



**Conference Call Presentation** 

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2010

## **Financial Results**



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## **Financial Review > 1Q 2010 Highlights**

Revenues of US\$ 785 million

(-11% over 4Q 2009)

• EBITDA of US\$ 219 million

(-4% over 4Q 2009)

Net Income of US\$ 62 million

(-58% over 4Q 2009)

Net Financial Debt of US\$ 2,669 million

(Same level as 4Q 2009)

• CAPEX of US\$ 142 million (-49 % over 4Q 2009)



#### **Financial Review > Consolidated Financial Statements**

Income Statement						
U.S.\$ million	1Q10	4Q09	QoQ			
Sales	785	885	-11%			
Gross Margin	293	299	-2%			
EBITDA	219	227	-4%			
Operating Income	139	125	11%			
Net Income	62	148	-58%			

Cash Flow					
U.S.\$ million	1Q10	4Q09	QoQ		
Operating activities	118	199	-41%		
Investing activities	-140	-287	-51%		
Financing activities	-133	-41	223%		
Cash flow of the period	-154	-129	20%		

	Assets		
U.S.\$ million	1Q10	4Q09	QoQ
Cash	373	534	-30%
Inventories	556	620	-10%
Total Current Assets	2.274	2.274	0%
PP&E	4.859	4.970	-2%
Biological Assets	3.413	3.447	-1%
Total Non Current Assets	9.018	9.142	-1%
Total Assets	11.292	11.416	-1%

Liabilities and S.E.					
U.S.\$ million	1Q10	4Q09	QoQ		
Short term financial debt	384	525	-27%		
Current Liabilities	809	953	-15%		
Long Term financial debt	2.658	2.678	-1%		
Non Current Liabilities	4.079	4.080	0%		
Minority Interest	110	114	-4%		
Controller's S.E.	6.294	6.269	0%		
Liabilities and S.E.	11.292	11.416	-1%		



#### Financial Review > Income Statement

Arauco - Income Statement						
U.S.\$ million	1Q10	4Q09	QoQ			
Sales	785	885	-11%			
Cost of sales	-492	-587	-16%			
Gross margin	293	299	-2%			
Selling and administrative expenses	-154	-173	-11%			
Operating income	139	125	11%			
Depreciation	45	50	-11%			
Stumpage	35	52	-32%			
EBITDA	219	227	-4%			
Other Income	35	36	-3%			
Other operating expenses	-38	-12	233%			
Other gains (losses)	0	65	-			
Interest Income	9	8	2%			
Interest Expenses	-50	-65	-23%			
Participation in profit (loss) of associates						
through equity method	-2	1	-			
Foreign exchange gains (losses)	-18	-4	-			
Income before taxes	75	156	-52%			
Taxes	-13	-10	22%			
Net Income before Minority Interest	63	145	-57%			
Minority Interest	0	-2	-103%			
Net Income of the period	62	148	-58%			

#### Comments

- Sales: decrease in volume (-25% pulp • and -18% sawn timber) partially offset by increase in prices (pulp 10%, panels 2% and sawn timber 1%)
- **Costs:** during the first quarter was 16% lower than the fourth quarter of this year, mainly explained by lower production in all our products
- EBITDA: reached U.S.\$ 219 million during the first quarter of 2010, 4% lower than the previous guarter due to a -2% decrease in Forestry, Pulp and Sawn Timber's EBITDA of 53.4%, 2.3% and 2.4% respectively, partially offset by an increase of 97.1% in Panel's EBITDA
- •52% Other operating expenses: includes U.S.\$26.6 million net effect as result of the earthquake and tsunami's damage



## **Financial Review > Cash Flow**

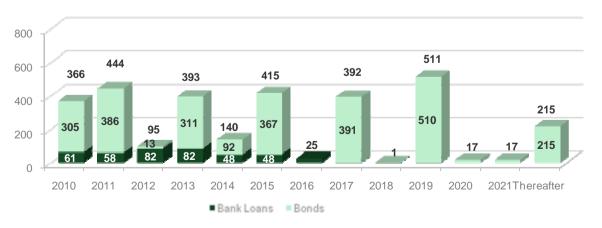
Arauco - Cash Flov	v Statement		
U.S.\$ million	1Q10	4Q09	QoQ
Collection of accounts receivables	999	1.171	-15%
Payments of suppliers and personnel (less)	-856	-960	-11%
Other expenses paid and received	46	24	93%
Dividends and other distributions received	0	0	-100%
Interest paid and received	-62	-28	124%
Income tax paid	-9	-9	4%
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	118	199	-41%
Capital Expenditures	-142	-277	-49%
Other investment cash flow	2	-10	-119%
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	-140	-287	-51%
Debt issuance	16	33	-51%
Debt repayment	-145	-42	244%
Other financing cash flow	-4	-32	-89%
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	-133	-41	223%
Total positive (negative) cash flow of the period	-154	-129	20%
Effect of inflation on cash and cash equivalents	-7	6	-220%
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	534	657	-19%
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	373	534	-30%



#### **Financial Review > Debt**

Financial Debt Profile					
US\$ million	December 2009	QoQ			
Short term financial debt Long term financial debt	384 2.658	525 2.678	-27% -1%		
TOTAL FINANCIAL DEBT	3.043	3.203	-5%		
Cash and cash equivalents	373	534	-30%		
NET FINANCIAL DEBT	2.669	2.669	0%		

#### **Financial Debt Schedule**



#### Comments

At the end of the first quarter of 2010, cash balance was U.S.\$ 384 million, a 27% decrease compared to the U.S. \$525 million held at the end of the previous quarter mainly due to the payment of U.S.\$100 million of a preexport financing loan due in March 2010.



## **Financial Review > Ratios**

Arauco Key Financial Ratios						
	Q1/10	Q4/09	Q1/09	FY2009		
Profitability						
Gross margin	37,3%	33,7%	26,7%	30,9%		
Operating margin	17,7%	14,2%	5,8%	10,2%		
EBITDA margin	27,9%	25,7%	19,8%	23,3%		
ROA (EBIT / Total assets)	4,9%	4,4%	1,5%	2,8%		
ROCE (EBIT (1 - tax rate) / Total capitalization)	4,9%	4,9%	1,4%	2,9%		
ROE (Net Income / Equity)	3,9%	9,2%	0,9%	4,7%		
Leverage						
Interest coverage ratio (EBITDA / Interest expenses)	4,4x	3,5x	3,1x	3,7x		
Net financial debt / EBITDA	3,0x	2,9x	4,8x	3,7x		
Total financial debt / Total capitalization	32,2%	33,4%	32,4%	33,4%		
Net financial debt / Total capitalization	28,3%	27,8%	28,3%	27,8%		
Total financial debt / Equity	47,5%	50,2%	47,8%	50,2%		
Net financial debt / Equity	41,7%	41,8%	41,8%	41,8%		



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Review by Business Segment

• Outlook

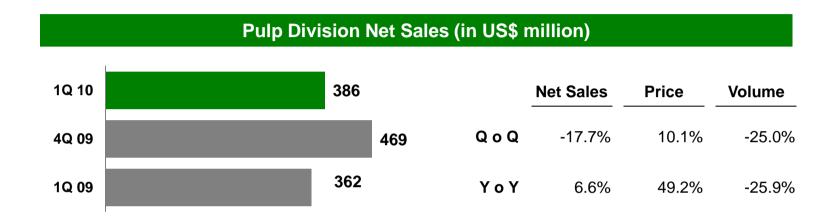
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## **Review by Business Segment > Pulp**



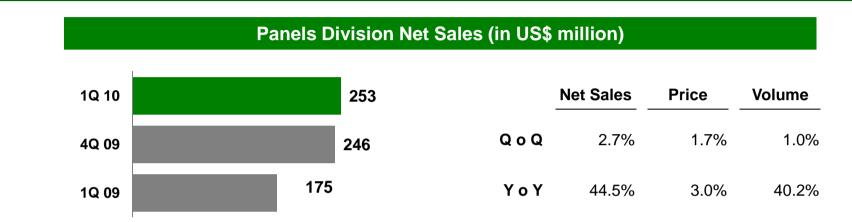


- Sales volume down 25% is explained by the business interruption of our pulp mills during March 2010
- Stock levels are relatively low compared to 2009 levels
- Recovery pushed by Asian markets mainly China, Korea and India where activity is driven by an increase in paper production and higher pulp demand
- Europe still under complex scenario
- Strong price increases during the quarter for all grades
- Average pulp price of radiata pine to China has been increasing since end of last year:

Dec 09	Jan 10	Feb 10	Mar 10	Apr 10	May 10
\$673	\$695	\$730	\$765	\$833	\$870



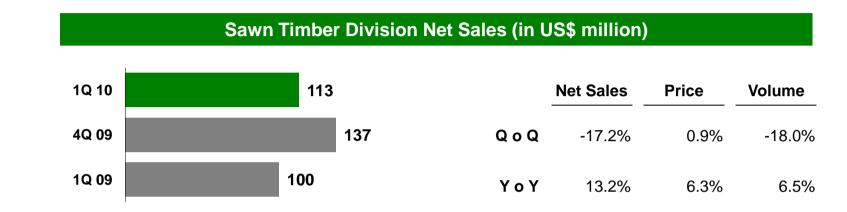
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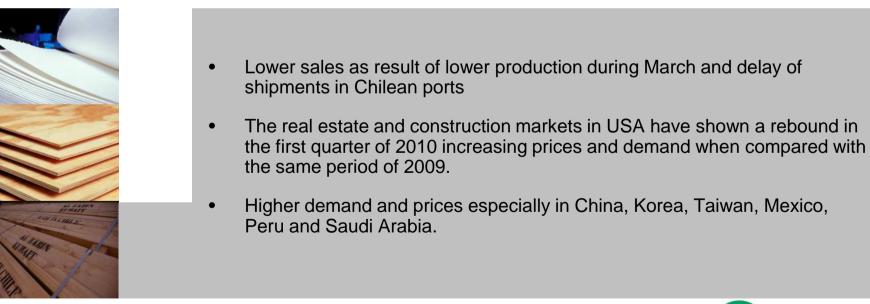


- Despite the interruption of our mills located in Chile during March, sales volume was similar to the previous quarter
- Significant recovery in this market, Panel's sales increased compared to the first quarter of 2009, mainly due to higher sales volume and prices, and the Tafisa Brasil acquisition
- In the Plywood business, sales volume increased by 14% which sustained higher prices. Particularly in Mexico and the rest of Latin America
- As result of the uncertainty in the supply from Chile after the earthquake, the US market reacted with sharp higher prices over of 10% to MDF moldings business



## **Review by Business Segment > Sawn Timber**







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# Three months after the earthquake, Arauco normalized all operations except for one pulp line

Capacity	Total		% of Capacity in Chile	Total operative as of Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>		Total operative as of today	
Pulp (Adt)	3,212,000	100%	89%	350,000	11%	2,712,000	84%
Sawn Timber (m <sup>3</sup> )	2,825,000	100%	83%	810,000	29%	2,825,000	100%
Panels (m <sup>3</sup> )	3,185,000	100%	43%	1,800,000	57%	3,185,000	100%

Total Average	220/	Total Average	05%	
Average	JZ /0	Average	9570	





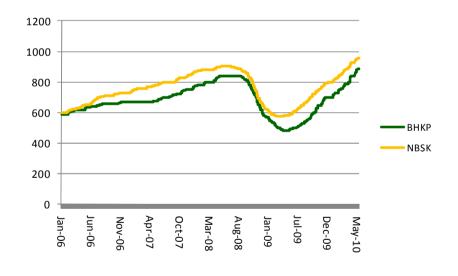
#### **Outlook > Pulp market**

- Pulp prices up during the first quarter 2010, and we expect high prices to continue during the year
- Pulp prices up U.S.\$200 since December
- Low inventory levels

In days	Apr'10	Dec´09	Apr'09
BSKP	22	23	32
BHKP	28	30	38

 Europe's economy remains weak, and this could impact an already depressed paper market. The current crisis in Greece has weakened the Euro, which means a rise of pulp prices in euro terms

#### **BHKP and NBSK Indexes**



Source: Bloomberg



#### **Outlook > Sawn Timber market**

- Housing starts rose 5.8% in April compared to March 2010, reaching 672,000 units per year
- The FJ molding's prices rose nearly 20% as result of higher demand and uncertainty due to the earthquake



#### US Housing Starts and Permits

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

- Chile: After earthquake the reconstruction efforts are triggering high demand for wood products
- Latin America, Mexico and Middle East show a growth in demand for forest products, translated into higher prices



#### **Outlook > Panels market**





## **Outlook > Announced Investments**

#### San Jose Mill (Plywood)

- Estimated Investment: U.S.\$105 million
- Location: Mariquina, Chile
- Production capacity: 350,000 m3
- Beginning operations: end of 2012 (E)

#### Teno Mill (MDP)

- Estimated Investment: U.S.\$110 million
- Location: Teno, Chile
- Production capacity: 300,000 m3
- Beginning operations: end of 2011 (E)

#### Increase in Valdivia Mill boiler's capacity

- Estimated Investment: U.S.\$20 million
- Location: Valdivia, Chile
- Current production capacity: 90 ton-steam/hr
- Production capacity after investment: 120 ton-steam/hr







# Q & A





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