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**PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2004

METHANEX CORPORATION

(Registrant's name)

SUITE 1800, 200 BARRARD STREET, VANCOUVER, BC V6C 3M1 CANADA

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes

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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 behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

METHANEX CORPORATION

Date: October 21, 2004

By: /s/ RANDY MILNER

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NEWS RELEASE

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METHANEX DELIVERS STRONG FINANCIAL RESULTS

October 20, 2004

Methanex Corporation recorded net income of US\$71.2 million (US\$0.59 per share) and generated EBITDA¹ of US\$125.9 million for the third quarter ended September 30, 2004. The third quarter 2004 results compare with net income of US\$52.4 million (US\$0.43 per share) and EBITDA of US\$94.4 million for the second quarter 2004.

Bruce Aitken, President and CEO of Methanex commented, "The third quarter saw a continuation of tight methanol industry supply and demand fundamentals. Methanol pricing has remained strong and stable, resulting in a very favourable business environment for Methanex. Our average realized price for the third quarter 2004 was US\$245 per tonne compared with US\$222 per tonne for the second quarter 2004. The global methanol market has substantially absorbed the production from two major supply additions in recent months – the 1.0 million tonne per year NPC plant in Iran and the 1.7 million tonne per year Atlas facility in Trinidad – and conditions remain tight. Currently, Methanex reference prices are similar to last quarter and range from US\$272 – 280 per tonne (US\$0.82 – 0.84 per gallon) before discounts. Looking ahead, we are optimistic that a favourable business environment and above average pricing will continue. We expect that the impact of planned new capacity additions during 2005 will be largely offset by further shutdowns of high cost global methanol production and increased demand.

Mr. Aitken continued, "In Trinidad, commissioning and optimization of the Atlas methanol facility – a joint venture between Methanex and BP – progressed well throughout the third quarter. As a result, we advised Lyondell that we would no longer require production from its 750,000 tonne per year plant in Channelview, Texas and the facility was shut down on September 16, 2004. We also hold similar production rights at Terra Industries' 700,000 tonne per year facility in Beaumont, Texas. Our 840,000 tonne per year Chile IV project is progressing well and we expect to commission the plant in early 2005. Like Atlas, Chile IV will allow us to take another significant step in improving the quality of our earnings and enhancing our ability to generate cash from our business.

Mr. Aitken concluded, "We continue to enjoy excellent financial strength and flexibility, with US\$162 million of cash on hand at the end of the third quarter 2004 and a US\$250 million credit facility, which remains undrawn. We have the financial capacity to complete our capital maintenance spending program, the current normal course issuer bid, the construction of Chile IV and to pursue new opportunities to enhance our strategic position in methanol.

A conference call is scheduled for Thursday, October 21 at 11:00 am EDT (8:00 am PDT) to review these third quarter results. To access the call, dial the Telus Conferencing operator ten minutes prior to the start of the call at (416) 883-0139, or toll free at (888) 458-1598. The security passcode for the call is 75577. A playback version of the conference call will be available for seven days at (877) 653-0545. The reservation number for the playback version is 190525. There will be a simultaneous audio-only webcast of the conference call, which can be accessed from our website at www.methanex.com.

Methanex is a Vancouver based, publicly-traded company engaged in the worldwide production and marketing of methanol. Methanex shares are listed for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange in Canada under the trading symbol MX and on the Nasdaq National Market in the United States under the trading symbol MEOH.

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1 EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure. For a description and reconciliation to the most comparable GAAP measure refer to Additional Information - Supplemental Non-GAAP Measures included in the attached Interim Report.

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Information in this news release and the attached management's discussion and analysis may contain forward-looking statements. By their nature, such forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. They include world-wide economic conditions, actions of competitors, the availability and cost of gas feedstock, the ability to implement business strategies and pursue business opportunities, conditions in the methanol and other industries including the supply and demand for methanol and the risks attendant with producing and marketing methanol and carrying out major capital expenditure projects. Please also refer to page 43 of our 2003 Annual Report for more information on forward-looking statements.

At October 19, 2004, the Company had 120,174,467 common shares issued and outstanding and stock options exercisable for 2,838,975 additional common shares.

Share Information

Methanex Corporation's common shares are listed for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol MX and on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol MEOH.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Except where otherwise noted, all currency amounts are stated in United States dollars.

This third quarter 2004 Management's Discussion and Analysis should be read in conjunction with the 2003 annual consolidated financial statements and the Management's Discussion and Analysis included in the Methanex 2003 Annual Report. The Methanex 2003 Annual Report and additional information relating to Methanex is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

| | Three Months Ended ¹ | | | Nine Months Ended ¹ | |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| | Sep 30 2004 | Jun 30 2004 | Sep 30 2003 | Sep 30 2004 | Sep 30 2003 |
| <i>(\$ millions, except where noted)</i> | | | | | |
| Sales volumes (thousands of tonnes) | | | | | |
| Company produced | 1,307 | 1,233 | 1,200 | 3,767 | 3,605 |
| Purchased | 423 | 600 | 350 | 1,558 | 993 |
| Commission sales ² | 41 | | | 41 | 254 |
| Average realized methanol price (\$ per tonne) ³ | 1,771 | 1,833 | 1,550 | 5,366 | 4,852 |
| Net income (loss) | 245 | 222 | 216 | 229 | 226 |
| Income before unusual items (after-tax) ⁴ | 71.2 | 52.4 | (9.3) | 170.4 | 113.1 |
| Operating income | 71.2 | 52.4 | 30.6 | 170.4 | 152.9 |
| Cash flows from operating activities ⁵ | 105.7 | 77.8 | 57.5 | 256.8 | 236.0 |
| EBITDA ⁶ | 108.7 | 81.8 | 69.0 | 271.2 | 267.1 |
| Basic net income (loss) per common share (\$ per share) | 125.9 | 94.4 | 81.8 | 313.6 | 304.9 |
| Diluted net income (loss) per common share (\$ per share) | 0.59 | 0.43 | (0.08) | 1.40 | 0.91 |
| Basic income per share before unusual items (after-tax) ⁴ | 0.58 | 0.42 | (0.08) | 1.38 | 0.89 |
| Number of common shares outstanding, end of period (millions of shares) | 0.59 | 0.43 | 0.26 | 1.40 | 1.23 |
| | 120.0 | 122.9 | 119.5 | 120.0 | 119.5 |
| | 121.6 | 122.9 | 119.2 | 121.9 | 124.1 |

Weighted average number of common shares outstanding
(millions of shares)

- 1 *The 2003 financial results have been restated to reflect the retroactive adoption on January 1, 2004 of the new recommendations of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA) related to asset retirement obligations and stock-based compensation. Refer to note 1 of the consolidated financial statements for the nine months ended September 30, 2004.*
- 2 *Revenue includes the commission earned on sales of the 36.9% of production from Atlas that we do not own. Commission sales volume in 2003 represents commission sales of production from Titan Methanol Company prior to our acquisition of Titan effective May 1, 2003.*
- 3 *Average realized price presented in the above table is calculated net of inland shipping and handling costs billed to customers. For financial statement presentation, these amounts are included in cost of sales. Refer to note 1 of the consolidated financial statements for the nine months ended September 30, 2004.*
- 4 *Income before unusual items (after-tax) and basic income per share before unusual items (after-tax) differ from the most comparable GAAP measures, net income and basic net income (loss) per share because certain transactions considered to be non-operational and/or non-recurring have been excluded. Refer to Additional Information Supplemental Non-GAAP Measures .*
- 5 *Before changes in non-cash working capital and the utilization of prepaid natural gas.*
- 6 *EBITDA differs from the most comparable GAAP measure, cash flows from operating activities, primarily because it does not include changes in non-cash working capital, the utilization of prepaid natural gas and cash flows related to interest, income taxes and unusual items. For a reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities to EBITDA, refer to Additional Information Supplemental Non-GAAP Measures .*

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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Continued Strong Financial Results

For the third quarter of 2004 we recorded EBITDA of \$125.9 million and net income of \$71.2 million (\$0.59 per share). This compares with EBITDA of \$94.4 million and net income of \$52.4 million (\$0.43 per share) for the second quarter of 2004 and EBITDA of \$81.8 million and income before unusual items (after-tax) of \$30.6 million for the third quarter of 2003. During the third quarter of 2003, we recorded a before and after-tax non-cash charge of \$39.8 million to write off the costs incurred in developing a project in Western Australia that did not proceed. Including the impact of this write-off, we recorded a net loss of \$9.3 million for the third quarter of 2003.

For the nine month period ended September 30, 2004, we recorded EBITDA of \$313.6 million and net income of \$170.4 million (\$1.40 per share) compared with EBITDA of \$304.9 million, income before unusual items (after-tax) of \$152.9 million (\$1.23 per share) and net income of \$113.1 million (\$0.91 per share) for the same period in 2003.

EBITDA

The change in EBITDA resulted from:

| <i>(\$ millions)</i> | Q3-2004 compared with Q2-2004 | Q3-2004 compared with Q3-2003 | YTD Q3 2004 compared with YTD Q3 2003 |
|---|--|--|--|
| Higher realized price of produced methanol | 30 | 37 | 9 |
| Higher total cash cost | (6) | (17) | (37) |
| Higher sales volume of produced methanol | 7 | 12 | 17 |
| Higher margin on the sale of purchased methanol | | 11 | 19 |
| Other | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Increase in EBITDA | 32 | 44 | 9 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |

Q3 2004 compared with Q2 2004

Methanol prices are cyclical and are affected by the methanol supply and demand balance, which is influenced by global industry capacity, industry operating rates and the strength of demand. Methanol prices are also influenced by the cost structure of high cost methanol production that is determined primarily by energy prices.

Tight supply conditions and strong demand resulted in the continuation of the favourable methanol price environment through the third quarter of 2004. The third quarter of 2004 average realized price of \$245 per tonne is \$23 per tonne higher than the average realized price of \$222 per tonne for the second quarter of 2004. The higher average realized price for sales of produced methanol increased EBITDA by \$30 million. Over the same period, our total cash costs for produced methanol increased by approximately \$5 per tonne and this decreased EBITDA by \$6 million. The increase in total cash costs relates primarily to higher natural gas costs for all of our facilities. We purchase natural gas for our Kitimat facility on a short-term basis and the purchase price is set in a competitive market that can fluctuate widely.

Natural gas in New Zealand is purchased through take-or-pay and other purchase contracts reflecting the current market price for natural gas. Natural gas costs in both Chile and Trinidad are adjusted by formulae related to methanol prices and this enables these facilities to be competitive at all points throughout the methanol price cycle.

During the third quarter we realized the first sales of production from the Atlas methanol facility in Trinidad. We have a 63.1% interest in Atlas and we market all of its production. The 36.9% portion of the Atlas sales volume that we do not own is accounted for and disclosed separately as commission sales volume and the commission earned is recorded in revenue. Our sales volume of produced methanol for the third quarter increased by 74,000 tonnes compared with the second quarter and this increased EBITDA by \$7 million.

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We purchase additional methanol produced by others on the spot market or through offtake agreements in order to meet customer needs and support our marketing efforts. Consequently, we realize holding gains or losses on the resale of this product depending on the methanol price at the time of resale. The cost for purchased methanol also includes allocated storage and handling costs of approximately \$5 per tonne. During the third quarter of 2004 we sold 423,000 tonnes of purchased methanol and incurred a loss of \$3 million, including the allocation of approximately \$2 million of storage and handling costs. This compares with a loss of \$3 million on the sale of 600,000 tonnes during the second quarter.

Q3 2004 compared with Q3 2003

The third quarter of 2004 average realized price of \$245 per tonne is \$29 per tonne higher than the average realized price of \$216 per tonne for the third quarter of 2003. The higher average realized price for sales of produced methanol increased EBITDA by \$37 million. Our total cash costs of produced methanol increased by approximately \$13 per tonne over the same period and this decreased EBITDA by \$17 million. Substantially all of this decrease relates to higher natural gas costs.

Our sales volume of produced methanol for the third quarter increased by approximately 107,000 tonnes compared with the third quarter of 2003 and this increased EBITDA by \$12 million.

The third quarter of 2004 loss of \$3 million on the sale of 423,000 tonnes of purchased methanol (refer to Q3 2004 compared with Q2 2004) compares with a loss of \$14 million on the sale of 350,000 tonnes for the third quarter of 2003.

YTD Q3 2004 compared with YTD Q3 2003

Our average realized price for the nine month period ended September 30, 2004 was \$229 per tonne compared with \$226 per tonne for 2003 resulting in a \$9 million increase in EBITDA. Our total cash costs of produced methanol are approximately \$10 per tonne higher in 2004 and this decreased EBITDA by \$37 million. Substantially all of the decrease in EBITDA relates to higher natural gas costs in New Zealand and Chile.

Our sales volume of produced methanol in 2004 is higher than 2003 by 162,000 tonnes and this increased EBITDA by \$17 million.

During the nine month period ended September 30, 2004 we sold 1.6 million tonnes of purchased methanol and incurred a loss of \$8 million compared with a loss of \$27 million on the sale of 1.0 million tonnes for the same period in 2003.

Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expense for the third quarter of 2004 was \$20 million compared with \$24 million for the third quarter of 2003. For the nine month period ended September 30, 2004, depreciation and amortization expense was \$57 million compared with \$69 million for the same period in 2003. The overall decrease in depreciation expense in 2004 compared with 2003 relates to the lower carrying value of property, plant and equipment due to the write-down of our Medicine Hat and New Zealand production facilities at December 31, 2003.

Interest Expense

| <i>Interest expense (\$ millions)</i> | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| | Sep 30 2004 | Sep 30 2003 | Sep 30 2004 | Sep 30 2003 |
| Interest expense before deduction of capitalized interest | \$ 14 | \$ 16 | \$ 41 | \$ 41 |
| Less capitalized interest: | | | | |
| Chile IV | (4) | (2) | (10) | (3) |
| Atlas | (1) | (3) | (10) | (10) |
| Interest expense | <u>\$ 9</u> | <u>\$ 11</u> | <u>\$ 21</u> | <u>\$ 28</u> |

Capitalized interest relates to the construction of Chile IV and the Atlas methanol facility. The Atlas methanol facility commenced operations at the end of July 2004 and subsequent to this date no interest expense was capitalized.

Interest and Other Income

Interest and other income for the third quarter of 2004 was \$1 million compared with \$2 million for the third quarter of 2003. For the nine month period ended September 30, 2004, interest and other income was \$5 million compared with \$11 million for the same period in 2003. The decrease in interest and other income relates primarily to decreased foreign exchange gains in 2004 compared with 2003.

Income Taxes

The effective income tax rate for the third quarter of 2004 was 27% compared with 37% for the third quarter of 2003, excluding the impact of unusual items. The effective tax rate for the nine month period ended September 30, 2004 was 29% compared with 30% for the same period in 2003. Each of our Trinidad facilities is subject to preferential tax treatment. Titan has a tax holiday until mid-2005 and the tax rate for Atlas will increase over a ten-year period from 0% to 35%. In addition, our New Zealand and Kitimat operations have previously unrecognized tax loss carryforward balances. Substantially all of our consolidated income tax expense relates to our operations in Chile, where we record taxes at a rate of 35%. The lower effective tax rate for the third quarter of 2004 compared with the third quarter of 2003 is primarily related to the impact of earnings from Chile representing a lower proportion of our income before taxes.

Operating Performance

| <i>(thousands of tonnes)</i> | Quarterly Operating Capacity | Q3-2004 Production | Q2-2004 Production |
|------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
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| | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Chile | 750 | 640 | 666 |
| Titan, Trinidad | 213 | 176 | 220 |
| Atlas, Trinidad (63.1% interest) | 268 | 157 | |
| New Zealand | 608 | 304 | 229 |
| Kitimat | 125 | 121 | 121 |
| | <u>1,964</u> | <u>1,398</u> | <u>1,236</u> |

Approximately 57% of the natural gas requirement for our Chilean facilities is sourced from Argentina under long-term natural gas contracts. Argentina has been experiencing an energy crisis brought about primarily as a result of price regulation of domestic natural gas and a dramatic devaluation of the Argentinean peso against the United States dollar. Natural gas prices have been held at extremely low levels and this has led to increased demand and lower amounts of natural gas supplying the domestic market. As a consequence, the government of Argentina reduced exports of natural gas to Chile and other surrounding countries. Our operations had been largely isolated from this issue due to the location of our plants in the southernmost region of Chile. During the period from mid-May to early August, however, we suffered curtailments of natural gas averaging 600 tonnes per day of methanol production. The situation is improving. Domestic natural gas prices are being

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increased and additional investment in infrastructure is being made by gas suppliers within Argentina that should increase the supply of natural gas for domestic consumption. We have not suffered any curtailments since early August. We will, however, continue to closely monitor this issue over the coming months, as there can be no assurance as to its ultimate outcome.

The production from our facilities in Chile was also impacted by planned and unplanned shutdowns during the third quarter of 2004. The total lost production as a result of the Argentina gas curtailments and the planned and unplanned shutdowns in the third quarter of 2004 was approximately 110,000 tonnes.

The 1.7 million tonne per year Atlas methanol facility has been in the commissioning phase from the end of July 2004 and our proportionate share of its production was 157,000 tonnes. Production at our Titan Trinidad facility was impacted by unplanned shutdowns during the third quarter of 2004.

In New Zealand, we produced 304,000 tonnes of methanol during the third quarter of 2004 compared with 229,000 tonnes during the second quarter. We plan to produce approximately 250,000 tonnes during the fourth quarter in New Zealand and we have the potential to produce up to approximately 375,000 tonnes of methanol in 2005.

Supply/Demand Fundamentals

Global economic growth and strong demand for methanol was experienced throughout the third quarter of 2004 resulting in the continuation of favourable methanol market conditions. The start up of both the 1.0 million tonne per year NPC plant in Iran and the 1.7 million tonne per year Atlas methanol facility in Trinidad have been substantially absorbed by the market and methanol prices continue to be strong. During the third quarter we advised Lyondell that we would no longer require production from its 750,000 tonne per year plant in Channelview, Texas and consequently, Lyondell shut down this facility on September 16, 2004. We also have similar production rights for Terra Industries 700,000 tonne per year Beaumont plant through 2008.

We believe that our 840,000 tonne per year Chile IV facility will be the next significant increment of industry supply. Additional capacity additions for 2005 are expected and we believe that the impact of this new supply will be largely offset by increased demand and further shutdowns of higher cost methanol production exposed to high North American natural gas prices or high energy prices.

The Methanex non-discounted reference prices have remained stable for October 2004 and are \$279 per tonne (\$0.84 per gallon) in the United States and \$272 per tonne in Asia. In Europe, the October 2004 contract transaction price was held at 230 (US\$282 per tonne at the time of settlement). Currently, spot prices in the United States are approximately \$305 per tonne (\$0.92 per gallon) and spot prices in Europe (FOB Rotterdam) are approximately 215 per tonne. Prices in Asia are currently between \$256 and \$272 per tonne.

Methanex Non Discounted Regional Posted Contract Prices*

| | <u>Oct 2004</u> | <u>Jul 2004</u> |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| United States | \$ 279 | \$ 279 |
| Europe | 230 | 230 |
| Asia | \$ 272 | \$ 272 |

* US\$ per tonne except where noted.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash flows from operating activities before changes in non-cash working capital and the utilization of prepaid natural gas in the third quarter of 2004 were \$109 million compared with \$69 million for the same period in 2003. For the nine month period ended September 30, 2004, cash flows from operating activities before changes in non-cash working capital and the utilization of prepaid natural gas were \$271 million compared with \$267 million for the same period in 2003.

On March 31, 2004, the Company repaid all of the limited recourse long-term debt related to the Titan methanol facility. The total payment, including transaction costs, was \$183 million.

Our proportionate share of capital expenditures during the third quarter of 2004 for the Atlas methanol project was \$7 million. Our remaining cash equity contribution to complete the construction of Atlas and fund a debt reserve is approximately \$13 million.

We are currently expanding our operations in Chile with the construction of Chile IV, an 840,000 tonne per year methanol facility, which is expected to be commissioned in early 2005. Capital expenditures for Chile IV during the third quarter were \$18 million, including capitalized interest of \$4 million. At September 30, 2004, our estimated remaining expenditures to complete the construction of Chile IV were \$68 million, including capitalized interest of \$10 million.

On May 13, 2004, we announced a normal course issuer bid under which we may repurchase up to 6.1 million of our common shares. During the third quarter, we repurchased for cancellation 3.2 million shares at an average price of US\$13.33 per share, or \$42 million. To September 30, 2004, we have repurchased for cancellation 4.6 million shares at an average price of US\$13.09 per share, totaling \$60 million.

During the third quarter of 2004, we paid a quarterly dividend of US\$0.08 per share, or approximately \$9 million.

We have excellent financial capacity and flexibility. Our cash balance at September 30, 2004 was \$162 million and we have an undrawn \$250 million credit facility. The planned capital maintenance expenditure program directed towards major maintenance, turnarounds and catalyst changes is estimated to total approximately \$85 million for the period to the end of 2007. We have the financial capacity to complete our capital maintenance spending program, the current normal course issuer bid, the construction of Chile IV and to pursue new opportunities to enhance our strategic position in methanol.

Short-term Outlook

Methanol market conditions continue to be favourable. Global economic growth and tight supply have led to low global inventory levels and higher pricing. We expect that the impact of planned new capacity additions during 2005 is likely to be largely offset by further shutdowns of higher cost global methanol production and increased demand. The methanol price will ultimately depend on industry operating rates, the rate of industry restructuring and the strength of global demand. We believe that our excellent financial position and financial flexibility, outstanding global supply network and low-cost position will ensure that Methanex continues to be the leader in the methanol industry.

October 20, 2004

Additional Information***Supplemental Non-GAAP Measures***

In addition to providing measures prepared in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), Methanex presents certain supplemental non-GAAP measures. These are EBITDA, income before unusual items (after-tax) and basic income before unusual items (after-tax) per share. These measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and therefore are unlikely to be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. These measures are provided to assist readers in evaluating the operating performance and liquidity of the Company's ongoing business. These measures should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, net income, cash flows from operating activities and other measures of financial performance and liquidity reported in accordance with GAAP.

EBITDA

The following table shows a reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities to EBITDA:

| | Three Months Ended | | | Nine Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| | Sep 30 2004 | Jun 30 2004 | Sep 30 2003 | Sep 30 2004 | Sep 30 2003 |
| <i>(\$ thousands)</i> | | | | | |
| Cash flows from operating activities | \$ 63,256 | \$ 103,546 | \$ 73,611 | \$ 221,156 | \$ 265,607 |
| Add (deduct): | | | | | |
| Changes in non-cash working capital and the utilization of prepaid natural gas | 45,421 | (21,708) | (4,606) | 50,005 | 1,539 |
| Other non-cash operating expenses | (4,493) | (2,130) | (3,632) | (8,257) | (10,861) |
| Interest expense | 8,715 | 4,800 | 11,035 | 21,344 | 28,457 |
| Interest and other income (expense) | (941) | 431 | (2,372) | (4,500) | (10,648) |
| Income taxes - current | 13,944 | 9,426 | 7,745 | 33,870 | 30,803 |
| EBITDA | <u>\$ 125,902</u> | <u>\$ 94,365</u> | <u>\$ 81,781</u> | <u>\$ 313,618</u> | <u>\$ 304,897</u> |

Income before Unusual Items (after-tax) and Basic Income before Unusual Items (after-tax) Per Share

Income before unusual items (after-tax) and basic income before unusual items (after-tax) per share are provided to assist readers in comparing earnings from one period to another without the impact of unusual items that are considered to be non-operational and/or non-recurring.

The following table shows a reconciliation of net income (loss) to income before unusual items (after-tax) and the calculation of basic income before unusual items (after-tax) per share:

Three Months Ended Nine Months Ended

| <i>(\$ thousands, except number of shares and per share amounts)</i> | Sep 30 2004 | Jun 30 2004 | Sep 30 2003 | Sep 30 2004 | Sep 30 2003 |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Net income (loss) | \$71,178 | \$52,375 | \$ (9,253) | \$170,383 | \$113,112 |
| Add unusual items | | | | | |
| Write-off of Australia project development costs | | | 39,833 | | 39,833 |
| | | | | | |
| Income before unusual items (after-tax) | \$71,178 | \$52,375 | \$30,580 | \$170,383 | \$152,945 |
| | | | | | |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding (millions of shares) | 121.6 | 122.9 | 119.2 | 121.9 | 124.1 |
| Basic income before unusual items (after-tax) per share | \$ 0.59 | \$ 0.43 | \$ 0.26 | \$ 1.40 | \$ 1.23 |
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Quarterly Financial Data (unaudited)

A summary of selected financial information for the prior eight quarters is as follows:

| | Three Months Ended | | | |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Sep 30 2004 | Jun 30 2004 | Mar 31 2004 | Dec 31 2003 |
| <i>(\$ thousands, except per share amounts)</i> | | | | |
| Revenue | \$428,840 | \$412,283 | \$392,953 | \$ 358,421 |
| Net income (loss) | 71,178 | 52,375 | 46,830 | (111,698) |
| Basic net income (loss) per common share | 0.59 | 0.43 | 0.39 | (0.93) |
| Diluted net income (loss) per common share | 0.58 | 0.42 | 0.38 | (0.93) |

| | Three Months Ended | | | |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Sep 30 2003 | Jun 30 2003 | Mar 31 2003 | Dec 31 2002 |
| <i>(\$ thousands, except per share amounts)</i> | | | | |
| Revenue | \$340,180 | \$377,603 | \$343,342 | \$314,523 |
| Net income (loss) | (9,253) | 48,415 | 73,950 | (31,417) |
| Basic net income (loss) per common share | (0.08) | 0.38 | 0.59 | (0.25) |
| Diluted net income (loss) per common share | (0.08) | 0.37 | 0.57 | (0.25) |

Forward-Looking Statements

Information in this management's discussion and analysis may contain forward-looking statements. By their nature, such forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. They include world-wide economic conditions, actions of competitors, the availability and cost of gas feedstock, the ability to implement business strategies and pursue business opportunities, conditions in the methanol and other industries including the supply and demand for methanol and the risks attendant with producing and marketing methanol and carrying out major capital expenditure projects. Please also refer to page 43 of our 2003 Annual Report for more information on forward-looking statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME *(unaudited)*
(thousands of U.S. dollars, except number of shares and per share amounts)

| | THREE MONTHS ENDED | | NINE MONTHS ENDED | |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| | SEP 30 2004 | SEP 30 2003 | SEP 30 2004 | SEP 30 2003 |
| Revenue (note 1) | \$ 428,840 | \$ 340,180 | \$ 1,234,076 | \$ 1,061,125 |
| Cost of sales and operating expenses (note 1) | 302,938 | 258,399 | 920,458 | 756,228 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 20,188 | 24,259 | 56,817 | 68,897 |
| Operating income before undernoted items | 105,714 | 57,522 | 256,801 | 236,000 |
| Interest expense (note 8) | (8,715) | (11,035) | (21,344) | (28,457) |
| Interest and other income | 941 | 2,372 | 4,500 | 10,648 |
| Write-off of Australia project development costs | | (39,833) | | (39,833) |
| Income before income taxes | 97,940 | 9,026 | 239,957 | 178,358 |
| Income taxes: | | | | |
| Current | (13,944) | (7,745) | (33,870) | (30,803) |
| Future | (12,818) | (10,534) | (35,704) | (34,443) |
| | (26,762) | (18,279) | (69,574) | (65,246) |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 71,178 | \$ (9,253) | \$ 170,383 | \$ 113,112 |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding* | 121,618,362 | 119,249,000 | 121,904,763 | 124,078,470 |
| Diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding* | 123,242,174 | 119,249,000 | 123,380,954 | 127,185,678 |

* number of common shares outstanding at September 30, 2004: 119,952,367 (September 30, 2003: 119,548,417)

| | | | | |
|--|---------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Basic net income (loss) per common share | \$ 0.59 | \$ (0.08) | \$ 1.40 | \$ 0.91 |
| Diluted net income (loss) per common share | \$ 0.58 | \$ (0.08) | \$ 1.38 | \$ 0.89 |

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METHANEX CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(thousands of U.S. dollars)

| | SEP 30 | DEC 31 |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | (unaudited) | |
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 161,699 | \$ 287,863 |
| Receivables | 255,566 | 220,871 |
| Inventories | 140,811 | 126,729 |
| Prepaid expenses | 15,221 | 14,852 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | 573,297 | 650,315 |
| Property, plant and equipment (note 2) | 1,358,942 | 1,320,227 |
| Other assets | 91,631 | 111,258 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | \$2,023,870 | \$2,081,800 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ 179,911 | \$ 178,420 |
| Current maturities on long-term debt and other long-term liabilities | 265,384 | 33,026 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | 445,295 | 211,446 |
| Long-term debt (note 4) | 350,834 | 756,185 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 66,241 | 67,420 |
| Future income taxes (note 5) | 254,586 | 261,218 |
| Shareholders' equity: | | |
| Capital stock | 516,805 | 499,258 |
| Contributed surplus (note 1) | 5,153 | 7,234 |
| Retained earnings (note 1) | 384,956 | 279,039 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | 906,914 | 785,531 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | \$2,023,870 | \$2,081,800 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY *(unaudited)*
(thousands of U.S. dollars, except number of common shares)

| | NUMBER OF COMMON SHARES | CAPITAL STOCK | CONTRIBUTE SURPLUS | RETAINED EARNINGS | TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Balance, December 31, 2002, as previously reported | 125,651,639 | \$ 517,210 | \$ | \$ 386,868 | \$ 904,078 |
| Adjustments for retroactive adoption of new accounting policies (note 1): | | | | | |
| Stock-based compensation | | | 3,444 | (3,444) | |
| Asset retirement obligations | | | | 4,259 | 4,259 |
| Balance, December 31, 2002, as restated | 125,651,639 | 517,210 | 3,444 | 387,683 | 908,337 |
| <i>Year ended December 31, 2003</i> | | | | | |
| Net income, as previously reported | | | | 7,508 | 7,508 |
| Adjustments for retroactive adoption of new accounting policies (note 1): | | | | | |
| Stock-based compensation expense | | | 3,790 | (3,790) | |
| Asset retirement obligations | | | | (2,302) | (2,302) |
| Proceeds on issue of shares on exercise of stock options | 3,356,128 | 19,173 | | | 19,173 |
| Payment for shares repurchased | (9,000,000) | (37,125) | | (51,523) | (88,648) |
| Dividend payments | | | | (58,537) | (58,537) |
| Balance, December 31, 2003, as restated | 120,007,767 | 499,258 | 7,234 | 279,039 | 785,531 |
| <i>Six month period ended June 30, 2004</i> | | | | | |
| Net income | | | | 99,205 | 99,205 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | | | 1,061 | | 1,061 |
| Proceeds on issue of shares on exercise of stock options | 4,325,925 | 31,811 | | | 31,811 |
| Reclassification of grant date fair value on exercise of options | | 3,374 | (3,374) | | |
| Payment for shares repurchased | (1,426,300) | (6,039) | | (11,877) | (17,916) |
| Dividend payments | | | | (14,418) | (14,418) |
| Balance, June 30, 2004 | 122,907,392 | 528,404 | 4,921 | 351,949 | 885,274 |

*Three month period ended
September 30, 2004*

| | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Net income | | | | 71,178 | 71,178 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | | | 347 | | 347 |
| Proceeds on issue of shares on exercise of stock options | 218,675 | 1,789 | | | 1,789 |
| Reclassification of grant date fair value on exercise of options | | 115 | (115) | | |
| Payment for shares repurchased | (3,173,700) | (13,503) | | (28,811) | (42,314) |
| Dividend payments | | | | (9,360) | (9,360) |
| | <u> </u> |
| Balance, September 30, 2004 | <u>119,952,367</u> | <u>\$516,805</u> | <u>\$ 5,153</u> | <u>\$ 384,956</u> | <u>\$ 906,914</u> |

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METHANEX CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS *(unaudited)*
(thousands of U.S. dollars)

| | THREE MONTHS ENDED | | NINE MONTHS ENDED | |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| | SEP 30 2004 | SEP 30 2003 | SEP 30 2004 | SEP 30 2003 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 71,178 | \$ (9,253) | \$ 170,383 | \$ 113,112 |
| Add: | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 20,188 | 24,259 | 56,817 | 68,897 |
| Future income taxes | 12,818 | 10,534 | 35,704 | 34,443 |
| Write-off of Australia project development costs | | 39,833 | | 39,833 |
| Other | 4,493 | 3,632 | 8,257 | 10,861 |
| | <u>108,677</u> | <u>69,005</u> | <u>271,161</u> | <u>267,146</u> |
| Cash flows from operating activities before undernoted changes | 108,677 | 69,005 | 271,161 | 267,146 |
| Receivables | (13,499) | 7,765 | (34,695) | (3,333) |
| Inventories | (30,405) | 26,429 | (14,438) | (6,432) |
| Prepaid expenses | 1,982 | 3,248 | (369) | (1,948) |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | (3,499) | (33,510) | (503) | 8,025 |
| Utilization of prepaid natural gas | | 674 | | 2,149 |
| | <u>63,256</u> | <u>73,611</u> | <u>221,156</u> | <u>265,607</u> |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| Repayment of limited recourse long-term debt | | | (182,758) | (29,000) |
| Release of restricted cash | | | 14,258 | |
| Proceeds on issue of limited recourse long-term debt | | 11,102 | 14,887 | 29,113 |
| Proceeds on issue of shares on exercise of stock options | 1,789 | 2,628 | 33,600 | 16,055 |
| Payment for shares repurchased | (42,314) | | (60,230) | (88,648) |
| Dividend payments | (9,360) | (7,172) | (23,778) | (51,343) |
| Repayment of other long-term liabilities | (7,728) | (5,531) | (11,654) | (11,067) |
| | <u>(57,613)</u> | <u>1,027</u> | <u>(215,675)</u> | <u>(134,890)</u> |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| Plant and equipment under construction or development | (25,263) | (38,808) | (111,878) | (132,760) |
| Property, plant and equipment | (9,892) | (14,754) | (17,229) | (29,026) |

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| | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Accounts payable related to capital expenditures | (8,534) | 2,620 | 1,994 | 8,452 |
| Acquisition of Titan Methanol Company, net of cash acquired | | | | (74,130) |
| Other assets | (2,426) | | (4,532) | (16,060) |
| | <u>(46,115)</u> | <u>(50,942)</u> | <u>(131,645)</u> | <u>(243,524)</u> |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (40,472) | 23,696 | (126,164) | (112,807) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | <u>202,171</u> | <u>284,884</u> | <u>287,863</u> | <u>421,387</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | <u>\$ 161,699</u> | <u>\$ 308,580</u> | <u>\$ 161,699</u> | <u>\$ 308,580</u> |

SUPPLEMENTARY CASH FLOW INFORMATION

| | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Interest paid, net of capitalized interest | \$ 14,664 | \$ 18,269 | \$ 32,686 | \$ 32,889 |
| Income taxes paid | <u>\$ 7,521</u> | <u>\$ 6,756</u> | <u>\$ 35,196</u> | <u>\$ 28,216</u> |

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Methanex Corporation
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements *(unaudited)*

Except where otherwise noted, tabular dollar amounts are stated in thousands of United States dollars.

1. Basis of presentation:

These interim consolidated financial statements do not include all note disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for annual financial statements, and therefore should be read in conjunction with the annual consolidated financial statements included in the Methanex Corporation 2003 Annual Report. These interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles on a basis consistent with those followed in the most recent annual consolidated financial statements, except as described below:

(a) Shipping and handling costs:

Inland shipping and handling costs billed to customers were previously included in revenue in the 2003 annual consolidated financial statements. These costs have been reclassified from revenue to cost of sales and operating expenses with no impact on reported earnings. For the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2004, \$5 million (2003 - \$5 million) and \$16 million (2003 - \$18 million) of these inland shipping and handling costs have been included in cost of sales and operating expenses, respectively.

(b) Stock-based compensation:

Effective January 1, 2004, the Company adopted the amended recommendations of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA) for accounting for stock-based compensation. The amended standard requires recognition of an estimate of the fair value of stock-based awards in earnings. Previously, the Company provided note disclosure of pro forma net income as if a fair value method had been used for stock based awards.

The amended recommendations have been applied retroactively, with restatement of prior periods. The restatement at December 31, 2003 resulted in an increase to contributed surplus and a decrease to retained earnings of \$7 million (December 31, 2002 - \$3 million). The adjustments represent the total compensation expense recorded for stock options granted on or after January 1, 2002. The restatement of the results for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2003 resulted in an increase to cost of sales and operating expenses of \$0.9 million and \$2.9 million, respectively. Compensation expense related to stock options for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2004 is \$0.3 million and \$1.4 million, respectively.

(c) Asset retirement obligations:

Effective January 1, 2004, the Company adopted the new CICA recommendations for accounting for asset retirement obligations, which include site restoration costs. The new standard requires that obligations associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets and associated retirement costs be recognized at fair value in the period in which the obligation is incurred with a corresponding increase in the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset. The asset retirement obligation liability is increased at the end of each period to reflect the passage of time and changes in the estimated future cash flows underlying the initial fair value measurement.

This standard has been applied retroactively, with restatement of prior periods. This restatement resulted in a decrease to the accrual for site restoration and an increase to retained earnings of \$2 million at December 31, 2003. The restatement of the results for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2003 resulted in a reduction to net income of \$0.6 million and \$1.7 million, respectively. The application of this standard results in charges to net income of \$0.3 million and \$0.9 million in the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2004, respectively.

2. Property, plant and equipment:

| | Cost | Accumulated Depreciation | Net Book Value |
|--|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| At September 30, 2004 | | | |
| Plant and equipment | \$2,411,880 | \$ 1,283,369 | \$ 1,128,511 |
| Plant and equipment under construction | 207,047 | | 207,047 |
| Other | 52,024 | 28,640 | 23,384 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | \$2,670,951 | \$ 1,312,009 | \$ 1,358,942 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| At December 31, 2003 | | | |
| Plant and equipment | \$2,157,513 | \$ 1,237,872 | \$ 919,641 |
| Plant and equipment under construction | 377,840 | | 377,840 |
| Other | 48,827 | 26,081 | 22,746 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | \$2,584,180 | \$ 1,263,953 | \$ 1,320,227 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

3. Interest in Atlas joint venture:

The Company has a 63.1% joint venture interest in Atlas Methanol Company (Atlas). The joint venture has constructed a 1.7 million tonne per year methanol plant in Trinidad which commenced operations on July 29, 2004.

The consolidated financial statements include the following amounts representing the Company's proportionate interest in the Atlas joint venture:

| | Sep 30, 2004 | Dec 31, 2003 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| <i>Consolidated Balance Sheets:</i> | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 4,694 | \$ 18,429 |
| Other current assets | 17,019 | 2,443 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 280,800 | 235,718 |
| Other assets | 5,946 | 5,996 |
| Current liabilities | 20,152 | 4,486 |
| Limited recourse long-term debt | 159,012 | 144,125 |
| | | |
| | Three Months Ended | Nine Months Ended |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | Sep 30 | Sep 30 |
| | 2004 | 2003 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | Sep 30 | Sep 30 |
| | 2004 | 2003 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

Consolidated Statements of Income:

| | | | | |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Revenue | \$ 17,348 | \$ | \$ 17,348 | \$ |
| Expenses | 13,254 | | 13,254 | |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Net income | \$ 4,094 | \$ | \$ 4,094 | \$ |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows:

| | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Cash inflows from operating activities | \$ 7,318 | \$ | \$ 7,318 | \$ |
| Cash inflows from financing activities | | 11,102 | 14,887 | 29,113 |
| Cash outflows from investing activities | (4,752) | (19,180) | (47,166) | (53,403) |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

The Company estimates that its remaining share of capital expenditures and cash equity contribution to complete the construction of Atlas and fund a debt reserve account will be approximately \$13 million. The Company expects that these expenditures will be funded from cash generated from operations and cash and cash equivalents.

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4. Long-term debt:

| | <u>Sep 30, 2004</u> | <u>Dec 31, 2003</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Unsecured notes | \$ 449,886 | \$ 449,783 |
| Atlas limited recourse facilities | 159,012 | 144,125 |
| Titan limited recourse facilities | | 183,638 |
| | <u>608,898</u> | <u>777,546</u> |
| Less current portion | <u>(258,064)</u> | <u>(21,361)</u> |
| | <u>\$ 350,834</u> | <u>\$ 756,185</u> |

The limited recourse long-term debt of Atlas is described as limited recourse as it is secured only by the assets of the joint venture.

On March 31, 2004, the Company repaid all of the limited recourse long-term debt related to the Titan methanol facility. The total payment, including transaction costs, was \$183 million. As a result of this repayment, the Company reclassified \$14 million of restricted cash for a debt service reserve account from other assets to cash and cash equivalents.

5. Future income taxes:

On acquisition of Titan Methanol Company in 2003, the Company recorded a future income tax liability based on uncertainty related to an interpretation of certain tax legislation. During 2004, the Company reviewed its accounting for the acquisition in light of recent events clarifying the tax legislation. As a result, at March 31, 2004, the Company recorded a balance sheet adjustment to reduce both the future income tax liability and property, plant and equipment by \$42 million.

6. Net income per share:

A reconciliation of the weighted average number of common shares is as follows:

| | <u>Three Months Ended</u> | | <u>Nine Months Ended</u> | |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| | <u>Sep 30 2004</u> | <u>Sep 30 2003</u> | <u>Sep 30 2004</u> | <u>Sep 30 2003</u> |
| Denominator for basic net income per common share | 121,618,362 | 119,249,000 | 121,904,763 | 124,078,470 |
| Effect of dilutive stock options | <u>1,623,812</u> | <u> </u> | <u>1,476,191</u> | <u>3,107,208</u> |
| Denominator for diluted net income per common share | <u>123,242,174</u> | <u>119,249,000</u> | <u>123,380,954</u> | <u>127,185,678</u> |

7. Stock-based compensation:*(a) Stock options:**i) Incentive stock options:*

Common shares reserved for incentive stock options at September 30, 2004 were as follows:

| | Options denominated in CAD\$ | | Options denominated in US\$ | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Number of Stock Options | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Number of Stock Options | Weighted Average exercise Price |
| Outstanding at December 31, 2003 | 4,682,775 | \$ 11.27 | 3,105,550 | \$ 7.51 |
| Granted | | | 93,300 | 11.56 |
| Exercised | (2,929,550) | 10.81 | (880,175) | 7.29 |
| Cancelled | | | (36,500) | 8.51 |
| Outstanding at June 30, 2004 | 1,753,225 | 12.04 | 2,282,175 | 7.74 |
| Exercised | (165,050) | 10.84 | (43,625) | 7.82 |
| Cancelled | (200,000) | 23.75 | (30,900) | 9.45 |
| Outstanding at September 30, 2004 | 1,388,175 | \$ 10.50 | 2,207,650 | \$ 7.72 |

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7. Stock-based compensation (continued):*i) Incentive stock options (continued):*

As at September 30, 2004, 1,388,175 incentive stock options denominated in CAD\$ and 1,903,900 incentive stock options denominated in US\$ had vested and were exercisable at average prices of CAD\$10.50 and US\$7.25, respectively.

ii) Performance stock options:

Common shares reserved for performance stock options at September 30, 2004 are as follows:

| | Number of Stock Options | Average exercise Price (CAD\$) |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Outstanding at December 31, 2003 | 875,200 | \$ 4.47 |
| Exercised | (516,200) | 4.47 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Outstanding at June 30, 2004 | 359,000 | 4.47 |
| Exercised | (10,000) | 4.47 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Outstanding at September 30, 2004 | 349,000 | \$ 4.47 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

The vesting of the performance stock options is tied to the market value of the Company's common shares subsequent to the date of grant. As at September 30, 2004, 69,000 outstanding performance stock options have vested and are exercisable. The remaining 314,000 options will vest if the Company's shares trade at or above CAD\$20 per share.

iii) Compensation expense related to stock options:

Compensation expense related to stock options included in cost of sales and operating expenses is \$0.3 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2004 (2003 \$0.9 million) and \$1.4 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2004 (2003 \$2.9 million). The fair value of each stock option grant was estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions:

| | 2004 | 2003 |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Risk-free interest rate | 3% | 5% |
| Expected dividend yield | 2% | 2% |
| Expected life | 5 years | 5 years |
| Expected volatility | 35% | 35% |

For the nine month period ended September 30, 2004, the weighted average grant date fair value of stock options granted was US\$3.63 per share (2003 \$2.59 per share).

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7. Stock-based compensation (continued):*(b) Deferred and restricted share units:*

Deferred and restricted share units outstanding at September 30, 2004 are as follows:

| | Number of Deferred Share Units | Number of Restricted Share Units |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Outstanding at December 31, 2003 | 366,389 | 500,640 |
| Granted | 178,067 | 579,700 |
| Dividend equivalents | 5,318 | 10,376 |
| Redeemed | | (28,513) |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Outstanding at June 30, 2004 | 549,774 | 1,062,203 |
| Granted | 5,098 | |
| Dividend equivalents | 2,919 | 6,159 |
| Redeemed | | (49,320) |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Outstanding at September 30, 2004 | <u>557,791</u> | <u>1,019,042</u> |

The fair value of deferred and restricted share units at September 30, 2004 was \$23.8 million compared with an accrued value of \$12.2 million.

8. Interest expense:

| | Three months ended | | Nine months ended | |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Sep 30 2004 | Sep 30 2003 | Sep 30 2004 | Sep 30 2003 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Interest expense before capitalized interest | \$ 14,037 | \$ 16,065 | \$ 41,139 | \$ 41,461 |
| Less: capitalized interest | (5,322) | (5,030) | (19,795) | (13,004) |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Interest expense | <u>\$ 8,715</u> | <u>\$ 11,035</u> | <u>\$ 21,344</u> | <u>\$ 28,457</u> |

9. Retirement plans:

Total net pension expense for the defined benefit and defined contribution pension plans charged to operations during

the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2004 was \$1.6 million (2003 \$1.6 million) and \$4.9 million (2003 \$4.8 million), respectively.

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METHANEX CORPORATION
QUARTERLY HISTORY *(unaudited)*

| | YTD 2004 | Q3 | Q2 | Q1 | 2003 | Q4 | Q3 | Q2 | Q1 | 2002 | Q4 | Q3 | Q2 | Q1 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| METHANOL SALES VOLUME | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>(thousands of tonnes)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>(Company)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Produced product | 3,767 | 1,307 | 1,233 | 1,227 | 4,933 | 1,328 | 1,200 | 1,211 | 1,194 | 5,686 | 1,347 | 1,419 | 1,489 | 1,431 |
| Purchased product | 1,558 | 423 | 600 | 535 | 1,392 | 399 | 350 | 332 | 311 | 809 | 278 | 207 | 129 | 195 |
| Commission sales ¹ | 41 | 41 | | | 254 | | | 55 | 199 | 725 | 197 | 188 | 183 | 157 |
| | 5,366 | 1,771 | 1,833 | 1,762 | 6,579 | 1,727 | 1,550 | 1,598 | 1,704 | 7,220 | 1,821 | 1,814 | 1,801 | 1,783 |
| METHANOL PRODUCTION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>(thousands of tonnes)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>(while)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Zealand | 822 | 304 | 229 | 289 | 968 | 158 | 229 | 225 | 356 | 2,281 | 552 | 593 | 601 | 535 |
| Canada | 364 | 121 | 121 | 122 | 449 | 109 | 91 | 122 | 127 | 478 | 126 | 125 | 103 | 124 |
| Titan, Trinidad | 586 | 176 | 220 | 190 | 577 | 222 | 202 | 153 | | | | | | |
| Atlas, Trinidad (3.1%) | 157 | 157 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 3,931 | 1,398 | 1,236 | 1,297 | 4,698 | 1,129 | 1,146 | 1,232 | 1,191 | 5,691 | 1,413 | 1,466 | 1,446 | 1,365 |
| METHANOL PRICE² | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>(\$/tonne)</i> | 229 | 245 | 222 | 220 | 220 | 204 | 216 | 240 | 223 | 155 | 188 | 182 | 138 | 111 |
| <i>(\$/gallon)</i> | 0.69 | 0.74 | 0.67 | 0.66 | 0.66 | 0.61 | 0.65 | 0.72 | 0.67 | 0.47 | 0.57 | 0.55 | 0.42 | 0.33 |
| PER SHARE INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 1.40 | 0.59 | 0.43 | 0.39 | 0.01 | (0.93) | (0.08) | 0.38 | 0.59 | 0.18 | (0.25) | 0.46 | 0.12 | (0.14) |

¹ Commission sales volumes include the 36.9% of production from Atlas that we do not own. Commission sales volumes prior to 2004 represents commission sales of production from Titan Methanol Company prior to our acquisition of Titan effective May 1, 2003.

² Produced and purchased product.

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