
FORM 10-Q SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

(Mark One)

[X] QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 1996

OR

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

For the transition period from -----to -----to ------to

Commission File #0-8707

NATURE'S SUNSHINE PRODUCTS, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant)

UTAH

87-0327982

(State of Incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

75 East 1700 South Provo, Utah 84606 (Principal Executive Offices)

(801) 342-4407 (Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, during the preceding 12 months (or such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such report(s), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

> Yes X ____

No ____

The number of shares of common stock, without par value, outstanding as of July 31, 1996, was 18,853,719.

PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NATURE'S SUNSHINE PRODUCTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS (Dollar Amounts In Thousands)

	(UNAUDITED) JUNE 30 1996	DECEMBER 31 1995
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$22,353	\$14,172
Accounts receivable, net	7,071	6,042
Inventories	23,845	23,127
Prepaid expenses and other	5,981	3,619
Notes receivable due from related parties	143	213
Total Current Assets	59 , 393	47,173
PROPERTY, PLANT AND		
EQUIPMENT, net	15,540	13,088
LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS	2,307	2,381
OTHER ASSETS	2,466	2,605

\$79 , 706	\$65,247

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these consolidated condensed balance sheets.

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NATURE'S SUNSHINE PRODUCTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS (CONTINUED) (Dollar Amounts In Thousands)

	(UNAUDITED) JUNE 30 1996	DECEMBER 31 1995
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Short-term debt	\$ 2 , 475	\$ 2,042
Accounts payable	4,540	5,031
Accrued volume incentives	9,527	7,207
Accrued liabilities	9,956	6,577
Income taxes payable	2,213	1,883
Total Current Liabilities	28,711	22,740
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	1,059	1,002
SHAREHOLDERS' EOUITY:		
Common stock, no par value, 20,000,000 share	es	
authorized; 19,445,734 shares issued	32,549	31,263
Retained earnings	25,590	19,214
Treasury stock, at cost, 592,015 and 1,011,6 shares at June 30, 1996 and December 31,	507	
1995, respectively	(4,308)	(4,942)
Receivables due from related parties	(229)	(293)
Cumulative translation adjustments	(3,666)	(3,737)
Total Shareholders' Equity	49,936	41,505
	\$79 , 706	\$65,247

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NATURE'S SUNSHINE PRODUCTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Amounts In Thousands, Except Per-Share Information)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30	
	(UNAUD	ITED)
	1996	1995
SALES REVENUE	\$63 , 182	\$50 , 725
COSTS AND EXPENSES:		
Cost of goods sold	11,565	9,523
Volume incentives	28,750	23,104
Selling, general and administrative	15,542	13,446
	55,857	46,073
OPERATING INCOME	7,325	4,652
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):		
Interest and other income	313	498
Interest expense	(6)	(53)
Foreign exchange loss, net	(162)	(86)
Minority interest	(218)	21
	(73)	380

INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	7,252	5,032
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	2,910	2,060
NET INCOME	\$ 4,342	\$ 2,972
NET INCOME PER COMMON SHARE	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.16
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF		
COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING	19,834	18,629
COMMON SHARES COISTANDING	19,034	10,025

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NATURE'S SUNSHINE PRODUCTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Amounts In Thousands, Except Per-Share Information)

	Six Months Ended June 30	
		udited)
SALES REVENUE	\$ 123,295	\$ 97,787
COSTS AND EXPENSES: Cost of goods sold Volume incentives Selling, general and administrative	21,949 56,646 32,295	44,898 26,498
	110,890	
OPERATING INCOME	12,405	7,639
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): Interest and other income Interest expense Foreign exchange loss, net Minority interest	1,057 (38) (369) (223) 	897 (97) (213) 247
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	12,832	8,473
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	5,214	3,487
NET INCOME	\$ 7,618 	\$ 4,986
NET INCOME PER COMMON SHARE		\$ 0.27
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING	19,661	18,617

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NATURE'S SUNSHINE PRODUCTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Dollar Amounts In Thousands)

	Ū	onths Ended June 30
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		audited)
	1996	1995
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Cash received from sales revenue Cash paid as volume incentives Cash paid to suppliers and employees Income taxes paid Interest received Interest paid	<pre>\$ 121,832 (53,898) (53,081) (4,827) 1,123 (38)</pre>	\$ 96,632 (43,340) (45,603) (2,717) 724
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	11,111	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Capital expenditures Purchase of other assets Payments received on long-term receivables Short-term related party receivables, net Sale of long-term investments, net Proceeds from sale of assets Investment in subsidiaries	(4,067) (156) 110 201 73 	
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(3,839)	(1,956)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Payment of cash dividends Proceeds from exercise of stock options Proceeds from short-term debt, net Purchase of treasury stock Issuance of treasury stock	(1,242) 1,915 433 6	(1,220) 160 633 (1,298)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities	1,112	(1,725)
EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATES ON CASH	(203)	(213)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	8,181	1,705
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	14,172	11,201
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 22,353 	

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these consolidated condensed statements of cash flows.

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NATURE'S SUNSHINE PRODUCTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED) Reconciliation of Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities (Dollar Amounts In Thousands)

	(Unaudited)	
		1995
NET INCOME	\$ 7,618	\$ 4,986
Bad debt expense	36	20
Depreciation and amortization	1,729	1,217
Increase in accounts receivable	(1,065)	(1,135)
Increase in inventories	(718)	(1,472)
Increase in prepaid expenses and other	(2,357)	(568)
Increase in income taxes payable	331	411
Increase in accrued liabilities and		
volume incentives	5,698	3,742
Decrease in accounts payable	(491)	(663)
Increase (decrease) in deferred income taxes	57	(229)
Cumulative translation adjustments	273	(710)
Total Adjustments	3,493	613
Net Cash Provided by Operating		
Activities	\$ 11,111	\$ 5,599
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The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these consolidated condensed statements of cash flows.

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NATURE'S SUNSHINE PRODUCTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENT POLICIES AND DISCLOSURES

The unaudited, consolidated, condensed financial statements of Nature's Sunshine Products, Inc. and subsidiaries included herein have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally required in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations, although the Company believes that the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading.

These consolidated, condensed financial statements reflect all adjustments, which in the opinion of management, are necessary to a fair statement of financial position as of June 30, 1996, and the results of operations for the interim periods presented. All of the adjustments which have been made in these consolidated, condensed financial statements are of a normal recurring nature.

Weighted average number of common shares outstanding and all per share amounts included in the condensed financial statements have been adjusted to reflect the three-for-two stock split effected in March of 1996.

It is suggested that these consolidated, condensed financial statements be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company's latest Annual Report on Form 10-K.

(2) INVENTORIES

Inventories consist of:

	(Dollars i	in Thousands)
	(Unaudited)	
	June 30	December 31
	1996	1995
Raw materials	\$ 8,227	\$ 7,772
Work in process	1,328	1,123
Finished goods	14,290	14,232
	\$23,845	\$23,127

NATURE'S SUNSHINE PRODUCTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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(3) EARNINGS PER SHARE

Outstanding stock options are considered common stock equivalents and are included in the computation of primary earnings per share.

As of June 30, 1996, the Company had a total of 3,108,174 options outstanding. The options were all granted at market prices, which vary from \$1.79 to \$22.25 per share.

(4) QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDENDS

The Company has declared 32 consecutive quarterly cash dividends. The most recent quarterly cash dividend of 3 1/3 cents per common share was declared on August 5, 1996, to shareholders of record on August 16, 1996, payable August 26, 1996.

(5) TRANSLATION OF FOREIGN CURRENCY

The financial statements of the international subsidiaries have been translated to U.S. dollars in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 52.

As a result of its international operations, the Company is subject to foreign currency fluctuations which may impact current earnings.

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

SUMMARY

The following table identifies (i) the relationship that net income items disclosed in the consolidated condensed financial statements have to total sales, and (ii) amount and percent of change of such items compared to the corresponding prior period.

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(Dollar Amounts In Thousands) (i) (ii) Income and Expense Three Months Ended June 30 Items as a Percent of Sales ------ -----1996 to 1995 1995 to 1994 Three Months Ended _____ _____ June 30 Amount of Percent Percent - ----- Income and Increase/ of of 1996 1995 Expense Items (Decrease) Change Change _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ <C> <C> <C> <S> <C> <C> 24.56% 100.00% 100.00% \$12,457 32.40% Sales revenue _____ _____ _____ _____ ____ 18.77 Cost of sales Volume incentives 18.30 2,043 21.45 26.84 21.45 29.51 45.51 45.55 5,646 2,095 24.60 26.51 SG&A expenses 15.58 43.67 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ 9,784 90.83 21.24 88.41 32.75 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ 11.59 9.17 Operating income 2,673 57.46 29.02 _____ _____ _____ _____ ____ (37.20) 0.50 0.98 Interest and other income (185) 40.56 47 (0.01)Interest expense (0.10)88.82 (100.00)(87.87) (0.26) (0.17)Foreign exchange loss (76) (54.23) (0.34)0.04 Minority interest (238) (1,183.29) (72.89) _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ (0, 11)0.75 (452)(119.46)1.18

11.48	9.92	Income before income taxes	2,221	44.14	26.39
4.61	4.06	Provision for income taxes	851	41.31	18.08
6.87%	5.86%	Net income	\$ 1,370	46.09%	32.87%

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		-		to 1995	1995 to 1994
Six Month June	30	- ,	Amount of	Percent	Percent
1996	1995	Income and Expense Items	Increase/ (Decrease)	of Change	of Change
<s> 100.00%</s>	<c> 100.00%</c>	<c> Sales revenue</c>	<c> \$25,508</c>	<c> 26.09%</c>	<c> 29.26%</c>
17.80 45.95 26.19	19.18 45.91 27.10	Cost of sales Volume incentives SG&A expenses	3,197 11,748 5,797	17.05 26.17 21.88	28.82 26.27 40.48
89.94	92.19		20,742	23.01	30.69
10.06	7.81	Operating income	4,766	62.39	14.48
0.86 (0.03) (0.30) (0.18)	0.92 (0.10) (0.22) 0.25	Interest and other income Interest expense Foreign exchange loss Minority interest	160 59 (156) (469)	17.84 60.82 (73.24) (190.65)	79.29 100.00 (20.20) 118.17
0.35	0.85		(406)	(48.74)	140.52
10.41	8.66	Income before income taxes	4,360	51.46	20.71
4.23	3.56	Provision for income taxes	1,728	49.57	13.15
6.18%	5.10%	Net income	\$ 2,632	52.79%	26.62%

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

SALES REVENUE:

The Company reported record consolidated sales for the three and six months ended June 30, 1996. Sales revenue for the three and six months ended June 30, 1996, was \$63 million and \$123 million compared to \$51 million and \$98 million, an increase of 25 percent and 26 percent compared to corresponding periods of 1995, respectively.

Management believes the increase in sales for the three- and six-month periods is attributable to the expansion of the Company's independent sales force, a continued increase of consumer awareness and interest in natural health and nutritional products and incentives the Company offers its independent sales force. Additionally, the Company's sales revenue growth has been enhanced through international expansion. The Company's international operations reported sales revenue of \$43 million for the six months ended June 30, 1996, an increase of 32 percent compared to the same period in 1995.

The Company's independent sales force consists of Managers and Distributors. A Distributor interested in earning additional income by committing more time and effort to selling the Company's products may attain the rank of "Manager." Appointment as a Manager is dependent upon attaining certain purchase volume levels and demonstrating leadership abilities. The number of Managers increased to 15,309 at June 30, 1996, from 10,396 at June 30, 1995. The number of Distributors at June 30, 1996, was 485,500 compared to 280,830 at June 30, 1995.

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VOLUME INCENTIVES:

The dollar increase in volume incentives, for the three and six months ended June 30, 1996, is directly related to the increase in sales revenue. Volume incentives are an integral part of the Company's direct sales marketing program and are payments to independent sales force members for reaching certain levels of sales performance and organizational development. Volume incentives vary slightly, on a percentage basis, by product due to the Company's pricing policies.

Management expects volume incentives to remain relatively constant, as a percent of sales, during the rest of 1996.

COST OF GOODS SOLD:

The Company has experienced a decrease in cost of goods sold of .47 percent and 1.38 percent, as a percentage of sales, for the three and six months ended June 30, 1996, respectively, compared to the same period last year. The decrease in cost of goods sold, as a percentage of sales, was primarily related to increased efficiencies in the Company's manufacturing operations. Management expects cost of goods sold to decrease slightly as a percent of sales during the rest of 1996.

SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:

The Company experienced a decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses (SG&A) of 1.91 percent and .91 percent, as a percent of sales, during the three and six month periods ended June 30, 1996, respectively, compared to the corresponding periods of 1995.

The decrease in SG&A expenses, as a percentage of sales, resulted from efficiencies due to the increase in sales revenue and improved budgetary controls and efforts to reduce dollar increases in SG&A. Management expects SG&A to decrease slightly, as a percentage of sales, during the rest of 1996.

SUBSIDIARY OPERATIONS:

	(Dollars in Thousands) (Unaudited)		
	1996	1995	
DOMESTIC SALES REVENUE	\$ 80,777	\$65 , 664	
INTERNATIONAL SALES REVENUE:			
Americas	33,308	24,099	
Asia Pacific	6,716	5,404	
Other	2,494	2,620	
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL	42,518	32,123	
TOTAL SALES REVENUE	\$123,295	\$97 , 787	

Domestic and international operating income for the six months ended June 30, 1996, compared to the previous year are as follows:

OPERATING INCOME

	(Dollars in Thousands) (Unaudited)	
	1996	1995
DOMESTIC OPERATING INCOME	\$ 7,814	\$5,140
INTERNATIONAL OPERATING INCOME:		
Americas	4,477	2,618
Asia Pacific	7	(501)
Other	107	382
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL	4,591	2,499
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$12,405	\$7 , 639

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Domestic and international assets as of June 30, 1996, compared to December 31, 1995, balances are as follows:

		(Dollars in (Unaudited)	Thousands)
		June 30	December 31
		1996	1995
ASSETS			
	DOMESTIC ASSETS	\$50 , 280	\$40,996
	INTERNATIONAL ASSETS:		
	Americas	24,320	18,941
	Asia Pacific	4,178	4,239
	Other	928	1,071
	TOTAL INTERNATIONAL	29,426	24,251
	TOTAL ASSETS	\$79 , 706	\$65 , 247

BALANCE SHEET

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable increased approximately \$1 million during the six months ended June 30, 1996. The increase in receivables is related to the Company's growing international operations as well as promotional incentives offered during the second quarter.

PREPAID EXPENSES AND OTHER

Prepaid expenses and other increased approximately \$2 million during the six months ended June 30, 1996. The increase is the result of deposits made for the Company's travel incentive programs as well as required tax deposits.

ACCRUED VOLUME INCENTIVES

Accrued volume incentives increased approximately \$2 million during the first six months of the year as a direct result of increased sales revenue.

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ACCRUED LIABILITIES

The balance of accrued liabilities increased approximately \$3 million during the six months ended June 30, 1996. The increase in accrued liabilities reflects the increased level of sales revenue and related accruals for incentives such as conventions and other travel awards.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Cash and cash equivalents increased approximately \$8 million for the six months ended June 30, 1996. The increase in cash and cash equivalents is primarily the result of operations as well as increases in current liabilities.

The Company acquired approximately \$4 million in machinery, equipment and building improvements during the first six months of 1996 to improve its manufacturing and administrative capabilities. Approximately \$1.2 million was used for the payment of dividends during the first six months.

Management believes the Company's stock is an attractive investment and, from time to time pursuant to its previously announced 660,000 share stock buyback program, may utilize a portion of its available cash to purchase up to the remaining balance of approximately 153,000 shares of its stock should market conditions warrant.

The Company is in the process of establishing a new international subsidiary. Management expects that this new operation may require initial capitalization of approximately \$1 million during the next twelve to eighteen months.

The Company is evaluating the need to expand its domestic manufacturing, inventory and other facilities. The Company may consider long-term financing for these projects in the event that they require significant capital outlays, otherwise these facilities will be funded through working capital.

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Management believes that future working capital requirements can be internally funded. Management expects cash and investments to increase during the remainder of 1996, primarily resulting from operations. However, cash and investments may be reduced in the event the Company proceeds with the capital projects mentioned above. PART II OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Company was held on May 20, 1996. At the meeting, the following persons were re-elected as Directors of the Company to serve until the next Annual Meeting or until their successors are elected and qualified.

DIRECTOR	FOR	AUTHOLD
Kristine F. Hughes	17,100,788	185,586
Alan D. Kennedy	17,100,444	185,830

At the meeting, the shareholders also adopted and approved the Company's 1995 Stock Option Plan as described in the Company's Proxy Statement for the meeting. Shareholders voted on the Plan as follows:

		ABSTENTIONS
		OR
FOR	AGAINST	NON-VOTES
11,784,337	2,206,231	-0-

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PART II OTHER INFORMATION (cont.)

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

- a) No exhibits are required to be filed by Item 601 of Regulation S-K.
- b) No reports were filed on Form 8-K during the quarter for which this report is filed.

OTHER ITEMS

There were no other items to be reported under Part II of this report.

SIGNATURES

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

NATURE'S SUNSHINE PRODUCTS, INC.

August 8, 1996

/s/ Alan D. Kennedy

Alan D. Kennedy, President and

Chief Executive Officer

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/s/ Douglas Faggioli ------Douglas Faggioli, Chief Financial Officer

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