

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended June 25, 2000

OR

☐ **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-3295**

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**MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**25-1190717**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

405 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10174-1901  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(212) 878-1800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

CLASS	OUTSTANDING AT July 23, 2000
Common Stock, \$ 0.10 par value	20,416,753

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## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### ITEM 1. Financial Statements

#### MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME (Unaudited)

	<u>Three Months Ended</u>		<u>Six Months Ended</u>	
(thousands of dollars, except per share data)	<u>June 25, 2000</u>	<u>June 27, 1999</u>	<u>June 25, 2000</u>	<u>June 27, 1999</u>
Net sales	\$165,231	\$158,837	\$319,886	\$307,413
Operating costs and expenses:				
Cost of goods sold	111,857	109,106	218,731	212,333
Marketing, distribution and administrative expenses	20,340	19,255	38,696	37,614
Research and development expenses	<u>6,574</u>	<u>6,223</u>	<u>12,464</u>	<u>12,175</u>

Income from operations	26,460	24,253	49,995	45,291
Non-operating deductions, net	<u>819</u>	<u>510</u>	<u>1,772</u>	<u>1,787</u>
Income before provision for taxes on income and minority interests	25,641	23,743	48,223	43,504
Provision for taxes on income	8,036	7,417	15,117	13,645
Minority interests	<u>452</u>	<u>604</u>	<u>928</u>	<u>406</u>
Net income	\$ 17,153 =====	\$ 15,722 =====	\$ 32,178 =====	\$ 29,453 =====
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.73	\$ 1.56	\$ 1.36
Diluted	\$ 0.81	\$ 0.70	\$ 1.51	\$ 1.32
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.025	\$ 0.025	\$ 0.050	\$ 0.050
Shares used in the computation of earnings per share:				
Basic	20,582	21,518	20,684	21,605
Diluted	21,227	22,477	21,251	22,388

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>(thousands of dollars)</b>		<b>June 25, 2000*</b>	<b>December 31, 1999**</b>
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 18,751	\$ 20,378
Accounts receivable, net		123,566	118,327
Inventories		65,187	67,427
Other current assets		<u>17,964</u>	<u>13,815</u>
Total current assets		225,468	219,947
Property, plant and equipment, less accumulated depreciation and depletion - June 25, 2000 - \$457,111; December 31, 1999 - \$433,047		535,848	521,996
Other assets and deferred charges		<u>37,623</u>	<u>27,188</u>
Total assets		\$798,939 =====	\$769,131 =====

# **LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**

Current liabilities:		
Short-term borrowings	\$ 27,393	\$ --
Current maturities of long-term debt	409	13,439
Accounts payable	42,808	46,703
Other current liabilities	<u>52,564</u>	<u>57,400</u>
Total current liabilities	123,174	117,542
Long-term debt	91,436	75,238
Other non-current liabilities	<u>94,318</u>	<u>91,315</u>
Total liabilities	<u>308,928</u>	<u>284,095</u>
Shareholders' equity		
Common stock	2,577	2,571
Additional paid-in capital	152,332	150,315
Retained earnings	558,166	527,022
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	<u>(37,071)</u>	<u>(28,865)</u>
	676,004	651,043
Less treasury stock	<u>185,993</u>	<u>166,007</u>
Total shareholders' equity	<u>490,011</u>	<u>485,036</u>
	=====	=====
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$798,939	\$769,131
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\* Unaudited

\*\* Condensed from audited financial statements.

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

## **MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES** **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS** (Unaudited)

### Six Months Ended

(thousands of dollars)	<u>June 25,</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>June 27,</u> <u>1999</u>
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Net income	\$ 32,178	\$ 29,453
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	29,724	28,759
Other non-cash items	2,844	2,634
Net changes in operating assets and liabilities	<u>(13,180)</u>	<u>3,971</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>51,566</u>	<u>64,817</u>

**Investing Activities**

Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(52,297)	(37,406)
Other investing activities, net	<u>(12,255)</u>	<u>(435)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(64,552)</u>	<u>(37,841)</u>

**Financing Activities**

Proceeds from issuance of short-term and long-term debt	46,428	21,898
Repayment of debt	(16,104)	(35,014)
Purchase of common shares for treasury	(19,986)	(24,864)
Other financing activities, net	<u>2,872</u>	<u>5,388</u>
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>13,210</u>	<u>(32,592)</u>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	<u>(1,851)</u>	<u>(75)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(1,627)	(5,691)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	<u>20,378</u>	<u>20,697</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 18,751 =====	\$ 15,006 =====
Interest paid	\$ 3,026 =====	\$ 3,128 =====
Income taxes paid	\$ 10,282 =====	\$ 6,438 =====

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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**MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES**  
**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Note 1 -- Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. Accordingly, certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted. Therefore, these financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting solely of normal recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the financial information for the periods indicated, have been included. The results for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 25, 2000 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2000.

**Note 2 -- Inventories**

The following is a summary of inventories by major category:

(thousands of dollars)	June 25, <u>2000</u>	December 31, <u>1999</u>
Raw materials	\$ 22,823	\$ 25,049
Work-in-process	6,661	5,171
Finished goods	18,035	19,913
Packaging and supplies	<u>17,668</u>	<u>17,294</u>
Total inventories	\$ 65,187 =====	\$ 67,427 =====

### Note 3 -- Debt and Commitments

The following is a summary of long-term debt:

<b>(thousands of dollars)</b>	<b>June 25, 2000</b>	<b>December 31, 1999</b>
6.04% Guarantied Senior Notes Due June 11, 2000	\$ --	\$ 13,000
7.49% Guaranteed Senior Notes Due July 24, 2006	50,000	50,000
Yen denominated Guaranteed Credit Agreement Due March 31, 2007	11,024	--
Variable/Fixed Rate Industrial Development Revenue Bonds Due 2009	4,000	4,000
Economic Development Authority Refunding Revenue Bonds Series 1999 Due 2010	4,600	4,600
Variable/Fixed Rate Industrial Development Revenue Bonds Due August 1, 2012	8,000	8,000
Variable/Fixed Rate Industrial Development Revenue Bonds Series 1999 Due November 1, 2014	8,200	8,200
Variable/Fixed Rate Industrial Development Revenue Bonds Due March 31, 2020	5,000	--
Other borrowings	<u>1,021</u>	<u>877</u>
	91,845	88,677
Less: Current maturities	<u>409</u>	<u>13,439</u>
Long-term debt	\$ 91,436 =====	\$ 75,238 =====

On May 17, 2000, the Company's majority owned subsidiary, Specialty Minerals FMT K.K., entered into a Yen denominated Guaranteed Credit Agreement with the Bank of New York due March 31, 2007 for \$11.0 million. The proceeds were used to finance the construction of a PCC satellite facility in Japan. Principal payments begin on June 30, 2002. Interest is payable quarterly at a rate of 2.05% per annum.

### MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

On June 9, 2000, the Company entered into a twenty-year, taxable, Variable/Fixed Rate Industrial Development Revenue Bond agreement to finance a portion of the construction of a merchant manufacturing facility for the production of specialty PCC in Mississippi. The Company has selected the variable rate option in this borrowing and the average interest rate was approximately 7% for the period ended June 25, 2000.

On June 11, 2000, the Company remitted its final principal payment under the 6.04% Guarantied Senior Notes.

The Company had available approximately \$85 million in uncommitted, short-term bank credit lines, of which \$27.4 million were in use at June 25, 2000. The interest rate on these borrowings was approximately 6.9% for the period ended June 25, 2000.

### Note 4 -- Earnings Per Share (EPS)

Basic earnings per share are based upon the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share are based upon the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period assuming the issuance of common shares for all dilutive potential common shares outstanding. The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

	<b><u>Three Months</u> <u>Ended</u></b>		<b><u>Six Months</u> <u>Ended</u></b>	
	<b>June 25, 2000</b>	<b>June 27, 1999</b>	<b>June 25, 2000</b>	<b>June 27, 1999</b>
<b>Basic EPS</b> <b>(in thousands, except per share data)</b>				
Net income	\$ 17,153	\$ 15,722	\$ 32,178	\$ 29,453
Weighted average shares outstanding	<u>20,582</u>	<u>21,518</u>	<u>20,684</u>	<u>21,605</u>
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.83 ===	\$ 0.73 ===	\$ 1.56 ===	\$ 1.36 ===

## Diluted EPS

Net income	\$ <u>17,153</u>	\$ <u>15,722</u>	\$ <u>32,178</u>	\$ <u>29,453</u>
Weighted average shares outstanding	20,582	21,518	20,684	21,605
Dilutive effect of stock options	<u>645</u>	<u>959</u>	<u>567</u>	<u>783</u>
Weighted average shares outstanding, adjusted	<u>21,227</u>	<u>22,477</u>	<u>21,251</u>	<u>22,388</u>
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.81 ===	\$ 0.70 ===	\$ 1.51 ===	\$ 1.32 ===

## Note 5 -- Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following are the components of comprehensive income (loss):

(in thousands of dollars)	<u>Three Months Ended</u>		<u>Six Months Ended</u>	
	<u>June 25, 2000</u>	<u>June 27, 1999</u>	<u>June 25, 2000</u>	<u>June 27, 1999</u>
Net income	\$ 17,153	\$ 15,722	\$ 32,178	\$ 29,453
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(4,262)	(564)	(8,206)	(22,333)
Unrealized holding gains (losses), net of reclassification adjustments	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>(86)</u>
Comprehensive income	\$ 12,891 =====	\$ 15,158 =====	\$ 23,972 =====	\$ 7,034 =====

## MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The components of accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of related tax, are as follows:

	<u>June 25, 2000</u>	<u>December 31, 1999</u>
Foreign currency translation adjustments	\$ (36,070)	\$ (27,864)
Minimum pension liability adjustments	<u>(1,001)</u>	<u>(1,001)</u>
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$ (37,071) =====	\$ (28,865) =====

## Note 6 -- Segment and Related Information

Segment information for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 25, 2000 and June 27, 1999 was as follows:

(thousands of dollars)	<u>Net Sales</u>			
	<u>Three Months Ended</u>		<u>Six Months Ended</u>	
	<u>June 25, 2000</u>	<u>June 27, 1999</u>	<u>June 25, 2000</u>	<u>June 27, 1999</u>
Specialty Minerals Segment	\$ 118,311	\$ 116,297	\$ 229,332	\$ 224,086
Refractories Segment	<u>46,920</u>	<u>42,540</u>	<u>90,554</u>	<u>83,327</u>
Total	\$ 165,231 =====	\$ 158,837 =====	\$ 319,886 =====	\$ 307,413 =====

The Company's largest customer, International Paper Company, acquired Union Camp Corporation in 1999 and Champion International Corporation in 2000, increasing the number of the Company's PCC satellite plants located at International Paper mills from nine to fourteen. Sales

to International Paper, including these acquisitions, represented approximately 14% of consolidated net sales for the first six months of 2000 and for the full year of 1999.

(thousands of dollars)

	<b>Income from Operations</b>			
	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Six Months Ended</b>	
	<b>June 25, 2000</b>	<b>June 27, 1999</b>	<b>June 25, 2000</b>	<b>June 27, 1999</b>
Specialty Minerals Segment	\$ 18,591	\$ 17,423	\$ 35,375	\$ 32,984
Refractories Segment	<u>7,869</u>	<u>6,830</u>	<u>14,620</u>	<u>12,307</u>
Total	\$ 26,460 =====	\$ 24,253 =====	\$ 49,995 =====	\$ 45,291 =====

A reconciliation of the totals reported for the operating segments to the applicable line items in the consolidated financial statements is as follows:

(thousands of dollars)

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Six Months Ended</b>	
	<b>June 25, 2000</b>	<b>June 27, 1999</b>	<b>June 25, 2000</b>	<b>June 27, 1999</b>
<b>Income before provision for taxes on income and minority interests</b>				
Income from operations for reportable segments	\$ 26,460	\$ 24,253	\$ 49,995	\$ 45,291
Non-operating deductions, net	<u>819</u>	<u>510</u>	<u>1,772</u>	<u>1,787</u>
Income before provision for taxes on income and minority interests	\$ 25,641 =====	\$ 23,743 =====	\$ 48,223 =====	\$ 43,504 =====

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors and Shareholders  
Minerals Technologies Inc.:

We have reviewed the condensed consolidated balance sheet of Minerals Technologies Inc. and subsidiary companies as of June 25, 2000 and the related condensed consolidated statements of income for each of the three-month and six-month periods ended June 25, 2000 and June 27, 1999, and cash flows for the six-month periods then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the company's management.

We conducted our reviews in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures to financial data and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our reviews, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the condensed consolidated financial statements referred to above for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

We have previously audited, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the consolidated balance sheet of Minerals Technologies Inc. and subsidiary companies as of December 31, 1999, and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended (not presented herein); and in our report dated January 19, 2000, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 1999 is fairly presented, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

&nbsp;KPMG LLP

New York, New York  
July 13, 2000



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

	Income and Expense Items As a Percentage of Net Sales			
	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 25, 2000	June 27, 1999	June 25, 2000	June 27, 1999
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of goods sold	67.7	68.7	68.4	69.1
Marketing, distribution and administrative expenses	12.3	12.1	12.1	12.2
Research and development expenses	<u>4.0</u>	<u>3.9</u>	<u>3.9</u>	<u>4.0</u>
Income from operations	16.0	15.3	15.6	14.7
Net income	10.4%	9.9%	10.1%	9.6%
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### Results of Operations

#### *Three Months Ended June 25, 2000 as Compared with Three Months Ended June 27, 1999*

Net sales in the second quarter of 2000 increased 4.0% to \$165.2 million from \$158.8 million in the second quarter of 1999. Foreign exchange had a negative effect on sales of approximately \$2.3 million, or 1.5 percentage points of sales growth.

Net sales in the Specialty Minerals segment, which includes the Precipitated Calcium Carbonate ("PCC") and Processed Minerals product lines, grew 1.7% in the second quarter of 2000 to \$118.3 million as compared with \$116.3 million in the prior year.

Worldwide net sales of PCC grew 1.7% to \$97.5 million from \$95.9 million in the second quarter of 1999. Foreign exchange had a negative effect of approximately \$1.7 million. This was primarily due to the stronger U.S. dollar as compared to the European currencies. Growth in sales of specialty PCC was also adversely affected by a slight slowdown in the paper industry to adjust inventories and a continued decline in sales of specialty PCC. The Company believes that growth in sales of specialty PCC will improve through the remainder of the year as the Company begins operations at a large merchant manufacturing facility for specialty PCC in Mississippi. In addition, growth in sales of PCC for paper should improve during the third quarter as the Company will begin operations at two new satellite PCC plants at paper mills in Brazil and Japan, as well as at a major satellite expansion in Portugal. Combined, these new satellite PCC plants and expansion should be equivalent to approximately seven satellite units. A satellite unit produces between 25,000 and 35,000 tons of PCC per year.

Net sales of Processed Minerals products increased 2.0% in the second quarter to \$20.8 million from \$20.4 million in 1999. A slight softening in demand for the Company's ground calcium carbonate products in the construction-related industries affected the sales growth.

Net sales in the Refractories segment were \$46.9 million for the second quarter of 2000, a 10.3% increase compared with the same period last year. Approximately four percentage points of the sales growth was attributable to the recent acquisition of Ferrotron Elektronik GmbH.

Net sales in the United States in the second quarter of 2000 increased approximately 3% from the comparable period in 1999. Foreign sales increased approximately 7% in the second quarter of 2000.

Income from operations was \$26.5 million, an increase of 9.1% from \$24.3 million in the second quarter of 1999. Operating income in the Specialty Minerals segment increased 6.7% in the second quarter to \$18.6 million, which represented 15.7% of net sales. This increase was due to the growth in the PCC product line. Income from operations in the Refractories segment increased 15.2% in the second quarter to \$7.9 million and was 16.8% of net sales.

Non-operating deductions increased primarily as a result of foreign exchange losses in 2000 as compared to foreign exchange gains in the same period of 1999.

2000 as compared with \$0.70 in the prior year.

#### *Six Months Ended June 25, 2000 as Compared with Six Months Ended June 27, 1999*

Net sales in the first half of 2000 increased 4.1% to \$319.9 million from \$307.4 million in 1999. Foreign exchange had an unfavorable impact on sales of approximately \$4 million.

Net sales in the Specialty Minerals segment increased 2.3% in the first half of 2000 to \$229.3 million. Worldwide net sales in the PCC product line grew 2.6% to \$190.4 million for the first six months of 2000. Sales growth was adversely affected by foreign exchange and a decline in sales of specialty PCC. Net sales in the Processed Minerals product line increased 1.0% in the first half of 2000.

Net sales in the Refractories segment increased 8.7% to \$90.6 million as compared with \$83.3 million in the prior year.

Income from operations rose 10.4% to \$50.0 million in the first half of 2000 from \$45.3 million in the previous year. Income from operations in the Specialty Minerals segment increased 7.2% in the first half of 2000 and represented 15.4% of net sales. Income from operations in the Refractories segment increased 18.8% for the first six months of 2000 to \$14.6 million and was 16.1% of net sales.

The provision for minority interests increased as a result of higher profits from the consolidated joint ventures in the first six months of 2000 as compared with the prior year.

Net income increased 9.3% to \$32.2 million from \$29.5 million in 1999. Diluted earnings per common share were \$1.51 as compared with \$1.32 for the first six months of 1999.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The Company's financial position remained strong in the second quarter of 2000. Cash flows in the second quarter of 2000 were provided from operations and from short-term and long-term financing and were applied principally to fund capital expenditures, to repurchase common shares for treasury, and to remit the required principal payment of \$13 million under the Company's Guaranteed Senior Notes due June 11, 2000. Cash provided from operating activities amounted to \$51.6 million in the second quarter of 2000 as compared with \$64.8 million in the prior year.

On February 26, 1998, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a \$150 million program to repurchase Company stock on the open market from time to time. The Company has repurchased approximately 2.4 million shares under this program at an average price of approximately \$46 per share.

On May 17, 2000, the Company's majority owned subsidiary, Specialty Minerals FMT K.K., entered into a Yen denominated Guaranteed Credit Agreement with the Bank of New York due March 31, 2007 for \$11.0 million. The proceeds were used to finance the construction of a PCC satellite facility in Japan. Principal payments begin on June 30, 2002. Interest is payable quarterly at a rate of 2.05% per annum.

On June 9, 2000, the Company entered into a twenty-year, taxable, Variable/Fixed Rate Industrial Development Revenue Bond agreement to finance a portion of the construction of a merchant manufacturing facility for the production of specialty PCC in Mississippi. The Company has selected the variable rate option in this borrowing and the average interest rate was approximately 7% for the period ended June 25, 2000.

The Company had available approximately \$85 million in uncommitted, short-term bank credit lines, of which \$27.4 million were in use at June 25, 2000. The interest rate on these borrowings was approximately 6.9% for the period ended June 25, 2000. The Company anticipates that capital expenditures for all of 2000 will be between \$80-\$100 million, principally related to construction of satellite PCC plants, expansion projects at existing satellite PCC plants, a merchant manufacturing facility in Brookhaven, Mississippi for the production of specialty PCC, and other opportunities that meet the strategic growth objectives of the Company. The Company expects to meet such requirements from internally generated funds, the aforementioned uncommitted bank credit lines and, where appropriate, project financing of certain satellite plants.

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#### **Prospective Information and Factors That May Affect Future Results**

The Securities and Exchange Commission encourages companies to disclose forward-looking information so that investors can better understand companies' future prospects and make informed investment decisions. This report may contain forward-looking statements that set out anticipated results based on management's plans and assumptions. Words such as "expects," "plans," "anticipate," "will," and words and terms of similar substance used in connection with any discussion of future operating or financial performance identify these forward-looking statements.

The Company cannot guarantee that the outcomes suggested in any forward-looking statement will be realized, although it believes it has been prudent in its plans and assumptions. Achievement of future results is subject to risks, uncertainties and inaccurate assumptions. Should known or unknown risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove inaccurate, actual results could vary materially from those anticipated, estimated or projected. Investors should bear this in mind as they consider forward-looking statements and should refer to the discussion of certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions under the heading "Cautionary Factors That May Affect Future Results" in Exhibit 99 to this Quarterly Report.

Several acquisitions in the paper industry have taken place in recent months. Such acquisitions could result in partial or total closure of some paper mills at which Minerals Technologies Inc. ("MTI") operates PCC satellites. Such closures would reduce MTI's sales of PCC, except to the extent that they resulted in shifting paper production and associated purchases of PCC to another location served by MTI. There can be no assurance, however, that this will occur. In addition, such acquisitions concentrate purchasing power in the hands of a smaller number of papermakers, enabling them to increase competitive pressure on their suppliers, such as MTI. Such increased pressure could have an adverse effect on MTI's results of operations in the future.

## Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In June 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." The statement establishes accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments and for hedging activities. It requires that an entity recognize all derivatives as either assets or liabilities in the statement of financial position and measure those instruments at fair value. The statement, as amended, is effective for all fiscal quarters of fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2000. The Company will adopt SFAS 133 by January 1, 2001. Adoption of SFAS 133 is not expected to have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements.

In March 2000, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 44, which provides guidance for applying APB Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees." It applies prospectively to new awards, exchanges of awards in a business combination, modifications to outstanding awards, and changes in grantee status on or after July 1, 2000, except for provisions related to repricings and the definition of an employee, which apply to awards issued after December 15, 1998. Adoption of this Interpretation on July 1, 2000 will not have a material effect on the Company's financial position and results of operations.

## Adoption of a Common European Currency

On January 1, 1999, eleven European countries adopted the euro as their common currency. From that date until January 1, 2002, debtors and creditors may choose to pay or be paid in euros or in the former national currencies. On and after January 1, 2002, the former national currencies will cease to be legal tender.

The Company's information technology systems are now able to convert among the former national currencies and the euro, and to process transactions and balances in euros, as required. The financial institutions with which the Company does business are capable of receiving deposits and making payments both in euros and in the national currencies. The Company does not expect that adapting its information technology systems to the euro will have a material impact on its financial condition or results of operations. The Company is also reviewing contracts with customers and vendors calling for payments in currencies that are to be replaced by the euro, and intends to complete in a timely way any required changes to those contracts.

Adoption of the euro is likely to have competitive effects in Europe, as prices that had been stated in different national currencies become directly comparable to one another. In addition, the adoption of a common monetary policy by the countries adopting the euro can be expected to have an effect on the economy of the region. These

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competitive and economic effects had no material effect on the Company's financial condition or results of operations during the second quarter of 2000, and the Company does not expect any such effect to occur. There can be no assurance, however, that the transition to the euro will not have a material effect on the Company's business in Europe in the future.

## ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

### *Market Risk*

The Company is exposed to various market risks, including the potential loss arising from adverse changes in foreign currency exchange rates. The Company does not enter into derivatives or other financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes. When appropriate, the Company enters into derivative financial instruments, such as forward exchange contracts, to mitigate the impact of foreign exchange rate movements on the Company's operating results. The counterparties are major financial institutions. Such forward exchange contracts would not subject the Company to additional risk from exchange rate movements because gains and losses on these contracts would offset losses and gains on the assets, liabilities and transactions being hedged. There were no open forward exchange contracts outstanding at June 25, 2000 or June 27, 1999.

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## ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings

On or about October 5, 1999, the Company was notified by the U.S. Department of Justice that it had received an enforcement referral from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding alleged violations by the Company's subsidiary Barretts Minerals Inc. ("BMI") of a state-issued permit regulating pit dewatering and storm water discharge at BMI's talc mine in Barretts, Montana. The threatened federal enforcement action would duplicate in part a state enforcement action that was resolved in May 1999 through settlement and payment of a civil penalty of \$14,000. BMI has entered into prefiling negotiations with the Department of Justice, and as of August 2, 2000, no complaint had been filed. We anticipate that any settlement of this matter would include a monetary penalty as well as other relief, such as a supplemental environment project at the Barretts site. There can be no assurance that the amount of monetary penalty or the cost of other relief sought by the Department of Justice in any such complaint, if filed, would not be substantially in excess of the amount for which the previous state enforcement action was settled.

On or about July 14, 2000, MTI, Specialty Minerals Inc. and Minteq International Inc. received from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") a proposed administrative consent order relating to the Canaan, Connecticut site at which both Minteq and Specialty Minerals have operations. The proposed order would settle claims relating to an accidental discharge of machine oil alleged to have contained polychlorinated biphenyls at or above regulated levels. The Company's employees immediately took steps to contain and clean up the discharge and notified the Connecticut DEP as required by law. The proposed order also alleges certain violations of other environmental requirements, including violations of the Canaan site's existing permit for discharge of stormwater, and of regulations governing the management of underground storage tanks. The proposed order would require payment of a civil penalty of \$515,750, remediation of certain conditions at the site, and other injunctive relief. MTI and the other respondents dispute many of the factual allegations forming the basis of the proposed order, and plan to contest them vigorously. There can be no assurance, however, that the Company will be successful in doing so.

The Company and its subsidiaries are not party to any other material pending legal proceedings, other than ordinary routine litigation incidental to their businesses.

## ITEM 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

The Company held its annual meeting on May 25, 2000. At the meeting, (1) Kristina M. Johnson was elected a director of the Company, by a plurality of 15,993,816 votes, with 2,297,022 votes being withheld; (2) Paul M. Meister was elected a director of the Company, by a plurality of 15,984,831 votes, with 2,306,007 votes being withheld; (3) Michael F. Pasquale was elected a director of the Company, by a plurality of 15,994,152 votes, with 2,296,686 votes being withheld; and (4) the appointment of KPMG LLP as independent auditors of the Company for the year 2000 was approved by a vote of 18,254,387 for and 23,847 against, with 12,604 abstentions.

## ITEM 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

### a) Exhibits:

- 15 - Accountants' Acknowledgment.
- 27 - Financial Data Schedule for the six months ended June 25, 2000.
- 99 - Statement of Cautionary Factors That May Affect Future Results.

### b) No reports on Form 8-K were filed during the second quarter of 2000.

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## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Minerals Technologies Inc.

By: /s/Neil M. Bardach

Vice President-Finance and  
Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer  
(principal financial officer)

August 2, 2000

**EXHIBIT 15**

**ACCOUNTANTS' ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The Board of Directors  
Minerals Technologies Inc.:

Re: Registration Statement Nos. 33-59080, 33-65268, 33-96558 and 333-62739

With respect to the subject registration statements, we acknowledge our awareness of the use therein of our report dated July 13, 2000, related to our review of interim financial information.

Pursuant to Rule 436(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, such report is not considered a part of a registration statement prepared or certified by an accountant or a report prepared or certified by an accountant within the meaning of sections 7 and 11 of the Act.

Very truly yours,

KPMG LLP

New York, New York  
August 2, 2000

## CAUTIONARY FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE RESULTS

The disclosure and analysis set forth in this report contains certain forward-looking statements, particularly statements relating to future actions, performance or results of current and anticipated products, sales efforts, expenditures, and financial results. From time to time, the Company also provides forward-looking statements in other publicly-released materials, both written and oral. Forward-looking statements provide current expectations and forecasts of future events such as new products, revenues and financial performance, and are not limited to describing historical or current facts. They can be identified by the use of words such as "expects," "plans," "anticipate," "will" and other words and phrases of similar meaning.

Forward-looking statements are necessarily based on assumptions, estimates and limited information available at the time they are made. A broad variety of risks and uncertainties, both known and unknown, as well as the inaccuracy of assumptions and estimates, can affect the realization of the expectations or forecasts in these statements. Consequently, no forward-looking statement can be guaranteed. Actual future results may vary materially.

The Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements. Investors should refer to the Company's subsequent filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for further disclosures.

As permitted by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, the Company is providing the following cautionary statements which identify factors that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from historical and expected results. It is not possible to foresee or identify all such factors. You should not consider this list an exhaustive statement of all potential risks, uncertainties and inaccurate assumptions.

### ***Historical Growth Rate***

Continuance of the historical growth rate of the Company depends upon a number of uncertain events, including the outcome of the Company's strategies of increasing its penetration into geographical markets such as Asia, Latin America and Europe; increasing its penetration into product markets such as the market for paper coating pigments and the market for groundwood paper pigments; increasing sales to existing PCC customers by increasing the amount of PCC used per ton of paper produced; and developing, introducing and selling new products. Difficulties, delays or failures of any of these strategies could cause the future growth rate of the Company to differ materially from its historical growth rate.

### ***Contract Renewals***

The Company's sales of PCC are predominantly pursuant to long-term agreements, generally ten years in length, with paper mills at which the Company operates satellite PCC plants. The terms of many of these agreements have been extended, often in connection with an expansion of the satellite PCC plant. The Company continues to operate every PCC plant that it has built. There is no assurance, however, that this will continue to be the case. Failure of a number of the Company's customers to renew existing agreements on terms as favorable to the Company as those currently in effect could cause the future growth rate of the Company to differ materially from its historical growth rate, and could have a substantial adverse effect on the Company's results of operations.

### ***Consolidation in Paper Industry***

Several acquisitions in the paper industry have taken place in recent months. Such acquisitions could result in partial or total closure of some paper mills at which MTI operates PCC satellites. Such closures would reduce MTI's sales of PCC, except to the extent that they resulted in shifting paper production and associated purchases of PCC to another location served by MTI. There can be no assurance, however, that this will occur. In addition, such acquisitions concentrate purchasing power in the hands of a smaller number of papermakers, enabling them to increase competitive pressure on their suppliers, such as MTI. Such increased pressure could have an adverse effect on MTI's results of operations in the future.

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### ***Litigation; Environmental Exposures***

The Company's operations are subject to international, federal, state and local environmental, tax and other laws and regulations, and potentially to claims for various legal, environmental and tax matters. The Company is currently a party to various litigation matters. While the Company carries liability insurance which it believes to be appropriate to its businesses, and has provided reserves for such matters which it believes to be adequate, an unanticipated liability arising out of such a litigation matter or a tax or environmental proceeding could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

### ***New Products***

The Company is engaged in a continuous effort to develop new products and processes in all of its product lines. Difficulties, delays

or failures in the development, testing, production, marketing or sale of such new products could cause actual results of operations to differ materially from expected results.

. ***Competition; Protection of Intellectual Property***

Particularly in its PCC and Refractory product lines, the Company's ability to compete is based in part upon proprietary knowledge, both patented and unpatented. The Company's ability to achieve anticipated results depends in part on its ability to defend its intellectual property against inappropriate disclosure as well as against infringement. In addition, development by the Company's competitors of new products or technologies that are more effective or less expensive than those the Company offers could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

. ***Risks of Doing Business Abroad***

As the Company expands its operations overseas, it faces the increased risks of doing business abroad, including inflation, fluctuations in interest rates and currency exchange rates, changes in applicable laws and regulatory requirements, export and import restrictions, tariffs, nationalization, expropriation, limits on repatriation of funds, unstable governments and legal systems, and other factors. Adverse developments in any of these areas could cause actual results to differ materially from historical and expected results.

. ***Availability of Raw Materials***

The Company's ability to achieve anticipated results depends in part on having an adequate supply of raw materials for its manufacturing operations, particularly lime and carbon dioxide for PCC operations and magnesia for refractory operations, and on having adequate access to the ore reserves at its mining operations. Unanticipated changes in the costs or availability of such raw materials, or in the Company's ability to have access to its ore reserves, could adversely affect the Company's results of operations.

. ***Cyclical Nature of Customers' Businesses***

The bulk of the Company's sales are to customers in two industries, paper manufacturing and steel manufacturing, which have historically been cyclical. The Company's exposure to variations in its customers' businesses has been reduced in recent years by the growth in the number of plants it operates; by the diversification of its portfolio of products and services; and by its geographic expansion. Also, the Company has structured some of its long-term satellite PCC contracts to provide a degree of protection against declines in the quantity of product purchased, since the price per ton of PCC rises as the number of tons purchased declines. In addition, many of the Company's product lines lower its customers' costs of production or increase their productivity, which should encourage them to use its products. However, a sustained economic downturn in one or more of the industries or geographic regions that the Company serves, or in the worldwide economy, could cause actual results of operations to differ materially from historical and expected results.

. ***Adoption of a Common European Currency***

On January 1, 1999, eleven European countries adopted the euro as their common currency. Adoption of a single currency and a common monetary policy by the countries adopting the euro can be expected to have effects on competition in Europe and on the overall economy of the region, which could adversely affect the Company's financial position or results of operations.



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This schedule contains summary financial information extracted from the condensed consolidated financial statements of Minerals Technologies Inc., and is qualified in its entirety by reference to such condensed consolidated financial statements.

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