at many of the division's California locations, due in part to higher backlog in the public sector at the beginning of 2007 from higher state funding and mild weather in the quarter. The healthy public sector construction market in California also contributed to higher revenue from the sale of construction materials which was reflected in both increased volumes and increased average selling prices in the 2007 period compared with the 2006 period. These increases were partially offset by a slowing in the residential development opportunities in California.

Northeast46,55623.169,44228.4South36,46918.149,08720.0Southeast70,96535.347,73019.5West29,02214.465,67126.8	HCD Revenue		Three Months Ended March 31,20072006								
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Northeast46,55623.169,44228.4South36,46918.149,08720.0Southeast70,96535.347,73019.5West29,02214.465,67126.8	Revenue by Geographic Area:										
South36,46918.149,08720.0Southeast70,96535.347,73019.5West29,02214.465,67126.8	Midwest	\$	18,289	9.1	\$	12,910	5.3				
Southeast70,96535.347,73019.5West29,02214.465,67126.8	Northeast		46,556	23.1		69,442	28.4				
West 29,022 14.4 65,671 26.8	South		36,469	18.1		49,087	20.0				
	Southeast		70,965	35.3		47,730	19.5				
	West		29,022	14.4		65,671	26.8				
Total \$ 201,301 100.0 \$ 244,840 100.0	Total	\$	201,301	100.0	\$	244,840	100.0				
Revenue by Market Sector:	Revenue by Market Sector:										
Public sector \$ 197,719 98.2 \$ 239,764 97.9	Public sector	\$	197,719	98.2	\$	239,764	97.9				
Private sector 3,582 1.8 4,976 2.0	Private sector		3,582	1.8		4,976	2.0				
Material sales 100 0.1	Material sales		-	-		100	0.1				
Total \$ 201,301 100.0 \$ 244,840 100.0	Total	\$	201,301	100.0	\$	244,840	100.0				
Revenue by Contract Type:	Revenue by Contract Type:										
Fixed unit price \$ 33,367 16.6 \$ 68,430 27.9	Fixed unit price	\$	33,367	16.6	\$	68,430	27.9				
Fixed price, including design/build 167,934 83.4 176,291 72.0	Fixed price, including design/build		167,934	83.4		176,291	72.0				
Other 119 0.1	Other		-	-		119	0.1				
Total \$ 201,301 100.0 \$ 244,840 100.0	Total	\$	201,301	100.0	\$	244,840	100.0				

*HCD Revenue*: Revenue from our Heavy Construction Division decreased \$43.5 million, or 17.8%, for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared with the three months ended March 31, 2006. The decrease was mainly due to a reduction in volume from lower backlog at the beginning of 2007 compared with the beginning of 2006. Geographically, the largest decreases were experienced in the West, where a large design/build project in California is nearing completion and in the Northeast due primarily to certain large design/build projects in New York nearing completion. Increases in the Southeast resulted from revenue contributions from a large design/build project in Mississippi that was awarded in February 2006. Revenue from fixed price contracts increased from 72.0% of HCD revenue in the three months ended March 31, 2006 to 83.4% of HCD revenue in the three months ended March 31, 2007 due primarily to the growth in design/build projects in our backlog.

Total Backlog	March 31, 2007			]	December 3	1, 2006	March 31, 2006		
(in thousands)		Amount	Percent		Amount	Percent		Amount	Percent
Backlog by Division:									
Branch Division	\$	760,240	30.4	\$	807,648	35.8	\$	877,455	34.5
Heavy									
Construction Division		1,738,230	69.6		1,448,939	64.2		1,669,280	65.5
Total	\$	2,498,470	100.0	\$	2,256,587	100.0	\$	2,546,735	100.0
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Branch Division Backlog	,	March 31	·		December			March 31	, 2006 Percent
(in thousands)	F	Amount	Percent	F	Amount	Percent	F	Amount	Percent
California:									
Public sector	\$	377,289	81.9	\$	423,542	84.2	\$	304,714	61.3
Private sector		83,642	18.1		79,718	15.8		192,704	38.7
Total	\$	460,931	100.0	\$	503,260	100.0	\$	497,418	100.0
West (excluding									
California):									
Public sector	\$	227,919	76.1	\$	230,230	75.6	\$	298,820	78.6
Private sector		71,390	23.9		74,158	24.4		81,217	21.4
Total	\$	299,309	100.0	\$	304,388	100.0	\$	380,037	100.0
Total Branch Division									
Backlog:									
Public sector	\$	605,208	79.6	\$	653,772	80.9	\$	603,534	68.8
Private sector		155,032	20.4		153,876	19.1		273,921	31.2
Total	\$	760,240	100.0	\$	807,648	100.0	\$	877,455	100.0

**Branch Division Backlog:** Branch Division backlog of \$760.2 million at March 31, 2007 was \$47.4 million, or 5.9%, lower than at December 31, 2006 and \$117.2 million, or 13.4% lower than at March 31, 2006. The decrease is primarily due to a slowing in the residential development opportunities in California and an increase in the number of bidders on public work as competitors in private residential work transition to bidding on public work (see "Outlook"). Additionally, during the three months ended March 31, 2006 the Branch Division was awarded four large projects with combined revenue of approximately \$140.0 million. During the three months ended March 31, 2007 there were no such large individual awards.

HCD Backlog	March 31, 2007			December 3	31, 2006	March 31, 2006		
(in thousands)	Amount	Percent		Amount	Percent		Amount	Percent
Backlog by Geographic								
Area:								
Midwest	\$ 425,836	24.5	\$	443,909	30.6	\$	65,111	3.9
Northeast	683,323	39.3		248,605	17.2		428,112	25.6
South	181,136	10.4		214,809	14.8		300,303	18.0
Southeast	204,324	11.8		272,881	18.8		452,019	27.1
West	243,611	14.0		268,735	18.6		423,735	25.4
Total	\$ 1,738,230	100.0	\$	1,448,939	100.0	\$	1,669,280	100.0
Backlog by Market								
Sector:								
Public sector	\$ 1,706,514	98.2	\$	1,413,778	97.6	\$	1,615,908	96.8
Private sector	31,716	1.8		35,161	2.4		53,372	3.2
Total	\$ 1,738,230	100.0	\$	1,448,939	100.0	\$	1,669,280	100.0
Backlog by Contract								
Type:								
Fixed unit price	\$ 144,031	8.3	\$	171,239	11.8	\$	329,772	19.8
Fixed price including								
design/build	1,594,199	91.7		1,277,700	88.2		1,339,508	80.2
Total	\$ 1,738,230	100.0	\$	1,448,939	100.0	\$	1,669,280	100.0

*HCD Backlog:* Heavy Construction Division backlog of \$1.7 billion at March 31, 2007 was \$289.3 million, or 20.0%, higher than at December 31, 2006, and \$69.0 million, or 4.1%, higher than at March 31, 2006. Additions to HCD

backlog in the first three months of 2007 included a \$463.9 million joint venture highway construction project in Maryland. Additionally, HCD backlog includes approximately \$31.0 million related to our 20% share of a joint venture project to construct a transportation hub at the World Trade Center in New York. We currently expect that the total revenue on this contract could exceed \$1.5 billion of which our share could exceed \$300.0 million. Included in HCD Backlog at March 31, 2007 is approximately \$19.1 million from a federal government project for which the funding has not yet been fully allocated.

Approximately 18.4%, 26.2% and 15.0% of the HCD backlog at March 31, 2007, December 31, 2006 and March 31, 2006, respectively, related to projects that have forecasted a loss. The forecasted losses were recognized in the period in which they were identified. Assuming no further changes in the forecasted results for these projects, this backlog will earn no profit or loss in future periods. 17

Gross Profit	Th	Three Months Ended March 31,			
(in thousands)		2007		2006	
Branch Division	\$	50,751	\$	43,609	
Percent of division revenue		18.0%		17.4%	
Heavy Construction Division	\$	(6,430)	\$	(2,958)	
Percent of division revenue					