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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended: September 30, 2010

or

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

to

For the transition period from

Commission File Number: 1-14066

SOUTHERN COPPER CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) **13-3849074** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

11811 North Tatum Blvd. Suite 2500 Phoenix, AZ (Address of principal executive offices)

85028 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (602) 494-5328

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 o

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 o

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 definitions of large accelerated filer, a ccelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer x

Non-accelerated filer o

Accelerated filer o

Smaller reporting company o

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

As of October 29, 2010 there were outstanding 850,000,000 shares of Southern Copper Corporation common stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

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Certification Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 Formatted in XBRL: (i) the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Earnings, (ii) the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet, (iii) the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, and (iv) the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, tagged as blocks of text.

Submitted electronically with this report

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PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

Southern Copper Corporation

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EARNINGS

(Unaudited)

		3 Months Ended September 30,				9 Months Ended September 30,			
		2010	(in t	2009 housands, excep	t per sl	2010 hare amounts)		2009	
Net sales	\$	1,257,864	\$	1,151,769	\$	3,650,509	\$	2,598,276	
Operating costs and expenses:									
Cost of sales (exclusive of depreciation, amortization and	1								
depletion shown separately below)		542,503		529,893		1,563,998		1,324,824	
Selling, general and administrative		21,262		23,804		64,944		60,697	
Depreciation, amortization and depletion		82,330		82,266		242,074		239,202	
Exploration		8,871		7,075		27,401		17,498	
Total operating costs and expenses		654,966		643,038		1,898,417		1,642,221	
Operating income		602,898		508,731		1,752,092		956,055	
Interest expense		(49,816)		(25,126)		(118,654)		(74,402)	
Capitalized interest				(3,287)				2,156	
Gain on derivative instruments				(37)				4,144	
Other income (expense)		(9,180)		760		(14,236)		2,628	
Interest income		2,015		845		5,395		6,018	
Income before income taxes		545,917		481,886		1,624,597		896,599	
Income taxes		178,717		167,661		556,859		327,099	
Net income		367,200		314,225		1,067,738		569,500	
Less: Net income attributable to the non-controlling									
interest		2,029		1,774		5,936		3,389	
Net income attributable to SCC	\$	365,171	\$	312,451	\$	1,061,802	\$	566,111	
Per common share amounts:									
Net income attributable to SCC - basic and diluted	\$	0.43	\$	0.37	\$	1.25	\$	0.67	
Dividends paid to SCC common shareholders	\$	0.37	\$	0.10	\$	1.25	\$	0.26	
Weighted average common shares outstanding - basic and diluted		850,000		850,009		850,000		850,929	
		050,000		050,009		050,000		050,729	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

(Unaudited)

	:	September 30, 2010]	December 31, 2009
		(in tho	usands)	
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,236,698	\$	772,306
Short-term investments		59,379		22,948
Accounts receivable trade, less allowance for doubtful accounts (2010 - \$-; 2009 - \$4,614)		391,796		407,979
Accounts receivable other (including related parties 2010 - \$3,020; 2009 - \$4,598)		46,520		31,971
Inventories		430,397		456,122
Deferred income tax		33,685		19,672
Other current assets		64,592		67,131
Total current assets		3,263,067		1,778,129
Property, net		4,042,592		3,969,558
Leachable material, net		76,105		107,262
Intangible assets, net		115,273		113,840
Deferred income tax		48,124		52,670
Other assets		66,261		41,113
Total assets	\$	7,611,422	\$	6,062,572
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities:				
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	10,000	\$	10,000
Accounts payable		219,955		283,344
Accrued income taxes		176,019		91,359
Due to related parties		4,145		359
Accrued workers participation		174,708		150,692
Accrued interest		63,334		39,795
Other accrued liabilities		29,070		26,876
Total current liabilities		677,231		602,425
Long-term debt		2,755,263		1,270,252
Deferred income taxes		100,163		143,508
Non-current taxes payable		31,689		26,201
Other liabilities and reserves		91,203		77,607
Asset retirement obligation		60,144		48,925
Total non-current liabilities		3,038,462		1,566,493
Commitments and Contingencies (Note M)				
STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY				

Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(13,060)	(13,061)
Treasury stock	(618,064)	(603,413)
Total SCC stockholders equity	3,876,527	3,875,628
Non-controlling interest	19,202	18,026
Total equity	3,895,729	3,893,654
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 7,611,422	\$ 6,062,572

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited)

	3 Months Ended September 30,				9 Month Septem	l			
	2010		2009			2010		2009	
				(in tho	usands)				
OPERATING ACTIVITIES									
Net income	\$	367,200	\$	314,225	\$	1,067,738	\$	569,500	
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net									
cash provided from operating activities:									
Depreciation, amortization and depletion		82,330		82,266		242,074		239,202	
Loss (gain) on currency translation effect		6,282		(3,786)		13,888		9,599	