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

For the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 1994

Commission File Number: 0-5884

THE WEST COMPANY, INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania 23-1210010

(State or other jurisdiction (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number))

101 Gordon Drive, PO Box 645, Lionville, PA 19341-0645
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

N/A

Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report.

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 215-594-2900

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 twelve months, (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes X No

March 31, 1994 - - 15,881,774

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

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Item 1. Financial Statements
The West Company, Incorporated and Subsidiaries
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(In thousands, except per share data)

	Quarter Ended	
	March 31, 1994	April 4, 1993
CD	CD	CD
Net sales	\$ 87,100 100 %	\$ 86,000 100 %
Cost of goods sold	58,200 67	62,800 72
Gross profit	28,900 33	24,100 28
Selling, general and administrative expenses	11,500 18	14,900 17
Other expense, (income) net	700 1	(1,000) (1)
Operating profit	12,700 14	10,200 12
Interest expense	600 1	700 1
Income before income taxes and minority interests	12,100 13	9,500 11
Provision for income taxes	4,700 5	5,800 5
Minority interests	500 -	300 -
Income from consolidated operations	6,900 8 %	5,400 6 %
Equity in net income of affiliated companies	100	200
Income before cumulative effect of change in accounting method	7,000	5,600
Cumulative effect to January 1, 1993 of the change in accounting for income taxes	-	1,000
Net income	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,600
Net income per share:		
Income before cumulative effect of change in accounting method	\$.44	\$.36
Cumulative effect of change in accounting method	-	.06
	\$.44	\$.42
Average shares outstanding	15,886	15,764

Interim results are based on the Company's accounts without audit.
The Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes, in 1993.

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	(Unaudited)	
	March 31, 1994	Dec. 31, 1993
ASSETS	CD	CD
CD	CD	CD
Current assets:		
Cash, including equivalents	\$ 6,900	\$ 5,200
Accounts receivable	31,800	49,800
Inventories	36,500	34,500
Other current assets	10,800	10,500
Total current assets	127,000	102,000
Net property, plant and equipment	173,600	172,800
Investments in affiliated companies	17,800	17,800
Intangibles and other assets	27,800	23,600
Total Assets	\$326,400	\$307,400
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long term debt	\$ 4,800	\$ 5,400
Notes payable	6,200	2,300
Accounts payable	14,300	14,100
Other current liabilities	29,900	25,000
Total current liabilities	55,200	46,800
Long-term debt, excluding current portion	25,200	24,600
Deferred income taxes	19,100	18,400
Other long-term liabilities	19,600	18,600
Minority interests	12,100	10,900
Shareholders' equity	199,400	198,100
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$326,400	\$307,400
Shareholders' equity per share	\$ 12.25	\$ 11.82

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS	
(In thousands)	
TABLE	
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	Quarter Ended	
	March 31, 1994	April 4, 1993
Cash flow from operating activities:		
Net income, plus net non-cash items	\$ 13,100	\$ 7,200
Changes in assets and liabilities	(6,100)	(4,400)
Net cash provided by operating activities	7,000	2,800
Cash flow from investing activities:		
Property, plant and equipment acquired	(4,400)	(6,500)
Proceeds from sale of assets	100	6,000
Payment for acquisition, net of cash acquired	(2,900)	-
Net cash used in investing activities	(7,200)	(500)
Cash flow from financing activities:		
Payment of long-term debt	(600)	(400)
Notes payable, net	3,600	1,100
Dividend payments	(1,800)	(1,600)
Sale of common stock, net	800	800
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	1,800	(100)
Effect of exchange rates on cash	100	-
Net increase in cash, including equivalents	\$ 1,700	\$ 2,200

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Notes to Interim Financial Statements

The interim consolidated financial statements for the quarter ended March 31, 1994 should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto of The West Company, Incorporated appearing in the Company's 1993 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

1. Interim Period Accounting Policy

In the opinion of management, the unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of March 31, 1994 and the related unaudited Consolidated Statement of Income and the unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the three month period then ended and for the comparative periods in 1993 contain all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring accruals necessary to present fairly the financial position as of March 31, 1994 and the results of operations and cash flows for the respective periods. The results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year.

In the fourth quarter of 1993, the Company standardized its reporting year end to December 31 thereby eliminating the one month lag for all international operations. Consequently first quarter 1994, includes the first three calendar months for all operations, but 1993 comparative information reflects the December 1992 through February 1993 period for all international subsidiaries.

Operating Expenses

Certain operating expenses have been annualized for interim reporting purposes.

Income Taxes

The tax rate used for interim periods is the estimated annual effective consolidated tax rate, based on current estimates of full year results, except that taxes applicable to operating results in Brazil are recorded on a basis discrete to the period and prior year adjustments, if any, are recorded as identified.

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2. Inventories at March 31, 1994 and December 31, 1993 are summarized as follows:

	Audited	
(in thousands)	1994	1993
Finished goods	\$ 17,300	\$ 14,100
Work in process	4,200	4,700
Raw materials and supplies	14,300	15,700
	\$ 35,800	\$ 34,500

3. The carrying value of property, plant and equipment is determined as follows:

	Audited	
(in thousands)	1994	1993
Property, plant and equipment	\$ 229,800	\$ 222,800
Less accumulated depreciation	156,300	150,000
Net property, plant and equipment	\$ 173,500	\$ 172,800

4. Common stock issued at March 31, 1994 was 16,844,735 shares, of which 862,961 shares were held in treasury. Dividends of \$1.1 per common share were paid in the first quarter of 1994.

5. The Company has accrued the estimated cost of environmental compliance expenses related to current and former manufacturing facilities. The ultimate cost to be incurred by the Company cannot be fully determined however, based on information currently available, the Company believes the accrued liability is sufficient to cover the future costs of required remedial actions.

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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Results of Operations for the Quarter Ended March 31, 1994 Versus the Quarter ended April 4, 1993.

Net Sales

Net sales for the first quarter of 1994 increased by only \$0.2 million compared to the reported first quarter 1993 results. As disclosed, the reporting periods were standardized in the fourth quarter of 1993; the increased reported sales comparisons by \$1.8 million. In addition sales to Consumer Products markets increased by \$3 and machinery sales were \$1.3 million higher. Offsetting these increases were lower domestic health care product sales, an absence of TriWest Systems, Inc. sales (sold in third quarter of 1993) and unfavorable exchange rate variances due to the stronger U.S. dollar.

Gross Profit

The Company enjoyed continuing improvement in manufacturing productivity. Gross margins increased as a percentage of sales to 38% in 1994 from 28% in 1993. Margins improved in all operating groups, but notable was a 10% increase in the gross margins on Consumer Products sales because of greater efficiencies and increased sales activity. The standardization of reporting periods accounted for \$2.0 million of the increase in gross profit compared to the reported first quarter 1993 results.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by \$0.6 million, or 5%, in the first quarter 1994, compared to reported expenses in the first quarter 1993. Compared to a standardized reporting period in 1993, the increase was less than 3%. Outside service costs, rent expense and other expenses related to the new headquarters facility, and contributions increased 1994 spending. These expenses were offset by cost savings because of staff reductions, sale of TriWest Systems, Inc. and favorable exchange rate variances.

Other expense in 1994 was \$0.7 million compared to other income of \$1.0 million in 1993. Continued high inflation in Brazil increased translation losses while interest income was reduced. Also, other income for 1993 included a gain from the sale of the Company's former headquarters and research center facilities, which added \$0.9 per share to first quarter 1993 net income.

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Interest Expense and Minority Interests

Lower average debt levels and a stronger U.S. dollar in Europe helped reduce interest expense by \$0.1 million in the first quarter 1994 compared to 1993. Higher minority interests primarily reflects the standardization of reporting periods.

Taxes

The estimated effective annual tax rate for 1994 is 28%. This is one percentage point lower than the rate in the first quarter of 1993. The lower tax rate reflects in part the reduction in the German statutory tax rate in mid-1993. The actual effective annual tax rate for 1993 was 28%.

which also reflected the reversal of a tax reserve due to a favorable settlement of an audit issue in the fourth quarter of 1993.

Net Income

Net income for the first quarter 1994 was \$7.0 million, or 2.44 per share, compared to net income for the first quarter 1993 of \$5.4 million, or 1.96 per share, before the cumulative adjustment of deferred taxes to adopt Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. The Company's adoption of SFAS No. 109 added \$1 million, or 0.06 per share, to first quarter 1993 net income.

Financial Position

Working capital at March 31, 1994 was \$52.2 million compared to \$46.4 million at December 31, 1993. Working capital increases reflected higher levels of accounts receivable (higher sales late in the first quarter compared to lower sales late in the fourth quarter of 1993) and inventories. The working capital ratio at March 31, 1994 was 1.5 to 1.

Cash flows from operations, common stock sale proceeds and available credit capacity were more than adequate to fund the acquisition of Semetec, Inc., capital expenditures and dividends. Total debt as a percentage of total invested capital was 14.9% at March 31, 1994, compared to 14.0% at December 31, 1993. At March 31, 1994, the Company had available unused lines of credit of \$15 million.

Management believes available credit lines and the Company's current capitalization will provide sufficient cash to meet cash flow requirements in the future.

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Part II - Other Information

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

A. Wayne, New Jersey

The Company is party to an Administrative Consent Order with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection & Energy (DEPE) under which the Company is required to submit and perform a cleanup plan for property formerly owned by the Company in Wayne, New Jersey. The DEPE has approved the Company's plan which permits a plastic waste disposal area to be capped and to remain in place, subject to placing a use restriction on that portion of the property, and subject to the DEPE's further determination of the extent to which groundwater monitoring will be required. The present owner of the property has thus far declined to provide the use restriction and the Company is considering legal action against him to compel him to provide the use restriction. The DEPE has not yet taken final action with respect to any further remedial steps such as ground water monitoring which may be required as part of the cleanup plan.

B. Vega Alta, Puerto Rico

Since 1987 the Company, along with several other major companies, has been considered by the Environmental Protection Agency to be potentially responsible for costs of an environmental clean-up of ground water contamination in an area which includes the site of one of the Company's existing plant locations in Puerto Rico. In this connection, EPA has issued two orders for corrective action work to clean up the ground water and the Company has been named a defendant in a cost recovery action brought by the United States in the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico against the Company and other potentially responsible parties.

As a result of these orders, the Company and two other potentially responsible parties have been engaged in the design and construction of a ground water recovery and treatment well (the Ponderosa Well) as the first part of an overall remedy at the site.

Effective June 30, 1993, the Company entered into an agreement with General Electric Company UNISYS Corporation, Motorola Corporation and Harman Automotive, Inc. under which the Company has paid General Electric Company \$800,000 and General Electric and UNISYS Corporation have agreed to indemnify the Company against all future government claims relating to the contamination of the ground water by volatile organic compounds. As a part of this agreement, the Company has also obtained releases of cost recovery claims from all of the other parties to the agreement.

Under the terms of this agreement, the Company will continue to be

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responsible for any required clean up of the soils at its facilities in Puerto Rico and for any future toxic tort or natural resource damage claims which may arise from the contamination of the ground water. The indemnity includes protection against any possible claim by the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority, which now indicated that it might assert a claim against the potentially responsible parties for the cost of its development of other wells to replace the water formerly supplied by the contaminated aquifer.

The Company also remains responsible with Motorola Corporation and Harman Automotive, Inc. for completing construction of the Ponderosa Well and the related initial testing program, the cost of which is being shared equally by these companies. Following the completion of that program, the cost of the operation of this well and any other remedy required for the ground water will be the obligation of General Electric Company and UNISYS Corporation among other potentially responsible parties.

Pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, the Company has stipulated with the United States that it is a liable party.

As a result of this agreement, the Company will avoid the costs of participation in the existing litigation and any further contributions to the cost of remedying the contaminated ground water at this site.

See Notes to Interim Financial Statements beginning on page 5 of this report.

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

- (a) None
- (b) No reports on Form 8-K have been filed for the quarter ended March 31, 1994.

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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.

THE WEST COMPANY, INCORPORATED

(Registrant)

May 13, 1994 /s/ R. J. Land

(Date) (Signature)

R. J. Land
Sr. Vice President
Finance and Administration
and Chief Financial Officer

May 13, 1994 /s/ A. M. Pagso

(Date) (Signature)

A. M. Pagso
Vice President and
Corporate Controller