

UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS INC

Form 10-K

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 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 December 27, 2008.**

**OR**

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

**For the transition period of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Commission File No.: 0-22684**

**UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Michigan**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**38-1465835**

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

**2801 East Beltline, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**49525**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(616) 364-6161**

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title Of Each Class

Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered

**None**

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

**Common Stock, no par value**

(Title of Class)

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

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 ☐ No ☒

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 such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements in the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by checkmark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Items 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. ☒

Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer ☒

Accelerated filer ☐

Non-accelerated filer ☐

Smaller Reporting Company ☐

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

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The aggregate market value of the common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant (i.e. excluding shares held by executive officers, directors, and control persons as defined in Rule 405, 17 CFR 230.405) on June 28, 2008 was \$504,439,465 computed at the closing price of \$31.06 on that date.

As of January 31, 2009, 19,121,770 shares of the registrant's common stock, no par value, were outstanding.

Documents incorporated by reference:

- (1) Certain portions of the registrant's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 27, 2008 are incorporated by reference into Part I and II of this Report.
- (2) Certain portions of the registrant's Proxy Statement for its 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Report.

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**PART I**

**Item 1. Business.**

**General Development of the Business.**

Universal Forest Products, Inc. was organized as a Michigan corporation in 1955. We engineer, manufacture, treat, distribute and install lumber, composite wood, plastic and other building products to the do-it-yourself/retail ( DIY/retail ), site-built construction, manufactured housing, and industrial markets. We currently operate facilities throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Information relating to current developments in our business is incorporated by reference from our Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 27, 2008 ( 2008 Annual Report ) under the caption Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. Selected portions of the 2008 Annual Report are filed as Exhibit 13 with this Form 10-K Report.

**Financial Information About Segments.**

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 131, *Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information* ( SFAS 131 ) defines operating segments as components of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. Under the definition of a segment, our Eastern, Western and Consumer Products Divisions may be considered an operating segment of our business. Under SFAS 131, segments may be aggregated if the segments have similar economic characteristics and if the nature of the products, distribution methods, customers and regulatory environments are similar. We have aggregated our Eastern and Western divisions into one reporting segment, consistent with SFAS 131. Our Consumer Products Division, which was formed in 2006, is included in All Other. Separate Financial information about industry segments is incorporated by reference from Note P of the Consolidated Financial Statements presented under Item 8 herein.

**Narrative Description of Business.**

We presently engineer, manufacture, treat, distribute and install lumber, composite wood, plastic and other building products for the DIY/retail, site-built construction, manufactured housing, and industrial markets. Each of these markets is discussed in the paragraphs which follow.

**DIY/Retail Market.** The customers comprising this market are primarily national home center retailers, retail-oriented regional lumberyards and contractor-oriented lumberyards. Generally, terms of sale are established for annual periods, and orders are placed with our regional facilities in accordance with established terms. One customer, The Home Depot, accounted for approximately 27% of our total net sales in fiscal 2008, 26% in 2007, and 22% in 2006.

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From time to time we enter into certain sales contracts with The Home Depot. The contracts are limited to the establishment of general sales terms and conditions, such as delivery, invoicing, warranties and other standard, commercial matters. Sales are made by the release of purchase orders to us for particular quantities of certain products. We also enter into marketing agreements and rebate agreements with The Home Depot. The marketing agreements provide a certain percentage of our sales revenue or a minimum dollar amount will be committed to generate sales for us and The Home Depot.

We currently supply customers in this market from many of our locations. These regional facilities are able to supply mixed truckloads of products which can be delivered to customers with rapid turnaround from receipt of an order. Freight costs are a factor in the ability to competitively service this market, especially with treated wood products because of their heavier weight. The close proximity of our regional facilities to the various outlets of these customers is a significant advantage when negotiating annual sales programs.

The products offered to customers in this market include dimensional lumber (both preserved and unpreserved) and various value-added products, some of which are sold under our trademarks. In addition to our conventional lumber products, we offer composite wood and plastic products. We also sell engineered wood products to this market, which include roof trusses, wall panels and engineered floor systems (see Site-Built Construction Market below).

We are not aware of any competitor that currently manufactures, treats and distributes a full line of both value-added and commodity products on a national basis. We face competition on individual products from several different producers, but the majority of these competitors tend to be regional in their efforts and/or do not offer a full line of outdoor lumber products. We believe the breadth of our product offering, geographic dispersion, customer relationships, close proximity of our plants to core customers, purchasing and manufacturing expertise and service capabilities provide significant competitive advantages in this market.

Site-Built Construction Market. We entered the site-built construction market through strategic business acquisitions. The residential housing customers comprising this market are primarily large-volume, multi-tract builders and smaller volume custom builders. We also supply builders engaged in multi-family and commercial construction. Generally, terms of sale and pricing are determined based on quotes for each order.

We currently supply customers in this market from manufacturing facilities located in many different states and Ontario, Canada. These facilities manufacture various engineered wood components used to frame residential or commercial projects, including roof and floor trusses, wall panels, Open Joist 2000®, I-joists and lumber packages. Freight costs are a factor in the ability to competitively service this market due to the space requirements of these products on each truckload.

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We also provide framing services for customers in certain regional markets, in which we erect the wood structure. We believe that providing a comprehensive framing package, including installation, provides a competitive advantage. Terms of sale are based on a construction contract.

Competition in this market is primarily fragmented, but we do compete with a small number of national and regional retail contractor yards who also manufacture components and provide framing services, as well as regional manufacturers of components. Our long-term objective is to continue to increase our manufacturing capacity and framing capabilities for this market in certain regions we do not currently serve in order to expand our a national presence. We believe our primary competitive advantages relate to the engineering and design capabilities of our regional staff, customer relationships, purchasing and manufacturing expertise, product quality and timeliness of delivery.

**Manufactured Housing Market.** The customers comprising the manufactured housing market are producers of mobile, modular and prefabricated homes and recreational vehicles. Products sold to customers in this market consist primarily of roof trusses, lumber cut and shaped to the customer's specification, plywood, particle board and dimensional lumber, all intended for use in the construction of manufactured housing. Sales are made by personnel located at each regional facility based on customer orders.

Our principal competitive advantages include our customer relationships, product knowledge, the strength of our engineering support services, the close proximity of our regional facilities to our customers, our purchasing and manufacturing expertise and our ability to provide national sales programs to certain customers. These factors have enabled us to accumulate significant market share in the products we supply.

**Industrial Market.** We define our industrial market as industrial manufacturers and agricultural customers who use pallets, specialty crates and wooden boxes for packaging, shipping and material handling purposes. Many of the products sold to this market may be produced from the by-product of other manufactured products, thereby allowing us to increase our raw material yields while expanding our business. Competition is fragmented and includes virtually every supplier of lumber convenient to the customer. We service this market with our dedicated local sales teams and national sales support efforts, combined with our competitive advantages in manufacturing, purchasing, and material utilization.

**Suppliers.** We are one of the largest domestic buyers of solid sawn soft wood lumber from primary producers (lumber mills). We use primarily Southern Yellow Pine in our pressure-treating operations and site-built component plants in the Southeastern United States, which we obtain from mills located throughout the states comprising the Sunbelt. Other species we use include spruce-pine-fir from various provinces in Canada; hemlock, Douglas fir and cedar from the Pacific Northwest; inland species of pine, plantation grown radiata and southern yellow pines from South America; and European spruce. There are numerous primary producers for all varieties we use, and we are not dependent on any particular source of supply. Our financial resources and size, in combination with our strong sales network and ability to remanufacture lumber, enable us to purchase a large percentage of a primary producer's output, (as opposed to only those dimensions or grades in immediate need), thereby lowering our average cost of raw materials and allowing us to obtain programs such as consigned inventory. We believe this represents a competitive advantage.



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**Intellectual Property.** We own several patents and have several patents pending on technologies related to our business. In addition, we own numerous registered trademarks and claim common law trademark rights to several others. As we develop proprietary brands, we may pursue registration or other formal protection. While we believe our patent and trademark rights are valuable, the loss of a patent or any trademark would not be likely to have a material adverse impact on our competitive position.

**Backlog.** Due to the nature of our DIY/retail, manufactured housing and industrial businesses, backlog information is not meaningful. The maximum time between receipt of a firm order and shipment does not usually exceed a few days. Therefore, we would not normally have a backlog of unfilled orders in a material amount. The relationships with our major customers are such that we are either the exclusive supplier of certain products and/or certain geographic areas, or the designated source for a specified portion of the customer's requirements. In such cases, either we are able to forecast the customer's requirements or the customer may provide an estimate of its future needs. In neither case, however, will we receive firm orders until just prior to the anticipated delivery dates for the products in question. On December 27, 2008 and December 29, 2007, we estimate that backlog orders associated with the site-built construction business approximated \$57.7 million and \$101.6 million, respectively. With respect to the former, we expect that these orders will be primarily filled within the current fiscal year, however, it is possible that some orders could be canceled.

**Environmental.** Information required for environmental disclosures is incorporated by reference from Note N of the Consolidated Financial Statements presented under Item 8 herein.

**Seasonality.** Information required for seasonality disclosures is incorporated by reference from Item 1A. Risk Factors under the caption *Seasonality and weather conditions could adversely affect us.*

**Employees.** On December 27, 2008, we had approximately 6,200 employees.

**Financial Information About Geographic Areas.**

The dominant portion of our operations and sales occur in the United States. Separate financial information about foreign and domestic operations and export sales is incorporated by reference from Note P of the Consolidated Financial Statements presented under Item 8 herein.

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**Available Information.**

Our Internet address is [www.ufpi.com](http://www.ufpi.com). Through our Internet website under "Financial Information" in the Investor Relations section, we make available free of charge, as soon as reasonably practical after such information has been filed with the SEC, our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act. Also available through our Internet website under "Corporate Governance" in the Investor Relations section is our Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers.

**Reports to Security Holders.**

Not applicable.

**Enforceability of Civil Liabilities Against Foreign Persons.**

Not applicable.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors.**

*We are subject to regional, national and global economic conditions.* The unprecedented decline in economics throughout the United States could depress demand for our products further.

*A sustained downturn in our markets could adversely impact our credit agreements.* As of December 27, 2008, excluding various industrial revenue bond and lease obligations, we had approximately \$85 million of outstanding indebtedness, all of which are unsecured, comprised of the following:

\$15 million senior notes due December 2009

\$40 million senior notes due December 2012

\$30 million revolving credit facility due February 2012

In addition, we had approximately \$32.2 million outstanding under letters of credit, which principally relate to certain insurance contracts and industrial revenue bond obligations. Amounts outstanding under such letters reduced the availability under our \$300 million revolving credit facility due February 2012.

As noted elsewhere in this report, we have been experiencing a significant deterioration in the various markets in which we compete. A sustained and continued, significant deterioration in these markets may adversely impact our ability to meet certain of our covenants under one or more of our existing obligations. Management continues to evaluate what, if any, action or actions may be available or necessary to maintain compliance with these various covenants or, if necessary, refinance or replace these obligations.

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***We are subject to fluctuations in the price of lumber.*** We experience significant fluctuations in the cost of commodity lumber products from primary producers (the Lumber Market ). A variety of factors over which we have no control, including government regulations, environmental regulations, weather conditions, economic conditions, and natural disasters, impact the cost of lumber products and our selling prices. While we attempt to minimize our risk from severe price fluctuations, substantial, prolonged trends in lumber prices can negatively affect our sales volume, our gross margins, and our profitability. We anticipate that these fluctuations will continue in the future.

***Our growth may be limited by the markets we serve.*** Our sales growth is dependent, in part, upon the growth of the markets we serve. If our markets do not achieve anticipated growth, or if we fail to maintain our market share, financial results could be impaired.

Our ability to achieve sales and margin goals, particularly on sales to the site-built construction market, is impacted by housing starts. If housing starts decline significantly, our financial results could be negatively impacted. Single-family housing starts fell approximately 41% in 2008 compared to 2007. Single-family housing starts are predicted to decline even further in 2009. The manufactured housing market is constricted due in part to lack of available long-term financing and lack of credit-worthy buyers. While current government initiatives are designed to improve the flow of capital to this market, the availability and restrictions of its use could lead to further depressed demand.

We are witnessing consolidation by our customers in each of the markets we serve. These consolidations will result in a larger portion of our sales being made to some customers and may limit the customer base we are able to serve.

***A significant portion of our sales are concentrated with one customer.*** Our sales to The Home Depot comprised 27% of our total sales in 2008, 26% in 2007, and 22% in 2006.

***Current economic and credit market conditions have increased the risk that we may not collect a greater percentage of our receivables.*** Economic and credit conditions may significantly impact our bad debt expense. We continue to monitor our customer s credit profiles carefully and make changes in our terms when necessary in response to this heightened risk.

***Our growth may be limited by our ability to make successful acquisitions.*** A key component of our growth strategy is to complete business combinations. Business combinations involve inherent risks, including assimilation and successfully managing growth. While we conduct extensive due diligence and have taken steps to ensure successful assimilation, factors beyond our control could influence the results of these acquisitions.

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***We may be adversely affected by the impact of environmental and safety regulations.*** We are subject to the requirements of federal, state, and local environmental and occupational health and safety laws and regulations. There can be no assurance that we are at all times in complete compliance with all of these requirements. We have made and will continue to make capital and other expenditures to comply with environmental regulations. If additional laws and regulations are enacted in the future, which restrict our ability to manufacture and market our products, including our treated lumber products, it could adversely affect our sales and profits. If existing laws are interpreted differently, it could also increase our financial costs. If laws regarding carbon emission, more expensive energy choices, or taxes and fees on resource use are enacted, it could significantly increase our costs of operation, raise costs to our customers, and create a further barrier to demand for United States manufactured products.

***Seasonality and weather conditions could adversely affect us.*** Some aspects of our business are seasonal in nature and results of operations vary from quarter to quarter. Our treated lumber and outdoor specialty products, such as fencing, decking, and lattice, experience the greatest seasonal effects. Sales of treated lumber, primarily consisting of Southern Yellow Pine, also experience the greatest Lumber Market risk (see *Historical Lumber Prices* in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations which is presented under Item 7 of this Form 10-K and is incorporated herein by reference). Treated lumber sales are generally at their highest levels between April and August. This sales peak, combined with capacity constraints in the wood treatment process, requires us to build our inventory of treated lumber throughout the winter and spring. (This also has an impact on our receivables balances, which tend to be significantly higher at the end of the second and third quarters.) Because sales prices of treated lumber products may be indexed to the Lumber Market at the time they are shipped, our profits can be negatively affected by prolonged declines in the Lumber Market during our primary selling season. To mitigate this risk, consignment inventory programs are negotiated with certain vendors that are intended to decrease our exposure to the Lumber Market by correlating the purchase price of the material with the related sell price to the customer. These programs include those materials which are most susceptible to adverse changes in the Lumber Market.

The majority of our products are used or installed in outdoor construction activities; therefore, short-term sales volume, our gross margins, and our profits can be negatively affected by adverse weather conditions, particularly in our first and fourth quarters. In addition, adverse weather conditions can negatively impact our productivity and costs per unit.

***Inbound and outbound transportation costs represent a significant part of our cost structure.*** A rapid and prolonged increase in fuel prices will significantly increase our costs. While we attempt to pass these costs along to our customers, there can be no assurance that they would agree to these price increases.

***New preservatives will be developed to treat our products.*** The manufacturers of preservatives continue to develop new preservatives. All of our wood preservation facilities utilize either Amine Copper Quaternary (ACQ), ProWood® Micro or borates. While we believe treated products are reasonably priced relative to alternative products such as composites or vinyl, consumer acceptance may be impacted which would in turn affect our future operating results. In addition, new preservatives could increase our cost of treating products in the future.

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**Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.**

Not applicable.

**Item 2. Properties.**

Our corporate headquarters building is located in suburban Grand Rapids, Michigan. We currently have approximately 85 facilities located throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Depending upon function and location, these facilities typically utilize office space, manufacturing space, treating space and covered storage.

We own all of our properties, free from any significant mortgage or other encumbrance, except for approximately 20 regional facilities which are leased. We believe all of these operating facilities are adequate in capacity and condition to service existing customer locations.

**Item 3. Legal Proceedings.**

Information regarding our legal proceedings is set forth in Note M of our Consolidated Financial Statements which are presented under Item 8 of this Form 10-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

Not applicable.

**Additional Item: Executive Officers of the Registrant.**

The following table lists the names, ages, and positions of our executive officers as of February 1, 2009. Executive officers are elected annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board following the annual meeting of shareholders.

Name	Age	Position
William G. Currie	61	Executive Chairman, Universal Forest Products, Inc.
Michael B. Glenn	57	Chief Executive Officer, Universal Forest Products, Inc.
Patrick M. Webster	49	President and Chief Operating Officer, Universal Forest Products, Inc.
C. Scott Greene	53	President, Universal Forest Products Eastern Division, Inc.
Richard C. Frazier	66	President, Universal Forest Products Western Division, Inc.
Robert D. Coleman	54	Executive Vice President of Manufacturing, Universal Forest Products, Inc.
Matthew J. Missad	48	Executive Vice President and Secretary, Universal Forest Products, Inc.
Michael R. Cole	42	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Universal Forest Products, Inc.
Ronald G. Klyn	51	Chief Information Officer, Universal Forest Products, Inc.
Joseph F. Granger	43	Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Universal Forest Products, Inc.

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*William G. Currie* joined us in 1971. From 1983 to 1990, Mr. Currie was President of Universal Forest Products, Inc., and he was the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Universal Companies, Inc. from 1989 until the merger to form Universal Forest Products, Inc. in 1993. On January 1, 2000, Mr. Currie also became Vice Chairman of the Board. On April 19, 2006, Mr. Currie became Executive Chairman.

*Michael B. Glenn* joined us in 1974. In June of 1989, Mr. Glenn was elected Senior Vice President of our Southwest Operations, and on December 1, 1997, became President of Universal Forest Products Western Division, Inc. Effective January 1, 2000, Mr. Glenn was promoted to President and Chief Operating Officer. On July 1, 2006, Mr. Glenn became Chief Executive Officer.

*Patrick M. Webster* joined us in 1985. He has held various sales, purchasing and management positions throughout his career with us. Mr. Webster became Vice President of the Far West Region in 1999, on July 1, 2007, became President of Universal Forest Products Western Division, Inc., and on January 1, 2009 became our President and Chief Operating Officer.

*C. Scott Greene* joined us in 1991. In November of 1996 he became General Manager of Operations for our Florida Region, and in January of 1999 became Vice President of Marketing for Universal Forest Products, Inc. During early 2000, Mr. Greene became President of Universal Forest Products Eastern Division, Inc.

*Richard C. Frazier* joined us in 1985 as Vice President of our Southwest Region. He held this position until January 1, 2008, when he took on a new position to work on special projects throughout Company. On January 1, 2009, Mr. Frazier became President of the Universal Forest Products Western Division, Inc.

*Robert D. Coleman*, joined us in 1979. Mr. Coleman was promoted to Senior Vice President of our Midwest Operations in September 1993. On December 1, 1997, Mr. Coleman became the Executive Vice President of Manufacturing of the Universal Forest Products Eastern Division, Inc. On January 1, 1999, Mr. Coleman was named the Executive Vice President of Manufacturing.

*Matthew J. Missad* joined us in 1985. Mr. Missad has served as General Counsel and Secretary since December 1, 1987, and Vice President Corporate Compliance since August 1989. In February 1996, Mr. Missad was promoted to Executive Vice President.

*Michael R. Cole*, CPA, CMA, joined us in 1993. In January of 1997, Mr. Cole was promoted to Director of Finance, and on January 1, 2000 was made Vice President of Finance and Treasurer. On July 19, 2000, Mr. Cole became Chief Financial Officer.

*Ronald G. Klyn* joined us in 1993 as Information Services Manager. In October of 1999, Mr. Klyn was promoted to Chief Information Officer.

*Joseph F. Granger* joined us in 1988. In 1997 he became Vice President of the Atlantic Region, in 2002 he became Regional Vice President of the Southeast Region, and on January 1, 2007, he became Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing.

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The following information items in this Part II, which are contained in the 2008 Annual Report, are specifically incorporated by reference into this Form 10-K Report. These portions of the 2008 Annual Report that are specifically incorporated by reference are filed as Exhibit 13 with this Form 10-K Report.

**Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Shareholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.**

- (a) The information relating to market, holders and dividends is incorporated by reference from the 2008 Annual Report under the caption Price Range of Common Stock and Dividends.

There were no recent sales of unregistered securities.

- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Issuer purchases of equity securities during the fourth quarter.

Fiscal Month	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
September 28 – November 1, 2008 <sup>(1)</sup>				1,227,314
November 2 – 29, 2008				1,227,314
November 30 – December 27, 2008	2,461	\$ 25.25	2,461	1,224,853

- (a) Total number of shares purchased.
- (b) Average price paid per share.
- (c) Total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced plans or programs.
- (d) Maximum number of shares that may yet be purchased under the plans or programs.
- (1) On November 14, 2001 the Board of Directors approved a share repurchase

program (which  
succeeded a  
previous  
program)  
allowing us to  
repurchase up to  
2.5 million  
shares of our  
common stock.  
As of  
December 27,  
2008, the  
cumulative total  
of authorized  
shares available  
for repurchase is  
1.2 million  
shares.



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The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference from the 2008 Annual Report under the caption Selected Financial Data.

**Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.**

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference from the 2008 Annual Report under the caption Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

**Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.**

We are exposed to market risks related to fluctuations in interest rates on our variable rate debt, which consists of a revolving credit facility and industrial development revenue bonds. We do not currently use interest rate swaps, futures contracts or options on futures, or other types of derivative financial instruments to mitigate this risk.

For fixed rate debt, changes in interest rates generally affect the fair market value, but not earnings or cash flows. Conversely, for variable rate debt, changes in interest rates generally do not influence fair market value, but do affect future earnings and cash flows. We do not have an obligation to prepay fixed rate debt prior to maturity, and as a result, interest rate risk and changes in fair market value should not have a significant impact on such debt until we would be required to refinance it.

On December 27, 2008, the estimated fair value of our long-term debt, including the current portion, was \$101.7 million, which was \$0.5 million greater than the carrying value. The estimated fair value is based on rates anticipated to be available to us for debt with similar terms and maturities. The estimated fair value of notes payable included in current liabilities and the revolving credit facility approximated the carrying values.

Expected cash flows over the next five years related to debt instruments are as follows:

<i>(\$US equivalents, in thousands)</i>	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Thereafter	Total
Long-term Debt:							
Fixed Rate (\$US)	\$ 15,000			\$ 40,000			\$ 55,000
Average interest rate	5.63%			6.16%			
Variable Rate (\$US)	\$ 490	\$ 303	\$ 254	\$ 30,527		\$ 14,600	\$ 46,174
Average interest rate <sup>(1)</sup>	6.2%						

<sup>(1)</sup> Average of rates at December 27, 2008.

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**Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.**

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference from the 2008 Annual Report under the following captions:

Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting  
Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm On Internal Control over Financial Reporting  
Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm On Financial Statements  
Consolidated Balance Sheets  
Consolidated Statements of Earnings  
Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity  
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows  
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

**Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.**

Not applicable.

**Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.**

- (1) **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures.** With the participation of management, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, after evaluating the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15e and 15d-15e) as of the year ended December 27, 2008 (the "Evaluation Date"), have concluded that, as of such date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.
- (2) **Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.** Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting is included in the 2008 Annual Report under the caption "Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting" and is incorporated herein by reference. Our accounting firm's attestation Report on our internal control over financial reporting is also included in the 2008 Annual Report in the caption "Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm On Internal Control over Financial Reporting" and is incorporated herein by reference.
- (3) **Changes in Internal Controls.** During the fourth quarter ended December 27, 2008, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 9B. Other Information.**

Not applicable.

**Table of Contents****PART III****Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.**

Information relating to our directors, compliance with Section 16(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and various corporate governance matters is incorporated by reference from our definitive Proxy Statement for the year ended December 27, 2008 for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, as filed with the Commission ( 2009 Proxy Statement ), under the captions Election of Directors, Corporate Governance and Board Matters, and Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance. Information relating to executive officers is included in this report in the last Section of Part I under the caption Additional Item: Executive Officers of the Registrant. Information relating to our code of ethics is included in this report in Part I, Item 1 under the caption Available Information .

**Item 11. Executive Compensation.**

Information relating to director and executive compensation is incorporated by reference from the 2009 Proxy Statement under the caption Executive Compensation. The Personnel and Compensation Committee Report included in the 2009 Proxy Statement is incorporated hereby by reference for the purpose of being furnished herein and is not and shall not be deemed to be filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

**Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Shareholder Matters.**

Information relating to security ownership of certain beneficial owners and management is incorporated by reference from our 2009 Proxy Statement under the captions Ownership of Common Stock and Securities Ownership of Management.

Information relating to securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans as of December 27, 2008, is as follows:

	Number of shares to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options (a)	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options (b)	Number of shares remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans [excluding shares reflected in column (a)] (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	600,047	\$ 22.16	1,031,979
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	none		

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**Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.**

Information relating to certain relationships and related transactions, and director independence is incorporated by reference from the 2009 Proxy Statement under the captions Election of Directors , Affirmative Determination Regarding Director Independence and Other Matters and Related Party Transactions.

**Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.**

Information relating to the types of services rendered by our Independent Auditors and the fees paid for these services is incorporated by reference from our 2009 Proxy Statement under the caption Independent Public Accountants Disclosure of Fees.

**PART IV**

**Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules.**

(a) **1. Financial Statements.** The following are incorporated by reference, under Item 8 of this report, from the 2008 Annual Report:

Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting  
Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm On Internal Control over Financial Reporting  
Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm On Financial Statements  
Consolidated Balance Sheets  
Consolidated Statements of Earnings  
Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity  
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows  
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

**2. Financial Statement Schedules.** All schedules required by this Form 10-K Report have been omitted because they were inapplicable, included in the Consolidated Financial Statements or Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, or otherwise not required under instructions contained in Regulation S-X.

**3. Exhibits.** Reference is made to the Exhibit Index which is included in this Form 10-K Report.

(b) Reference is made to the Exhibit Index which is included in this Form 10-K Report.

(c) Not applicable.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: February 25, 2009

UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS, INC.

By: /s/ Michael B. Glenn

**Michael B. Glenn, Chief Executive  
Officer**

and

/s/ Michael R. Cole

**Michael R. Cole, Chief Financial Officer  
and Treasurer**

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below on this 25th day of February, 2009, by the following persons on behalf of us and in the capacities indicated.

Each Director whose signature appears below hereby appoints Matthew J. Missad and Michael R. Cole, and each of them individually, as his attorney-in-fact to sign in his name and on his behalf as a Director, and to file with the Commission any and all amendments to this report on Form 10-K to the same extent and with the same effect as if done personally.

/s/ Peter F. Secchia

**Peter F. Secchia, Director**

/s/ William G. Currie

**William G. Currie, Director**

/s/ Dan M. Dutton

**Dan M. Dutton, Director**

/s/ John M. Engler

**John M. Engler, Director**

/s/ John W. Garside

**John W. Garside, Director**

/s/ Michael B. Glenn

**Michael B. Glenn, Director**

/s/ Gary F. Goode

**Gary F. Goode, Director**

/s/ Mark A. Murray

**Mark A. Murray, Director**

/s/ William R. Payne

**William R. Payne, Director**

/s/ Louis A. Smith

**Louis A. Smith, Director**

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit #	Description
3	Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.
(a)	Registrant's Articles of Incorporation were filed as Exhibit 3(a) to a Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 33-69474) and the same is incorporated herein by reference.
(b)	Registrant's Bylaws were filed as Exhibit 3(b) to a Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 33-69474) and the same is incorporated herein by reference.
4	Instruments Defining the Rights of Security Holders.
(a)	Specimen form of Stock Certificate for Common Stock was filed as Exhibit 4(a) to a Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 33-69474) and the same is incorporated herein by reference.
10	Material Contracts.
*(a)(3)	Consulting Agreement with Peter F. Secchia, dated December 31, 2002, and Assignment dated January 1, 2003 was filed as Exhibit 10(a)(3) to a Form 10-K, Annual Report for the year ended December 28, 2002 and the same is incorporated herein by reference.
*(a)(4)	Nondisclosure and Non-Compete Agreement with Peter F. Secchia, dated December 31, 2002 was filed as Exhibit 10(a)(4) to a Form 10-K, Annual Report for the year ended December 28, 2002 and the same is incorporated herein by reference.
*(a)(5)	Conditional Share Grant Agreement with William G. Currie dated April 17, 2002 was filed as Exhibit 10(a)(5) to a Form 10-K, Annual Report for the year ended December 28, 2002 and the same is incorporated herein by reference.
*(a)(6)	Form of Conditional Share Grant Agreement utilized under the Company's Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, was filed as Exhibit 10(a) to a Form 10-Q Quarterly Report for the quarter ended September 25, 2004 and the same is incorporated herein by reference.
*(a)(7)	Consulting and Non-Compete Agreement with William G. Currie, dated December 17, 2007 was filed as Exhibit 10(a)(7) to a Form 10-K, Annual Report for the year ended December 29, 2007 and the same is incorporated herein by reference.

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Exhibit #	Description
* (a)(8)	Employment, Consulting (and Non-Competition) Agreement with Robert K. Hill, dated June 15, 2007 was filed as Exhibit 10(a)(8) to a Form 10-K, Annual Report for the year ended December 29, 2007 and the same is incorporated herein by reference.
(b)	Form of Indemnity Agreement entered into between the Registrant and each of its directors was filed as Exhibit 10(b) to a Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 33-69474) and the same is incorporated herein by reference.
* (e)(1)	Form of Executive Stock Option Agreement was filed as Exhibit 10(e)(1) to a Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 33-69474) and the same is incorporated herein by reference.
* (e)(2)	Form of Officers Stock Option Agreement was filed as Exhibit 10(e)(2) to a Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 33-69474) and the same is incorporated herein by reference.
* (f)	Salaried Employee Bonus Plan was filed as Exhibit 10(f) to a Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 33-69474) and the same is incorporated herein by reference.
(i)(4)	Series 2004-A, Credit Agreement dated December 20, 2004 was filed as Exhibit 10(i) to a Form 8-K Current Report dated December 21, 2004 and the same is incorporated herein by reference.
(i)(5)	First Amendment dated February 12, 2007 relating to Series 2004-A, Credit Agreement dated December 20, 2004 was filed as Exhibit 10(i) to a Form 8-K Current Report dated February 15, 2007 and the same is incorporated herein by reference.
(j)(1)	Series 1998-A, Senior Note Agreement dated December 21, 1998 was filed as Exhibit 10(j)(1) to a Form 10-K Annual Report for the year ended December 26, 1998, and the same is incorporated herein by reference.
(j)(2)	Series 2002-A, Senior Note Agreement dated December 18, 2002 was filed as Exhibit 10(j)(2) to a Form 10-K Annual Report for the year ended December 28, 2002 and the same is incorporated herein by reference.
(k)(4)	Program for Accounts Receivable Transfer ( PARTS ) Agreement dated March 7, 2006 was filed as Exhibit 10(k)(4) to a Form 10-K Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2005 and the same is incorporated herein by reference.



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Exhibit #	Description
13	Selected portions of the Company's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 27, 2008.
14	Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers
	(a) Code of Ethics for Chief Financial Officer was filed as Exhibit 14(a) to a Form 10-K, Annual Report for the year ended December 25, 2004 and the same is incorporated herein by reference.
	(b) Code of Ethics for Vice President of Accounting and Administration was filed as Exhibit 14(a) to a Form 10-K, Annual Report for the year ended December 25, 2004 and the same is incorporated herein by reference.
	(c) Code of Ethics for Vice President of Accounting was filed as Exhibit 14(c) to a Form 10-K, Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2005 and the same is incorporated herein by reference.
21	Subsidiaries of the Registrant.
23	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.
31	Certifications.
	(a) Certificate of the Chief Executive Officer of Universal Forest Products, Inc., pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. 1350).
	(b) Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer of Universal Forest Products, Inc., pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. 1350).
32	Certifications.
	(a) Certificate of the Chief Executive Officer of Universal Forest Products, Inc., pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. 1350).
	(b) Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer of Universal Forest Products, Inc., pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. 1350).

\* Indicates a compensatory arrangement.