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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2011

OR

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

For the transition period from ______ to _____

Commission File Number

0-19858

USA TRUCK, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

71-0556971

(I.R.S. employer identification no.)

3200 Industrial Park Road Van Buren, Arkansas (Address of principal executive offices)

72956 (Zip code)

(479) 471-2500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable (Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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 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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any,

every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes X No
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):
Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer X Non-Accelerated Filer Smaller Reporting
Company (Do not check if a Smaller Reporting Company)
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No X
The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's Common Stock, par value \$.01, as of August 3, 2011 is 10,456,381.

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ITEM 1.

PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS USA TRUCK, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)

(in thousands, except share amounts)

June 30,

December 31,

		2011	2010		
Assets		2011		2010	
Current assets:					
Cash	\$	1,776	\$	2,726	
Accounts receivable:	Ψ	1,770	Ψ	2,720	
Trade, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$4	24 in				
2011 and \$444 in 2010	2 1 111	64,718		46,630	
Other		1,909		1,353	
Inventories		2,712		2,080	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		13,870		12,885	
Total current assets		84,985		65,674	
Total carrent assets		01,703		05,071	
Property and equipment:					
Land and structures		31,339		31,268	
Revenue equipment		384,595		376,211	
Service, office and other equipment		16,920		15,636	
Property and equipment, at cost		432,854		423,115	
Accumulated depreciation and amortization		(162,905)		(163,867)	
Property and equipment, net		269,949		259,248	
Note receivable		2,038		2,048	
Other assets		433		415	
Total assets	\$	357,405	\$	327,385	
Liabilities and Stockholders' equity					
Current liabilities:					
Bank drafts payable	\$	4,502	\$	4,233	
Trade accounts payable		29,973		16,691	
Current portion of insurance and claims accruals		4,519		4,725	
Accrued expenses		10,874		8,401	
Note payable		338		1,009	
Current maturities of long-term debt and capital		26,798		18,766	
leases					
Deferred income taxes		1,296		1,094	
Total current liabilities		78,300		54,919	
Deferred gain		615		618	
Long-term debt and capital leases, less current		88,737		79,750	
maturities					
Deferred income taxes		50,165		50,782	
Insurance and claims accruals, less current portio	n	4,050		3,608	

Stockholders' equity:

Preferred Stock, \$.01 par value; 1,000,000 shares			
authorized; none issued			
Common Stock, \$.01 par value; authorized			
30,000,000 shares; issued 11,807,467 shares in 20	11		
and 11,835,075 shares in 2010		118	118
Additional paid-in capital		65,190	65,169
Retained earnings		92,097	94,215
Less treasury stock, at cost (1,351,086 shares in 20	011		
and 1,339,324 shares in 2010)		(21,867)	(21,783)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss			(11)
Total stockholders' equity		135,538	137,708
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	357,405	\$ 327,385
See notes to consolidated financial statements.			

USA TRUCK, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(UNAUDITED)

Three Months Ended

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Six Months Ended

	June 30,				June 30,			
		2011	50,	2010		2011	5 30,	2010
		2011		2010		2011		2010
Revenue:								
Trucking revenue	\$	85,309	\$	83,620	\$	168,184	\$	164,310
Strategic Capacity Solutions revenue	·	17,871	,	8,502	·	29,439		14,713
Intermodal revenue		5,294		2,760		10,503		5,085
Base revenue		108,474		94,882		208,126		184,108
Fuel surcharge revenue		30,553		18,791		54,943		35,198
Total revenue		139,027		113,673		263,069		219,306
Operating expenses and costs:								
Fuel and fuel taxes		36,332		27,217		71,058		55,612
Salaries, wages and employee benefits		34,704		32,082		67,805		65,309
Purchased transportation		31,480		18,995		56,861		34,600
Depreciation and amortization		12,489		12,135		25,102		24,634
Operations and maintenance		10,415		8,304		20,292		15,968
Insurance and claims		5,700		5,525		11,563		11,596
Operating taxes and licenses		1,375		1,411		2,773		2,804
Communications and utilities		1,049		1,019		2,034		1,965
Gain on disposal of revenue equipment,		(1,341)		(36)		(2,256)		(43)
net								
Other		4,612		3,983		8,807		7,322
Total operating expenses and costs		136,815		110,635		264,039		219,767
Operating income (loss)		2,212		3,038		(970)		(461)
Other expenses (income):								
Interest expense		821		944		1,564		1,713
Other, net		(26)		127		(37)		178
Total other expenses, net		795		1,071		1,527		1,891
Income (loss) before income taxes		1,417		1,967		(2,497)		(2,352)
Income tax expense (benefit)		819		1,067		(379)		(256)
Net income (loss)	\$	598	\$	900	\$	(2,118)	\$	(2,096)
Net earnings (loss) per share information:								
Average shares outstanding (Basic)		10,306		10,293		10,302		10,287
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$	0.06	\$	0.09	\$	(0.21)	\$	(0.20)

Average shares outstanding (Diluted)	10,317	10,320	10,302	10,287
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.09	\$ (0.21)	\$ (0.20)

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

$\label{eq:USATRUCK} \textbf{USA TRUCK, INC.} \\ \textbf{CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY}$

(UNAUDITED)

(in thousands)

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	Shares	Value	(Capital	Earning	8	Stock		Loss	Total
Balance at	11,835	\$ 118	\$	65,169	\$ 94,2	15	\$ (21,783)	\$	(11)	\$ 137,708
December 31, 2010	,	7	_	,	+		+ (==,, ==)	,	()	 ,,,,,,,,
Exercise of stock										
options	1			1						1
Stock-based										
compensation				285						285
Restricted stock award										
grant	9									
Forfeited restricted										
stock	(38)			(234)			(115)			(349)
Change in fair value	;									
of interest rate swap,										
net of income tax of \$1	l								1	1
Reclassification of										
derivative net losses to)									
statement of										
operations, net of										
income tax of \$7									10	10
Return of forfeited									10	10
restricted stock				(31)			31			
Net loss					(2,11	8)				(2,118)
Balance at June 30,					-	•				
2011	11,807	\$ 118	\$	65,190	\$ 92,09	97 \$	(21,867)	\$		\$ 135,538

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

USA TRUCK, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

(in thousands)
Six Months Ended

		ne 30,			
		2011		2010	
Operating activities					
Net loss	\$	(2,118)	\$	(2,096)	
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by					
operating activities:					
Depreciation and amortization		25,102		24,634	
Provision for doubtful accounts		63		115	
Deferred income taxes		(372)		(547)	
Excess tax benefit from exercise of stock options				(8)	
Stock-based compensation		(78)		(45)	
Gain on disposal of assets, net		(2,256)		(43)	
Recognition of deferred gain		(3)			
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:					
Accounts receivable		(18,707)		619	
Inventories and prepaid expenses		(1,617)		(4,446)	
Trade accounts payable and accrued expenses		9,295		6,743	
Insurance and claims accruals		236		(15)	
Net cash provided by operating activities		9,545		24,911	
Investing activities					
Purchases of property and equipment		(25,294)		(30,250)	
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		13,596		7,292	
Change in other assets		(8)		(9)	
Net cash used in investing activities		(11,706)		(22,967)	
Financing activities					
Borrowings under long-term debt		49,737		47,783	
Principal payments on long-term debt		(39,680)		(38,201)	
Principal payments on capitalized lease obligations		(8,459)		(7,752)	
Principal payments on note payable		(671)		(674)	
Net increase (decrease) in bank drafts payable		269		(1,038)	
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		15		154	
Excess tax benefit from exercise of stock options				8	
Net cash provided by financing activities		1,211		280	
(Decrease) increase in cash		(950)		2,224	
Cash:					
Beginning of period		2,726		797	
End of period	\$	1,776	\$	3,021	

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

Cash paid during the period for:

Interest	\$ 1,544	\$ 1,596
Income taxes		
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing activities:		
Liability incurred for leases on revenue equipment	15,421	4,867
Purchases of revenue equipment included in accounts payable	6,428	

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

USA TRUCK, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

June 30, 2011

NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three month and six month periods ended June 30, 2011, are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2011. For further information, refer to the financial statements, and footnotes thereto, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

The balance sheet at December 31, 2010, has been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements at that date but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements.

By agreement with our customers, and consistent with industry practice, we add a graduated fuel surcharge to the rates we charge our customers as diesel fuel prices increase above an agreed-upon baseline price per gallon. Base revenue in the consolidated statements of operations represents revenue excluding this fuel surcharge revenue.

NOTE 2 - REVENUE RECOGNITION

Revenue generated by our Trucking operating segment is recognized in full upon completion of delivery of freight to the receiver's location. For freight in transit at the end of a reporting period, we recognize revenue pro rata based on relative transit time completed as a portion of the estimated total transit time. Expenses are recognized as incurred.

Revenue generated by our Strategic Capacity Solutions ("SCS") and Intermodal operating segments is recognized upon completion of the services provided. Revenue is recorded on a gross basis, without deducting third party purchased transportation costs because we have responsibility for billing and collecting such revenue.

Management believes these policies most accurately reflect revenue as earned and direct expenses, including third party purchased transportation costs, as incurred.

NOTE 3 – STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The USA Truck, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan provides for the granting of incentive or nonqualified options or other equity-based awards covering up to 1,050,000 shares of Common Stock to directors, officers and other key employees. No options were granted under this 2004 Equity Incentive Plan for less than the fair market value of the Common Stock as defined in the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan at the date of the grant. Options granted under the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan is the fair market value of our Common Stock at the date the option price under the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan is the fair market value of our Common Stock at the date the options were granted. The exercise prices of outstanding options granted under the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan range from \$11.19 to \$30.22 as of June 30, 2011. At June 30, 2011, 594,861 shares were available for granting future options or other equity awards under this 2004 Equity Incentive Plan. The Company issues new shares upon the exercise of stock options.

Compensation expense related to incentive and nonqualified stock options granted under the Company's plans is included in salaries, wages and employee benefits in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. The amount of compensation expense recognized, net of forfeiture recoveries, is reflected in the table below for the periods indicated.

				(in thousa	nds)			
	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,			
	2011	[20	10	201	1	2010	
Compensation expense (credit)	\$	31	\$	(22)	\$	31	\$	43
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The table below sets forth the assumptions used to value stock options granted during the periods indicated:

	2011	2010
Dividend yield	0%	0%
Expected volatility	22.6 - 33.7%	32.8 - 50.2%
Risk-free interest rate	1.6 - 1.7%	0.9 - 2.1%
Expected life (in years)	4.21 - 4.25	4.13 - 4.25

The expected volatility is a measure of the expected fluctuation in our share price based on the historical volatility of our stock. Expected life represents the length of time we anticipate the options to be outstanding before being exercised. The risk-free interest rate is based on an implied yield on United States zero-coupon treasury bonds with a remaining term equal to the expected life of the outstanding options. In addition to the above, we also include a factor for anticipated forfeitures, which represents the number of shares under options expected to be forfeited over the expected life of the options.

Information related to option activity for the six months ended June 30, 2011 is as follows:

				Weighted Average		
		Wei	Weighted Remaining		A	Aggregate
	Number	Average		Contractual	Intrinsic Value	
	of Options	Exerci	se Price	Life (in years)		(1)
Outstanding - beginning of year	152,600	\$	16.01			
Granted	24,213		12.37			
Exercised	(8,104)		11.47		\$	7,424
Cancelled/forfeited	(18,085)		14.55			
Expired	(27,638)		17.59			
Outstanding at June 30, 2011	122,986	\$	15.46	3.3	\$	1,588
Exercisable at June 30, 2011	37,230	\$	18.20	1.5	\$	536

(1) The intrinsic value of outstanding and exercisable stock options is determined based on the amount by which the market value of the underlying stock exceeds the exercise price of the option. The per share market value of our Common Stock, as determined by the closing price on June 30, 2011 (the last trading day of the quarter), was \$11.30.

Compensation expense related to restricted stock awarded under the Company's plans is included in salaries, wages and employee benefits in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. The compensation expense recognized is based on the market value of our Common Stock on the date the restricted stock award is granted and is not adjusted in subsequent periods. The amount to be recognized, net of forfeiture recoveries, is amortized over the vesting period. The amount of compensation expense recognized is reflected in the table below for the periods indicated.

	(in thousands)							
	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended			
					June 30,			
	2011 2010		10	20	11	201	0	
Compensation (credit) expense	\$	(124)	\$	(132)	\$	(110)	\$	(88)

The 2003 Restricted Stock Award Plan terminated August 31, 2009. During the quarter ended June 30, 2010, management determined that the performance criteria for 2010 would not be met and therefore the remaining 2,000 shares outstanding under this Plan were deemed forfeited and recorded as treasury stock. The previously recorded expense in the amount of \$0.05 million relating to the forfeited shares was recovered during the quarter ended June 30, 2010. The shares remained outstanding until their scheduled vest date of March 1, 2011, at which time their forfeiture became effective. Pursuant to the provisions of the Plan, at that time, the shares were returned to Mr. Robert M. Powell, who originally contributed the shares for the awards made under this Plan. Upon the return of these shares to Mr. Powell, no other shares awarded under this Plan remain outstanding.

Information related to the restricted stock awarded under the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan for the six months ended June 30, 2011, is as follows:

	Number of	Weighted Average		
	Shares	Grant Price (1)		
Nonvested shares – December 31,	198,370	\$	12.33	
2010				
Granted	8,832		11.69	
Forfeited	(38,265)		12.32	
Vested				
Nonvested shares – June 30, 2011	168,937	\$	12.30	

(1) The shares were valued at the closing price of the Company's common stock on the dates of the awards.

On July 16, 2008, the Executive Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company, pursuant to the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, granted thereunder awards totaling 200,000 restricted shares of the Company's Common Stock to certain officers of the Company. The grants were made effective as of July 18, 2008 and were valued at \$12.13 per share, which was the closing price of the Company's Common Stock on that date. Each officer's restricted shares of Common Stock will vest in varying amounts over the ten year period beginning April 1, 2011, subject to the Company's attainment of defined retained earnings growth. Management must attain an average five-year trailing retained earnings annual growth rate of 10.0% (before dividends) in order for the shares to qualify for full vesting (pro rata vesting will apply down to 50.0% at a 5.0% annual growth rate). Any shares which fail to vest as a result of the Company's failure to attain a performance goal will forfeit and result in the recovery of the previously recorded expense. These forfeited shares will revert to the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan where they will remain available for grants under the terms of that Plan until that Plan expires in 2014. During the quarter, management determined that the performance criteria will not be met for the shares that were scheduled to vest on April 1, 2012 and April 1, 2013; therefore, these shares were deemed forfeited and recorded as Treasury Stock. The shares will remain outstanding until their scheduled vesting dates, at which time their forfeitures will become effective and the shares will revert to the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan. The table below sets forth the information relating to the forfeitures of these shares.

July	16.	2008	Restricted	Stock	Award	Forfeitures

	Date Deemed	Shares			
	Forfeited and	Forfeited			Date Shares
Scheduled Vest	Recorded as	(in	Expense Rec	covered	Returned to
Date	Treasury Stock	thousands)	(in thousa	nds)	Plan
April 1, 2011	June 30, 2010	9	\$	70	April 1, 2011
April 1, 2012	June 30, 2011	8		66	April 1, 2012
April 1, 2013	June 30, 2011	15		101	April 1, 2013

During the quarter ended June 30, 2010, due to the termination of the employment of an officer of the Company, 26,119 restricted shares of the above-mentioned performance based grant were forfeited resulting in recovery of the previously recorded expense in the amount of approximately \$0.08 million. The forfeited shares were returned to the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan. Also, related to this termination of employment, 2,000 restricted shares were forfeited resulting in the recovery of previously recorded expense in the amount of approximately \$0.05 million and, in accordance with the provisions of the Plan under which they were awarded, these shares were returned to Mr. Powell, who originally contributed the shares used for the award.

During the quarter ended March 31, 2011, an executive officer of the Company submitted his notice to retire effective April 30, 2011. Accordingly, during the quarter ended March 31, 2011, the Company recovered an estimate of the expense associated with 27,910 shares of outstanding, unvested restricted stock held by this executive officer in the approximate amount of \$0.08 million. During the quarter ended June 30, 2011, the Company recovered the remaining amount related to this forfeiture in the amount of approximately \$0.04 million. As of June 30, 2011, all expense previously recorded in relation to this forfeiture has been recovered.

Information set forth in the following table is related to stock options and restricted stock as of June 30, 2011.

	(in thousands, except weighted average data)					
	Stock Op	tions	Restricted Stock			
Unrecognized compensation expense	\$	169	\$	1,202		
Weighted average period over which						
unrecognized compensation expense						
is to be recognized (in years)		1.6		5.7		

NOTE 4 – REPURCHASE OF EQUITY SECURITIES

On October 21, 2009, the Board of Directors of the Company approved the repurchase of up to 2,000,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock expiring on October 21, 2012. Subject to applicable timing and other legal requirements, these repurchases may be made on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions on terms approved by the Company's Chairman of the Board or President. Repurchased shares may be retired or held in treasury for future use for appropriate corporate purposes including issuance in connection with awards under the Company's employee benefit plans. During the six months ended June 30, 2011, we did not repurchase any shares of our Common Stock. Our current repurchase authorization has 2,000,000 shares remaining.

NOTE 5 – SEGMENT REPORTING

The service offerings we provide relate to the transportation of truckload quantities of freight for customers in a variety of industries. The services generate revenue, and to a great extent incur expenses, primarily on a per mile basis. As the revenue generated by these service offerings is becoming increasingly more significant, management determined that additional disclosures were needed.

		Perc	ent of Total Base	e Revenu	e	
	Trucking		SCS		Intermodal	
Three Months Ended:						
June 30, 2011	78.6	%	16.5	%	4.9	%
June 30, 2010	88.1	%	9.0	%	2.9	%
Six Months Ended:						
June 30, 2011	80.8	%	14.1	%	5.1	%
June 30, 2010	89.2	%	8.0	%	2.8	%

Except with respect to the relatively minor components of our operations that do not involve the use of our trucks, key operating statistics for all three segments include, for example, revenue per mile and miles per tractor per week. While the operations of our SCS segment typically do not involve the use of our equipment and drivers, we nevertheless provide truckload freight services to our customers through arrangements with third party carriers who are subject to the same general regulatory environment and cost sensitivities imposed upon our Trucking operations. Our Intermodal segment does involve the use of our equipment as we utilize our trailers and leased containers to provide this service. Accordingly, the operations of this segment are subject to the same general regulatory environment and cost sensitivities imposed upon our Trucking operations.

Assets are not allocated to our SCS segment as the majority of our SCS operations provide truckload freight services to our customers through arrangements with third party carriers who utilize their own equipment. Assets are not allocated to our Intermodal segment as our intermodal containers are utilized under operating leases with BNSF

Railway, which are not capitalized.