

Finding Hidden Intelligence in SEC Filings

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Why Search SEC Filings

- What can you find?
- Why is it important?
- How can you apply the data?
- How can you provide analysis for your clients?



Sample Research Questions

- Is X Corporation on the verge of bankruptcy?
- How do I find out if a company has been backdating its stock options?
- What boards does Michael Dell sit on?
- How can I quickly get a list of Google's subsidiaries?
- Where can I find TiVo's 2002 Intellectual Property and Technology License Agreement ("Development Agreement") with DIRECTV?



Sample Research Questions

- Who is the chairman of Dell's independent audit committee?
- What is Martha Stewart making now?
- XYZ Corp. is a private company. Can I find information about it in SEC filings?
- Financial footnotes: do they have significant information?
- How can I get a copy of Microsoft's recent Clawback Policy?



Today's Agenda:

- "SEC 101"
- Basic SEC filings
 - Purpose
 - Finding hidden intelligence in each
- Searching SEC filings
 - Databases (fee and free)
 - Evaluation of databases
 - Search techniques



"SEC 101"



What is the SEC?

- U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission
- Regulatory agency responsible for administering the federal securities laws





The SEC's Purpose



- Remember 1929?
- ◆ Result The SEC
- ◆ Purpose:
 - Protect investors
 - Promote disclosure of corporate information



SEC's Structure and Duties

Structure

- 5 Commissioners
- Overlapping 5 year terms
- 1 Commissioner is designated Chairman

Duties

- Interpret federal securities laws
- Rulemaking
- Enforcement



Who Has to File... and What?

- Public companies
- Step 1 register securities (Securities Act of 1933)
- Step 2 offer securities to public (Securities Act of 1933)
- Thereafter update shareholders and public with periodic reports (Securities Exchange Act of 1934)

It's all about fairness and disclosure.



Aha ... Disclosure!

Savvy researchers know that SEC filings contain a treasure trove of information.



Initial Disclosure

- The Registration Statement
- Discloses material facts about the company and the securities it plans to sell
- Sworn financials





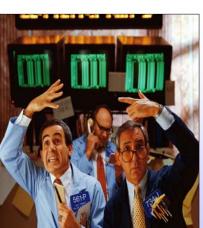
Registration Statements

- Document filed with SEC prior to Initial Public Offering (IPO)
- Another name for IPO (S-1, etc.)
- Includes Prospectus (424)
- Registration: Forms S1-S-11 and any amendments
 - Registration info
 - Prospectus
 - Exhibits

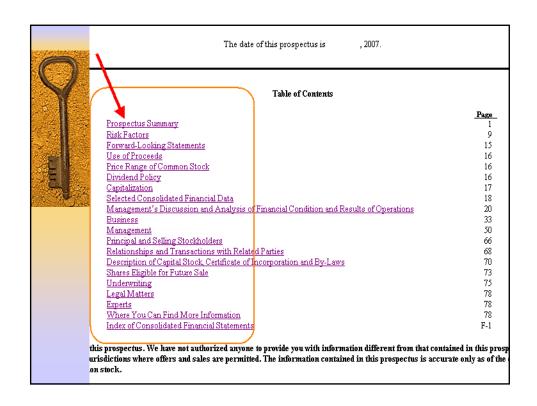
- Describes the securities offered
- Gives information on the nature of the business
- Accurate facts
- Enables investors to make realistic appraisal of company
- Provides listing on an Exchange



What's in an Initial Public Offering (IPO)



- Industry overview
- Information on executives & management
- Current situation of the private company going public
- Accounting statements
- Company goals
- Legal representation
- Company's properties
- Articles of incorporation
- Stock option agreements





What's in a 424?

- Prospectus is another term for a 424 form
- Contains <u>brief</u> information about:
 - Costs
 - Investment objectives
 - Risks
 - Performance
- 424A=Additions or changes
- 424B=Previously omitted





We will allocate a portion of the aggregate purchase price to one of three groperty components: land; building, and real estate intangibles. Of these three components, only amounts allocated to building on a straight-line basis over 39.5 years, (2) amounts allocated to the System asset classes, which generally include other improvements, on the double provements on the property site, on a declining bulance method and (3) amounts allocated to the five- and severa-year asset classes, which generally include other improvements, on the double

Real estate taxes paid for the tax year ended 2005 (the most recent tax year for which information is generally available) were approximately \$920,000. The real estate taxes paid were calculated sessed value by a tax rate of 3 437%.

The historical information relating to the occupancy of Paces West for 2001-2005 was not available from the seller.

The following table lists, on an aggregate basis, all of the scheduled lease expirations over each of the years ending December 31, 2006 through 2015 for Paces West. The table shows the appresented by the applicable lease expirations:

Year Ending December 31	Number of Leases Expiring	Approx. Total Area of Expiring Leases (Sq. Ft.)	Iotal Annual Rental Income of Expiring Leases (5)
2006	4	20,843	\$ 400,152
2007	6	22,159	291,180
2008	6	31,267	671,976
2009	6	34,270	768,468
2010	8	51,372	902,432
2011	3	53,862	1,016,793
2012	4	95,101	2,377,500
2013	0	_	_
2014	3	79,949	1,576,512
2015	2	112,916	\$ 2,118,192
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On June 2, 2006, we acquired a fee simple interest in a 33-story office building and an adjacent 3-story fitness center containing approximately 1.2 million combined rentable square feet in Chic pure 6 Kiverside Flaca through our acquisition of all of the common stock of BCSP III Illinois Properties Business Trust, through Behringer Harvard South Kiverside Holding Business Trust ("Bl bidding of Behringer Harvard OF. The total contract price for Kiverside Flaza, exclusive of closing costs and initial escrows, was approximately \$277.5 million. The purchase price for the transer gotations between the Kiverside Flaza seller, Beacon Capital Strategic Partners III, L.P., an unaffiliated third party, and our advisor and its affiliates. Behringer Harvard South Riverside, LLC ("Bl biddings") of the Kiverside Flaza Flower South Riverside, LLC ("Bl biddings") of the Kiverside Flaza Lown Agreement") to pay of and the remaining amount from proceeds of our offering of common stock to the public.



Periodic Filings

- Public companies must file annual and other periodic reports to update the information contained in their original filings.
 - 10-K
 - 10-Q
 - 8-K
 - DEF 14A (Proxy)
 - Insider



10-K: What's its function?



- Filed annually
- May be amended (red flag)
- Sworn financials
- Financial footnotes
- NOTE: Annual Report to Shareholders (ARS) is not official SEC document



10-Ks for research

- Balance sheet
- Income Statement
- Stockholders' Equity Statement
- Cash Flow Statement
- Tables of previous years' financial activities (usually five or ten years)
- Financial data in ratio form
- Management philosophy
- List of officers
- Legal matters
- Exhibits





Item 3. Legal Proceedings

Environmental Litigation. Coming has been named by the Environmental Protection Agency (the Agency) under the Superfund Act, or by state governments under similar st hazardous waste sites. Under the Superfund Act, all parties who may have contributed any waste to a hazardous waste site, identified by such Agency, are jointly and severally to otherwise. It is Coming's spokicy to accrue for its estimated liability related to Superfund sites and other environmental identifies related to property owned by Coming based on ex and external consultants. Coming has accrued approximately \$16 million (undiscounted) for its estimated liability for environmental cleanup and litigation at December 31, 2 management believes that the accrued reserve is a reasonable estimate of the Company's liability and that the risk of an additional loss in an amount materially higher than that acc

Dow Corning Bankruptcy. Corning and Dow Chemical each own 50% of the common stock of Dow Corning In May 1995, Dow Corning filed for bankruptcy protection to add thousand breast implant product lawsuits. On June 1, 2004, Dow Corning emerged from Chapter 11 with a Plan of Reorganization (the Plan) which provided for the settlement or of releases for Corning and Dow Chemical as shareholders in exchange for contributions to the Plan.

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Under the terms of the Plan, Dow Coming has established and is funding a Settlement Trust and a Litigation Facility to provide a means for tort claimants to settle or litigate the approximately \$1.5 billion to the Settlement Trust. As of December 31, 2006, Dow Coming had recorded a reserve for breast implant hitigation of \$1.7 billion and anticipates instanting from the bankruptcy proceedings, Dow Coming is defending claims asserted by a number of commercial creditors who claim additional interest at default rates and enforcement 2004. On July 26, 2006, the U.S. Court of Appeals vested the judgment of the District Court fring the interest component, ruled that default interest and enforcements of determined, and directed that the matter be remanded for further proceedings. Dow Coming flat a petition for reheaving by the Court of Appeals, which was denied. It has Court, which has not yet been decided. As of December 31, 2006, Dow Coming has estimated the interest payable to commercial creditors to be within the range of \$68 million in the single amount within the range appears to be a better estimate than any other amount within the range, Dow Coming has recorded the minimum liability within the range. Should Dearmings would be reduced by its 50% share of the amount in excess of \$68 million, net of applicable tax benefits. There are a number of other claims in the bankruptcy proceeding. District Court, and it is reasonably possible that Dow Coming may record bankruptcy-related charges in the future. There are no remaining tort claims against Coming, other that established by the Plan or otherwise defended by the Litigation Facility.



CORNING INC /NY 10-K 02/27/2007

	Year	ended Decemb	er 3 1,
(In millions of U.S. dollars)	2006	2005	2004
Cash Flows from Operating Activities,			
Excluding Reorganization:			
Net income	\$ 668.4	\$ 506.5	\$ 238.3
Depreciation and amortization	217.9	211.6	210.6
Changes in deferred revenue	239.3	111.4	-
Minority interests share in income	111.9	52.0	18.4
Other, net	53.4	66.5	74.9
Changes in operating assets and liabilities			
Changes in accounts and notes receivable	(144.0)	(33.2)	(10.5)
Changes in accounts payable	56.4	21.2	(36.7)
Changes in inventory	(61.7)		37.2
Changes in other operating assets and liabilities	(100.5)	45.6	183.8
Cash provided by operating activities	1,041.1	874.4	716.0
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Capital expenditures	(511.6)	(200.5)	(109.4)
Acquisitions of businesses, net of cash	-	-	(92.0)
received			
Proceeds from sales and maturities of securities	5,060.4	3,379.1	4,529.8
Purchases of securities	(5,281.6)		
Other, net	(36.7)	(7.0)	(21.4)
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(769.5)	(936.1)	662.0
Cash Flows from Financing Activities,			
Excluding Reorganization:			
Long-term borrowings	-	-	12.0
Payments on long-term debt	(11.9)		(9.3)
Net change in short-term borrowings	15.1	7.4	(2.1)
Distributions to minority interests	(22.7)		(3.8)
Cash received from minority interests	40.2	48.6	-
Dividends paid to stockholders	(180.0)		-
Cash used in financing activities	(159.3)	(103.3)	(3.2)
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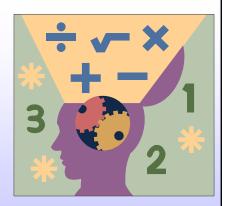
What is the average time it take to read and gather data from a 10-K?

1.5 hours



10-Q: Company's \$ IQ

- Unaudited document published quarterly
- Comprehensive overview of business
- Evaluation tool for investment purposes
- Notes significant changes or events

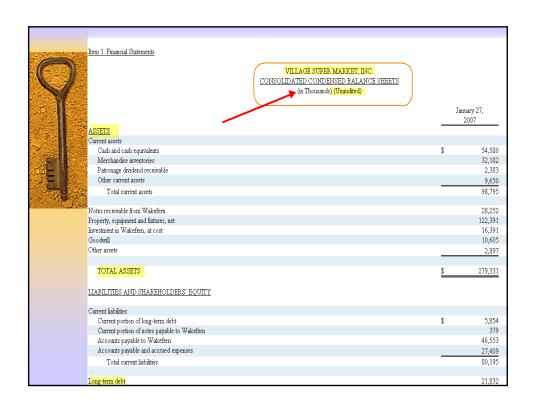




10-Qs: what to find



- Financial statements
- Management discussions
- List of material events
 - Stock splits
 - Acquisitions
 - Securities quotes
 - Takeovers







VILLAGE SUPER MARKET, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (in Thousands) (Unaudited)

Notes can lead to other filings:
Follow the NOTES!

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements contain all adjustments (consisting of normal and recurring accruals) necessary to present fairly
the consolidated financial position as of January 27, 2007 and the consolidated results of operations and each flows for the futreen and twenty-six week periods ended January 27, 2007 and January 28,
2006.

The significant accounting policies followed by Village Super Market, Inc. (the "Company") are set forth in Note 1 to the Company's consolidated financial statements included in the July 29, 2006.
Village Super Market, Inc. Annual Report on Form 10-K, which should be read in conjunction with these financial statements.

- 2. The results of operations for the periods ended January 27, 2007 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full fiscal year.
- 3. At both January 27, 2007 and July 29, 2006, approximately 70% of merchandise inventories are valued by the LIFO method while the balance is valued by FIFO. If the FIFO method had been used for the entire inventory, inventories would have been \$12,295 and \$11,795 higher than reported at January 27, 2007 and July 29, 2006, respectively.
- 4 The Company has two classes of common stock. Class A common stock is entitled to one vote per share and to cash dividends as declared 54% greater than those paid on Class B common stock.

 Class B common stock is entitled to 10 votes per share. Class A and Class B common stock share equally on a per share basis in any distributions in liquidation. Shares of Class B common stock are convertible on a share for share basis for Class A common stock at any time. Class B common stock is not transferable except to another holder of Class B common stock or by will or under the laws of intestacy or pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company approving the transfer.



Exhibits: Not just for Viewing...

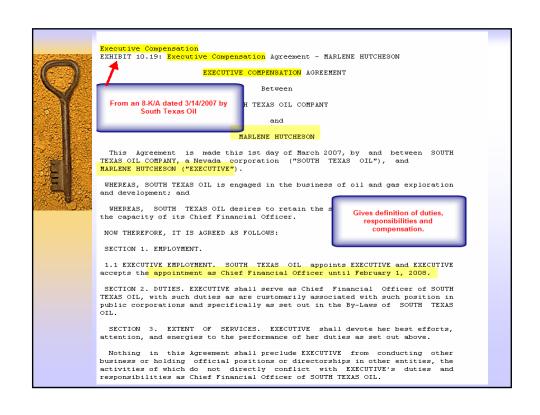
- Valuable information
- Material contracts and agreements
- Subsidiaries
- Articles of Incorporation
- Charters
- Legal opinions
- Guidelines
- Consents





Example – Subsidiary List (always Exh. 21 to 10-K)

Subsidiaries of The Coca-Cola Company As of December 31, 2006				
	Organized Under Laws of :	Percentages of Voting Power		
The Coca-Cola Company Subsidiaries:	Delaware			
Barg's, Inc.	Mississippi	100		
Bottling Investments Corporation	Delaware	100		
ACCBC Holding Company	Georgia	100		
Brucephil, Inc.	Delaware	100		
CCDA Waters, LLC	Delaware	100		
Caribbean Refrescos, Inc.	Delaware	100		
CRI Financial Corporation, Inc.	Delaware	100		
Coca-Cola China Industries Limited	China	89.50		
Coca-Cola Oasis, Inc.	Delaware	100		
Caribbean International Sales Corporation, Inc.	Nev×21.jpg	100		
Carolina Coca-Cola Bottling Investments, Inc.	Del Type: JPEG Image	100		
Coca-Cola Financial Corporation	Del Size: 57.3 KB Del Dimension: 991 x 453 pixels	100		
Coca-Cola Interamerican Corporation		100		
Coca-Cola South Asia Holdings, Inc.	Delaware	100		
Coca-Cola (China) Investments Limited	China	100		
Coca-Cola (China) Beverages Limited	China	100		
Shanghai Shen-mei Beverage & Food Co. Ltd.	China	40		
Coca-Cola India Limited	India	100		





SECTION 5. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.

5.1 BASE SALARY. SOUTH TEXAS OIL will pay to EXECUTIVE a base salary for the first year in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) per month, payable in accordance with SOUTH TEXAS OIL's standard payroll procedures but no less frequently than monthly, at the election of EXECUTIVE. The Executive's Base Salary shall be reviewed, and may be increased but not decreased, annually, by the Board pursuant to its normal performance review policies for senior executives, with the first such review occurring not later than July 2007.

5.2 BONUSES. EXECUTIVE shall be eligible to receive a discretionary bonus for each year (or portion thereof) during the term of this Agreement and any extensions thereof, with the actual amount of any such bonus to be determined in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors based upon its evaluation of EXECUTIVE's performance during such year.

SECTION 6. TERMINATION.

READ!

6.1 Termination for Cause by Company. This Agreement may be terminated for "cause" by Company. For purposes hereof, "cause" shall mean any of the following events:

a. Any embezzlement or wrongful diversion of funds of SOUTH TEXAS OIL or any other affiliate of SOUTH TEXAS OIL by EXECUTIVE;

 Malfeasance or insubordination by EXECUTIVE in the conduct of his duties prescribed by the Board of Directors;

c. Material breach of this Agreement by EXECUTIVE that remains uncured for a period of at least thirty (30) days following written notice from SOUTH TEXAS OIL to EXECUTIVE of such alleged breach, which written notice describes in reasonable detail the nature of such alleged breach; or

d. Conviction or the entry of a plea of nolo contendere or equivalent plea of a felony in a court of competent jurisdiction, or any other crime or offense involving moral turpitude.

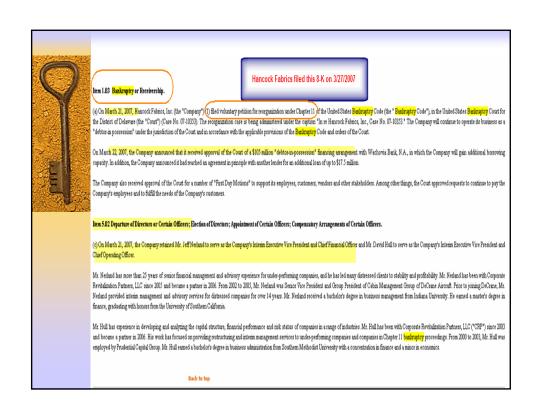
6.2 Termination for Good Reason by EXECUTIVE. This Agreement may be terminated for "good reason" by EXECUTIVE giving rise to the severance pay provisions set forth in paragraph 6.3 below. For purposes hereof, "good reason" shall mean only the following events:



8-Ks are OK...

- Filed anytime in the year
- Extraordinary event
 - Acquisition or merger
 - Bankruptcy
 - Resignation
 - Changes in finances
 - Sale of company
 - New agreements







Proxy Solicitation

- Also called Proxy Statement, DEF 14A
- Sent to shareholders
- Discusses issues to be voted on at annual meeting: Yes or No
- Disclosure of material facts

There's that word "Disclosure" again.



What's buried in a Proxy?

- Executive compensation (CD&A)
- Option grants
- Names and bios of officers and directors
- Audit committee report
- Auditor's fees
- Beneficial ownership







Example: Compensation, Discussion & Analysis (CD&A)

Introduction

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Harley Davidson, Inc.'s Proxy dated 03/28/2007

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis ("CD&A") is being included pursuant to new SEC rules regarding the disclosure of executive compensation that are designed to enhance disclosure of public companies executive compensation policies. This CD&A addresses our compensation programs and policies for fiscal year 2006 and how they affected executives in our FLG, which we describe in more detail beginning on page 32 of this Proxy Statement. Among these FLG are our:

- President and Chief Executive Officer, Harley-Davidson
- Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Harley-Davidson
- Vice President and Treasurer, Harley-Davidson (who served as Acting Chief Financial Officer, Harley-Davidson for part of the year)
- Vice President, New Business, the Motor Company (formerly Vice President of Parts and Accessories, the Motor Company)
- · Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary/Chief Compliance Officer, Harley-Davidson

Together, the incumbents of these six positions represent our NEOs for 2006. In this CD&A, we discuss executive compensation as it broadly covers executives in our FLG, as well as how these programs and policies more specifically affect our NEOs. A subset of our FLG is the LSC, which is comprised of our executive officers. We describe our LSC in more detail on page 5 of this Proxy Statement, with a complete listing of the members of the LSC on page 7.

We believe that our employees are a sustainable long term competitive advantage. We compete to attract and retain executive and employee talent primarily with companies for whom eigineering, manufacturing and manintaining strong product brands and a lifestyle are important parts of their businesses. The compensation programs and policies we have developed and implemented enable us to compete for these qualified and talented employ

These executive compensation programs and policies include the following:

- Base salary

- Perquisite payments (cash payments made in lieu of receiving other benefits such as a car and payment of club dues), and other limited perquisites



Executive Compensation Packages - 2006





Insider Trading: not just for finding dirt...

- Who files: officers, directors & beneficial owners with more than 10% ownership of securities
- Initial Report (Form 3)
- Change in Holdings in any given month (Form 4)
- Annual statement of changes in beneficial ownership (Form 5)



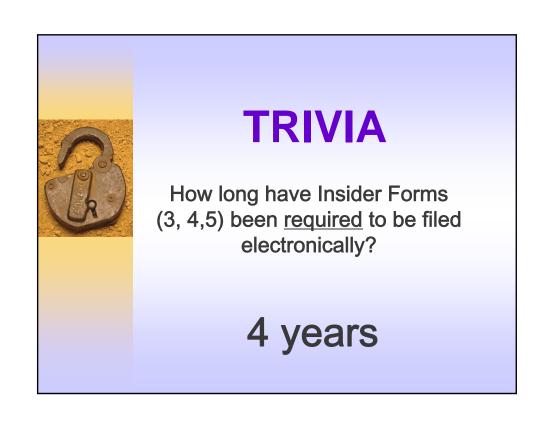


What can be found...

- Discover both legal and illegal conduct
- Names connection (follow the money)
- What is someone worth
- What type of transaction
 - Bona fide gift
 - Grant, award
 - Small acquisition
 - Deposit or withdrawal
 - Equity swap
 - Tax liability









CI Checklist

- For Corporate Strategies (10-K, 8-K)
 - Management Discussion and Analysis
 - Financial footnotes
 - Certain relationships & transactions
- For Product Strategies (10-K, MDA, 8-K)
 - Monitor revenues, expansions, new partnerships and acquisitions
 - 10-K business revenue
 - Annual shareholder report
- For Internal Turmoil or Changes (8-K, 10-K)
 - Who has the power



CI Checklist (cont'd)

- For Subsidiaries and Locations (10-K, Exhibit 21)
 - FYI: not required to file all companies
- For Employees (10-K, Item 1 & Exhibits)
 - How many
 - Employee benefits (stock purchase plans, retirements)
- For Legal Items (10-K, Item 3)
 - Current litigation, class action lawsuits, liability
- For Acquisitions, Mergers, Takeovers (8-K, TO)
 - Changes in competitive position
 - Company's ability to compete



Research & Analysis Tips

- Select the most effective database for each project
- Prepare search string before going online. Call Customer Support first.
- Evaluate results
 - Read carefully
 - Evaluate
 - Take time
 - Compare
 - Understand
- The process can be lengthy.

Remember: Treasures are difficult to find!



SEC Databases

- ◆ 10-K Wizard http://www.10kwizard.com
- EdgarOnline http://www.edgar-online.com/
- Factset http://www.factset.com/
- ◆ GSI's LIVEDGAR http://www.gsionline.com
- SEC.gov http://sec.gov
- Securities Mosaic http://www.securitiesmosaic.com



Evaluating Databases

- Ease of use
- Archival data (scope and depth)
- Types of information available
- What fits in with your culture
- Search techniques
- Price
- How often updated
- Customer support
- Print formats
- Alerts set-up
- Real-time data feeds
- News coverage
- Reputation
- Where will the product be in the next 5 years?



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