SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1996

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

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER: 1-11718

MANUFACTURED HOME COMMUNITIES, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its Charter)

MARYLAND 36-3857664 (State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) incorporation or organization)

TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 800, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

> (312) 474-1122 (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 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 ()

APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS:

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

24,703,640 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1996.

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MANUFACTURED HOME COMMUNITIES, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1996 AND DECEMBER 31, 1995 (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE DATA) (UNAUDITED)

	1996	December 31, 1995
ASSETS Investment in rental property:		
Land	\$133,995	\$127,229
Land improvements	355,067	328,667
Buildings and other depreciable property	88,134	87,059
Accumulated depreciation	577,196 (67,555)	542,955 (56,403)
Net investment in rental property	509,641	486,552
Cash and cash equivalents	2,307	760
Short-term investments (at cost, which approximates market)	3,779	1,682
Marketable securities (at fair value)	10, 302	,
Notes receivable	15,303	15,010
Investment in and advances to affiliates	9,877	10,987
Rents receivable	855	935
Deferred financing costs, net	2,667	3,268
Prepaid expenses and other assets	2,898	3,430
Due from affiliates	199	501
Total assets	\$557,828	\$523,125
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY Liabilities:		
Mortgage notes payable	\$197,847	\$199,066
Line of credit	43,000	12,900
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	16,282	8,759
Accrued interest payable	1,316	1,258
Rents received in advance and security deposits	3,814	1,792
Distributions payable Due to affiliates	8,364 186	7,998 547
Total liabilities	270,809	232,320
Commitments and contingencies		
Minority interests	28,816	29,305
Stockholders' equity: Preferred stock, \$.01 par value		
10,000,000 shares authorized; none issued Common stock, \$.01 par value		
50,000,000 shares authorized; 24,703,640 and 24,502,877 shares issued and 24,703,640 and 24,393,149		
shares outstanding for 1996 and 1995, respectively	246	244
Paid-in capital	291,833	288,533
Unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities	274	
Treasury stock, 109,728 shares of common stock	(6,185)	(1,987) (1,565)
Distributions in excess of accumulated earnings	(27,965)	(23,725)
	(21,000)	(20) (20)
Total stockholders' equity	258,203	261,500
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$557,828 ======	\$523,125 ======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

MANUFACTURED HOME COMMUNITIES, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE NINE MONTHS AND QUARTERS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1996 AND 1995 (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA) (UNAUDITED)

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		For the Quarter En September 30,	
	1996	1995	1996	1995
REVENUES				
Base rental income Utility and other income Equity in income of affiliates Interest income	\$69,089 6,601 513 1,802	\$63,768 6,535 795 1,766	\$23,429 2,062 306 611	\$21,397 2,089 493 588
Total revenues	78,005	72,864	26,408	24,567
EXPENSES				
Property operating and maintenance Real estate taxes Property management	21,004 6,048 3,272	20,507 5,619 3,537	7,006 2,032 1,047	6,928 1,725 1,089
General and administrative Interest:	2,955	3,489	1,003	1,108
Interest incurred Amortization of deferred	12,265	12,845	4,189	4,201
financing costs Depreciation	802 11,291	1,674 10,780	238 3,748	430 3,600
Total expenses	57,637	58,451	19,263	19,081
Income from operationsGain on sale of properties	20,368	14,413 1,273	7,145	5,486 838
Income before allocation to				
<pre>minority interests</pre>	20,368 (2,019)	15,686 (1,569)	7,145 (708)	6,324 (633)
Net income	\$18,349 ======	\$14,117 =======	\$ 6,437 ======	\$ 5,691 ======
Net income per weighted average common				
share outstanding	\$.74 ======	\$.58 ======	\$.26 ======	\$.23 ======
Distributions declared				
per common share outstanding	\$.915 ======	\$.885 ======	\$.305 ======	\$.295 ======
Weighted average common shares outstanding	24,683 ======	24,346	24,697 ======	24,372

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

MANUFACTURED HOME COMMUNITIES, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1996 AND 1995 (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS) (UNAUDITED)

	1996	1995
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:	\$ 18,349	\$ 14,117
Cash provided by operating activities.Income allocated to minority interests.Depreciation and amortization expense.Equity in income of affiliates.(Gain) on sale of rental properties.Decrease in rents receivable.Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses and other assets.Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses.Increase in rents received in advance and security deposits.	2,019 12,093 (513) 80 401 7,220 2,022	1,569 12,454 (795) (1,273) 587 (388) 7,012 2,082
Net cash provided by operating activities	41,671	35,365
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: (Purchase) redemption of short-term investments, net Purchase of marketable securities Distributions from affiliates Collection of principal payments on notes receivable	(2,097) (10,028) 1,623 140	5,565 156 1,625
Acquisition of rental properties Improvements: Improvements - corporate Improvements - rental properties Site development costs Net proceeds from sale of rental property	(28,968) (758) (2,755) (1,899)	(600) (546) (2,062) (1,934) 4,820
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(44,742)	7,024
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Net proceeds from exercise of stock options Distributions to common stockholders and minority interests Treasury stock acquired Collection of principal payments on employee notes Proceeds from line of credit Repayments on mortgage notes payable and line of credit Debt issuance costs and other	514 (24,708) 72 33,600 (4,719) (141)	713 (23,971) (1,987) 2,466 (14,867) (221)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	4,618	(37,867)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	1,547 760	4,522 1,924
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period		\$ 6,446
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Cash paid during the period for interest	====== \$ 12,207 =======	====== \$ 12,199 =======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

PRESENTATION:

These unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements of Manufactured Home Communities, Inc., a Maryland corporation, and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company"), have been prepared pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") rules and regulations and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's 1995 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The following Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements highlight significant changes to the Notes included in the 1995 Annual Report on Form 10-K and present interim disclosures as required by the SEC. The accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements reflect, in the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the interim financial statements. All such adjustments are of a normal and recurring nature. Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior periods' financial statements in order to conform with current period presentation.

NOTE 1 - RENTAL PROPERTY

On February 28, 1996, the Company acquired Waterford, located near Wilmington, Delaware, for a purchase price of approximately \$21 million. The acquisition was funded with an \$18.6 million borrowing under the Company's line of credit with a bank and approximately \$2.4 million of working capital. Waterford consists of 621 developed sites and 110 expansion sites; the cost of completing the expansion sites will be paid by the seller.

On May 9, 1996, the Company funded a recourse real estate loan for \$6,050,000 to the partnership which owns Candlelight Village, located in Columbus, Indiana. The loan has an interest rate of 9.5%, 9.75% and 10% for the first, second and third years of the loan, respectively, which interest is payable monthly. Interest and principal are guaranteed by the general partner of the partnership which owns Candlelight Village. The loan matures May 8, 1999 at which time the Company has the option to purchase Candlelight Village. For financial accounting purposes, the Company accounts for the loan as an investment in real estate.

On October 23, 1996, the Company acquired two properties, Casa del Sol Resort No. 1 and Casa del Sol Resort No. 2 (collectively, the "Casa del Sol Resorts"), located near Phoenix, Arizona, for a purchase price of approximately \$17 million. The acquisition was funded with a borrowing under the Company's line of credit with a bank. The Casa del Sol Resorts consist of 485 sites.

The Company is actively seeking to acquire additional communities and currently is engaged in negotiations relating to the possible acquisition of a number of communities. At any time these negotiations are at varying stages which may include contracts outstanding to acquire certain manufactured home communities which are subject to satisfactory completion of the Company's due diligence review.

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 121 "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and For Long-Lived Assets To Be Disposed Of" ("SFAS No. 121") is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 1995. The Company evaluates rental properties for impairment when conditions exist which may indicate that it is probable that the sum of expected future cash flows (undiscounted) from a rental property is less than its carrying value. Upon determination that a permanent impairment has occurred, rental properties are reduced to fair value. For the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 1996, permanent impairment conditions did not exist at any of the Company's properties.

NOTE 2 - NOTES RECEIVABLE

At September 30, 1996 and December 31, 1995, notes receivable consisted of the following (amounts in thousands):

	1996	1995
<pre>\$2.0 million note receivable with monthly principal and interest payments at 9.0%, maturing on 6/10/2003</pre>	\$ 1,639	\$ 1,768
<pre>\$1.2 million purchase money notes with monthly principal and interest payments at 7%, maturing on 4/30/2001</pre>	1,164	1,174
<pre>\$10 million leasehold mortgage loan with interest accruing at a stated rate of 12.5% with a pay rate of 8.5%, maturing on 9/1/2013</pre>	10,922	10,558
		_0,000
<pre>\$1.9 million note receivable with monthly interest payments at prime plus 1.6%, maturing on 4/15/2000</pre>	1,578	1,510
Total notes receivable	\$15,303	\$15,010
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NOTE 3 - LONG-TERM BORROWINGS

At September 30, 1996 and December 31, 1995, long-term borrowings consisted of the following (amounts in thousands):

1996	1995
\$100,000	\$100,000
8,658	8,767
1,334	1,516
24,628	24,859
63,227	63,924
197,847	199,066
43,000	12,900
\$240,847 =======	\$211,966 =======
	\$100,000 8,658 1,334 24,628 63,227 197,847 43,000 \$240,847

(a) In December 1995, the Company entered into an agreement fixing the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") on the \$100.0 million mortgage note payable (the "Mortgage Debt") at 5.24% effective January 10, 1996 through January 10, 1997. The value of this agreement is impacted by changes in the market rate of interest. Had the agreement been entered into on September 30, 1996, the applicable LIBOR swap rate would have been 5.6%. Each 0.01% increase or decrease in the applicable swap rate for this agreement increases or decreases the value of the agreement entered into by the Company versus its current value by approximately \$3,400.

MANUFACTURED HOME COMMUNITIES, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3 - LONG-TERM BORROWINGS (CONTINUED)

The Company has an interest rate cap for the term of the Mortgage Debt which eliminates exposure to increases in LIBOR over 6%, plus 1.05%. In connection with the agreement effective January 10, 1996, discussed above, the Company sold a portion of the interest rate cap related to 1996 and recorded a non-cash write-off of approximately \$650,000 in the fourth quarter of 1995. As of September 30, 1996, the fair market value of the interest rate cap was approximately \$136,000 as compared to book value of \$762,000.

In July 1995, the Company entered into an interest rate swap agreement (the "Swap") beginning at the maturity of the Mortgage Debt fixing LIBOR on the refinancing of the Mortgage Debt at 6.4% for the period 1998 through 2003. The cost of the Swap consisted only of legal costs which were deemed immaterial. In the event that the Company does not refinance the Mortgage Debt, the risk associated with the Swap is that the Company would be obligated to perform its obligations under the terms of the Swap or would have to pay to terminate the Swap. In either event, the impact of such transaction would be reflected in the Company's statement of operations. The value of the Swap is impacted by changes in the market rate of interest. Had the Swap been entered into on September 30, 1996, the applicable LIBOR swap rate would have been 6.9%. Each 0.01% increase or decrease in the applicable swap rate for the Swap increases or decreases the value of the Swap one.

In October 1996, the Company entered into an interest rate swap agreement fixing LIBOR on the Mortgage Debt at 5.57% effective January 1, 1997 through March 3, 1998. In connection with this agreement, the Company sold the remainder of the interest rate cap, discussed above, and will record a non-cash write-off of \$482,000 in the fourth quarter of 1996.

(b) On May 7, 1996, the Company amended the credit agreement increasing the \$50.0 million line of credit to \$100.0 million at LIBOR plus 1.375% and extending the maturity date to August 17, 1998. In addition, the fee on the average unused amount was reduced to .15% of such amount from .25%. The Company paid a \$200,000 loan fee which is being amortized over the remaining period of the amended agreement.

As of September 30, 1996, the carrying value of the property collateralizing the long-term borrowings was approximately \$334 million.

NOTE 4 - COMMON STOCK AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

The Company paid a \$.305 per share distribution on April 12, 1996, July 12, 1996 and October 11, 1996, for the quarters ended March 31, 1996, June 30, 1996 and September 30, 1996, respectively, to stockholders of record on March 29, 1996, June 28, 1996 and September 27, 1996, respectively.

On January 2, 1996, certain members of management of the Company each entered into subscription agreements with the Company to acquire a total of 270,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$17.375 per share, the market price on that date. The Company received from these individuals notes (the "1996 Employee Notes") in exchange for their shares. The 1996 Employee Notes accrue interest at 5.91%, mature on January 2, 2005, and are recourse against the employees in the event the pledged shares are insufficient to repay the obligations.

In September 1996, the Company retired 109,728 shares of common stock which were held in treasury.

NOTE 5 - STOCK OPTIONS

Pursuant to the Amended and Restated 1992 Stock Option and Stock Award Plan (the "Plan") as discussed in Note 12 to the 1995 Annual Report on Form 10-K, certain officers, directors, key employees and consultants have been offered the opportunity to acquire shares of common stock of the Company through stock options ("Options"). During the nine months ended September 30, 1996, Options for 38,332 shares of common stock were exercised.

NOTE 5 - STOCK OPTIONS (CONTINUED)

In 1995, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" ("SFAS No. 123"). Under the provisions of SFAS No. 123, companies can elect to account for stock-based compensation plans using a fair-value-based method or continue measuring compensation expense for those plans using the intrinsic value method prescribed in Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees". SFAS No. 123 requires that companies electing to continue using the intrinsic value method must make pro-forma disclosures of net income and earnings per share as if the fair-value-based method of accounting had been applied.

The Company elected to continue to account for stock-based compensation using the intrinsic value method. As such, SFAS No. 123 did not have an impact on the Company's results of operations or financial position for the nine months ended September 30, 1996. The pro-forma information required by SFAS No. 123 will be included in the footnotes to the Company's 1996 year-end consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 6 - PROPOSED MERGER

On August 16, 1996, the Company offered to merge Chateau Properties, Inc. ("Chateau") with and into the Company in a transaction whereby each stockholder of Chateau would receive either \$26.00 per Chateau common share (a "Share") in cash, the Company's common shares at a ratio of 1.15 of the Company's common shares at a ratio of 26.00 per Share and the Company's common shares at such ratio. On September 4, 1996, MHC Operating Limited Partnership ("MHC OP"), a limited partnership controlled by the Company, commenced a tender offer ("MHC Offer") to purchase all outstanding Shares of Chateau for \$26.00 per Share in cash. The MHC Offer expired on November 6, 1996. In connection with the expiration, the Company offered a restructured merger proposal to Chateau that included an alternative of \$26 cash or convertible preferred securities valued at \$26. Pending the outcome of the Company's proposal, the Company has capitalized all costs related to the merger proposal. The restructured merger proposal is the subject of certain litigation as discussed in Note 7 below.

NOTE 7 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company is involved in a variety of legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. All such proceedings, taken together, are not expected to have a material adverse impact on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company.

On September 17, 1996 Chateau filed suit in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland against the Company and MHC OP alleging, among other things, that (i) the MHC Offer is in violation of the federal securities laws because it contains untrue statements of material fact and omits to state material facts and (ii) the Company and MHC OP have begun a proxy solicitation in opposition to Chateau's proposed merger with ROC Communities, Inc. ("ROC") and have made material misstatements of facts and omitted to disclose other material facts as part of that solicitation effort in violation of applicable federal law. The Company has filed counterclaims against Chateau and ROC and intends to vigorously defend itself against Chateau's claims which it believes are frivolous. At this time it is not possible to predict the outcome of these matters, but the Company does not anticipate that the impact of this litigation will be material.

NOTE 7 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)

In a separate matter, residents of DeAnza Santa Cruz, a Property located in Santa Cruz, California, (the "City") previously brought several actions opposing certain fees and charges in connection with water service at the Property, specifically opposing a monthly "readiness to serve" charge. One group of residents, who have elected to be covered under the City's rent control ordinance ("Ordinance"), had their case heard before the City's rent control board. On June 29, 1995, the City's hearing officer found that the Company may charge only its actual costs. The Company appealed the decision of the hearing officer by means of a writ of mandamus to the Superior Court of the State of California (Case Number 130845) alleging that an internally consistent state statutory framework, including the California Mobilehome Residency Law, the California Public Utilities Code, and California Code of Regulations, requires the Company to charge residents exactly the same rates and charges as those tenants would pay if receiving water directly from the local water utility (i.e. including the monthly readiness to serve charge). The Superior Court issued judgment on July 23, 1996 denying the petition for writ of mandamus, finding no prejudicial abuse of discretion by the hearing officer, that the hearing officer's findings were supported by substantial evidence, and that the hearing officer proceeded within the proper jurisdiction.

The court awarded costs of approximately \$50,000 to the residents. The Company continues to believe that its fees and charges are consistent with the requirements of California law and will appeal the decision. The effect on the Company if the verdict is upheld would be a reduction in the fees and charges collected in connection with the provision of water service of less than \$20,000 annually. The Company may also have to rebate such fees and charges collected since its acquisition of the Property in August, 1994. The impact of this decision on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company is not expected to be material.

The Santa Cruz Homeowners Association, representing approximately fifteen residents not covered by the Ordinance, separately filed suit in the Superior Court of the State of California (Case Number 128001) opposing the same fees and charges in connection with water service and seeking damages arising out of the imposition of such monthly fees and charges. A trial date has been set for January 6, 1997 and the Company intends to vigorously defend itself in the matter. The Company believes that its fees and charges are consistent with the requirements of California law. Should the residents be successful, the impact on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company is not expected to be material.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

OVERVIEW

The following is a discussion of the interim results of operations, financial condition and liquidity and capital resources of the Company for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 1996 compared to the corresponding periods in 1995. It should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto included herein and the 1995 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

COMPARISON OF THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1996 TO THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1995

Since September 30, 1995, the gross investment in rental property has increased from \$543 million to \$577 million due to the acquisition of Waterford on February 28, 1996 and the funding of the Candlelight Village loan, which was accounted for as a purchase, on May 9, 1996. The total number of sites has increased from 25,370 as of September 30, 1995 to 26,864 as of September 30, 1996.

The following table summarizes certain weighted average occupancy statistics for the three months ended September 30, 1996 and 1995. "Core Portfolio" represents an analysis of properties owned during both periods of comparison.

	Core Portfolio		Total P	ortfolio
	1996	1995	1996	1995
Total sites	25,552	25,370	26,868	25,370
Occupied sites	24,113	23,826	25,252	23,826
Occupancy %	94.4%	93.9%	94.0%	93.9%
Monthly base rent per site	\$ 312	\$ 298	\$ 309	\$ 298

Base rental income (\$23.4 million) increased \$2.0 million or 9.5%. For the Core Portfolio, base rental income increased approximately \$1.3 million or 6.1%, reflecting a 4.9% increase in base rental rates and a 1.2% increase related to occupancy. Base rental income at Waterford and Candlelight Village was approximately \$834,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 1996. Partially offsetting this increase was a \$107,000 decrease in base rental income resulting from the sale of two properties in 1995.

The increase in monthly base rent per site reflected annual rent increases which went into effect in the first nine months of 1996 at approximately 91% of the properties, as well as annual rent increases that occurred in the last three months of 1995. The 1.2% increase in occupied sites for the Core Portfolio was primarily due to improved occupancy in the Southeastern Region's expansion communities.

Utility and other income (\$2.1 million) decreased \$27,000 or 1.3% primarily due to a decrease in other income resulting from the one-time collection of water/sewer impact fees at one property in 1995, partially offset by increased utility income and real estate tax pass-ons.

Interest income (\$611,000) increased \$23,000 or 3.9%, primarily due to interest earned on the 1996 Employee Notes granted on January 2, 1996, partially offset by decreased interest earned on short-term investments. Short-term investments had average balances for the quarters ended September 30, 1996 and 1995 of approximately \$3.5 million and \$6.6 million, respectively, which earned interest income at an effective rate of 5.6% and 5.5% per annum, respectively. As of September 30, 1996, the Company had cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments of approximately \$6.1 million.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)

Property operating and maintenance expenses (\$7.0 million) increased \$78,000 or 1.1%. Waterford and Candlelight Village comprised \$186,000 of this increase, along with an increase in property payroll of approximately \$48,000. Partially offsetting these increases was decreased utility expense of approximately \$84,000 and decreased property general and administrative expense of approximately \$72,000. Property operating and maintenance expenses represented 26.5% of total revenues in 1996 and 28.2% in 1995.

Real estate taxes (\$2.0 million) increased \$307,000 or 17.8% due to the expected increase in assessed values at certain properties in 1996. Real estate taxes represented 7.7% of total revenues in 1996 and 7.0% in 1995.

Property management expenses (\$1.0 million) decreased \$42,000 or 3.9%. The decrease was primarily due to an overall decrease in expenses resulting from staffing reductions which occurred in 1995, partially offset by increased travel costs and computer software costs. Property management expenses represented 4.0% of total revenues in 1996 and 4.4% in 1995.

General and administrative ("G&A") expenses (\$1.0 million) decreased \$105,000 or 9.5%. The decrease was primarily due to (i) decreased professional fees resulting from the write-off in the third quarter of 1995 of legal due diligence and related costs associated with acquisitions which did not materialize; (ii) decreased public company costs, and (iii) decreased income and franchise taxes. G&A expenses represented 3.8% of total revenues in 1996 and 4.5% in 1995.

Interest expense (\$4.2 million) decreased \$12,000 or 0.3%. The decrease was due to a decrease in the interest rate on the Mortgage Debt resulting from the interest rate swap agreement entered into in December 1995 (see discussion below), partially offset by an increase in interest on the line of credit resulting from additional borrowings in 1996. The weighted average outstanding debt balances for the quarters ended September 30, 1996 and 1995 were \$235.1 million and \$224.4 million, respectively. The effective interest rates were 7.1% and 7.5% for the quarters ended September 30, 1996 and 1995, respectively. Interest expense represented 15.9% of total revenues in 1996 and 17.1% in 1995.

In December 1995, the Company entered into an agreement fixing the LIBOR rate on the Mortgage Debt at 5.24% effective January 10, 1996 through January 10, 1997. The value of this agreement is impacted by changes in the market rate of interest. Had the agreement been entered into on September 30, 1996, the applicable LIBOR swap rate would have been 5.6%. Each 0.01% increase or decrease in the applicable swap rate for this agreement increases or decreases the value of the agreement entered into by the Company versus its current value by approximately \$3,400.

The Company has an interest rate cap for the term of the Mortgage Debt which eliminates exposure to increases in LIBOR over 6%, plus 1.05%. In connection with the agreement effective January 10, 1996, discussed above, the Company sold a portion of the interest rate cap related to 1996 and recorded a non-cash loss of approximately \$650,000 in the fourth quarter of 1995. As of September 30, 1996, the fair market value of the interest rate cap was approximately \$136,000 as compared to book value of \$762,000.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)

In July 1995, the Company entered into the Swap beginning at the maturity of the Mortgage Debt fixing LIBOR on the refinancing of the Mortgage Debt at 6.4% for the period 1998 through 2003. The cost of the Swap consisted only of legal costs which were deemed immaterial. In the event that the Company does not refinance the Mortgage Debt, the risk associated with the Swap is that the Company would be obligated to perform its obligations under the terms of the Swap or would have to pay to terminate the Swap. In either event, the impact of such transaction would be reflected in the Company's statement of operations. The value of the Swap is impacted by changes in the market rate of interest. Had the Swap been entered into on September 30, 1996, the applicable LIBOR swap rate would have been 6.9%. Each 0.01% increase or decrease in the applicable swap rate for the Swap increases or decreases the value of the Swap entered into by the Company versus its current value by approximately \$39,000.

In October 1996, the Company entered into an interest rate swap agreement fixing LIBOR on the Mortgage Debt at 5.57% effective January 1, 1997 through March 3, 1998. In connection with this agreement, the Company sold the remainder of the interest rate cap, discussed above, and will record a non-cash write-off of \$482,000 in the fourth quarter of 1996.

On May 7, 1996, the Company amended its credit agreement on the \$50.0 million line of credit ("Credit Facility") increasing the Credit Facility to \$100.0 million at LIBOR plus 1.375% and extending the maturity date to August 17, 1998. In addition, the fee on the average unused amount was reduced to 0.15% of such amount from 0.25%. The Company borrowed \$18.5 million under the Credit Facility on October 23, 1996 to finance the acquisition of the Casa del Sol Resorts, located near Phoenix, Arizona, on such date.

Amortization of deferred financing costs (\$238,000) decreased \$192,000 or 44.7% as a result of the sale of the portion of the interest rate cap on the Mortgage Debt related to 1996 (see discussion above). Amortization of deferred financing costs represented 0.9% of total revenues in 1996 and 1.8% in 1995.

Depreciation expense (\$3.7 million) increased \$148,000 or 4.1%. Depreciation expense on corporate assets was approximately \$122,000 and \$84,000 for the quarters ended September 30, 1996 and 1995, respectively. Depreciation expense represented 14.2% of total revenues in 1996 and 14.6% in 1995.

COMPARISON OF NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1996 TO NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1995

The acquisition of Waterford and the financing of Candlelight Village in 1996 increased base rental income, property operating and maintenance expenses, real estate taxes and depreciation for the nine months ended September 30, 1996. These increases were partially offset by the sale of two properties in 1995.

The following table summarizes certain weighted average occupancy statistics for the nine months ended September 30, 1996 and 1995. "Core Portfolio" represents an analysis of properties owned during both periods of comparison.

	Core Po	ortfolio	Total Portfolio		
	1996	1995	1996	1995	
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Total sites Occupied sites	25,555 24,059	25,348 23,742	26,432 24,804	25,348 23,742	
Occupancy % Monthly base rent per site	94.1% \$ 311	93.7% \$296	93.8% \$309	93.7% \$296	

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)

Base rental income (\$69.1 million) increased \$5.3 million or 8.3%. For the Core Portfolio, base rental income increased approximately \$4.1 million or 6.4%, reflecting a 5.0% increase in base rental rates and a 1.4% increase related to occupancy. Base rental income at Waterford and Candlelight Village was approximately \$1,752,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 1996. Partially offsetting this increase was a \$503,000 decrease in base rental income resulting from the sale of two properties in 1995.

The increase in monthly base rent per site reflected annual rent increases which went into effect in the first nine months of 1996 at approximately 91% of the properties, as well as annual rent increases that occurred in the last three months of 1995. The 1.4% increase in occupied sites for the Core Portfolio was primarily due to improved occupancy in the Southeastern Region's expansion communities.

Utility and other income (\$6.6 million) increased \$66,000 or 1.0% primarily due to increased utility income and real estate tax pass-on income, partially offset by decreased other income resulting from the one-time collection of water/sewer impact fees at one property in 1995.

Interest income (\$1.8 million) increased \$36,000 or 2.0%, primarily due to interest earned on the 1996 Employee Notes granted on January 2, 1996, partially offset by a decrease in interest earned on short-term investments. Short-term investments had average balances for the nine months ended September 30, 1996 and 1995 of approximately \$3.5 million and \$8.9 million, respectively, which earned interest income at an effective rate of 5.4% and 4.8% per annum, respectively.

Property operating and maintenance expenses (\$21.0 million) increased \$496,000 or 2.4%. Waterford and Candlelight Village comprised \$454,000 of this increase, partially offset by a decrease in expense of \$199,000 resulting from the sale of two properties in 1995. The remaining \$241,000 increase was primarily due to an increase in utility expense of approximately \$395,000, an increase in insurance and other expenses of approximately \$222,000, and an increase in repairs and maintenance of \$110,000, partially offset by a decrease in property payroll of \$396,000 and property G&A expense of \$90,000. Property operating and maintenance expenses represented 26.9% of total revenues in 1996 and 28.1% in 1995.

Real estate taxes (\$6.0 million) increased \$430,000 or 7.7% due to the expected increase in assessed values at certain properties in 1996. Real estate taxes represented 7.8% of total revenues in 1996 and 7.7% in 1995.

Property management expenses (\$3.3 million) decreased \$265,000 or 7.5%. The decrease was primarily due to a decrease in management company payroll as a result of the staffing reductions in 1995. Partially offsetting this decrease was the receipt in 1995 of a termination fee related to certain fee-managed contracts. Property management expenses represented 4.2% of total revenues in 1996 and 4.9% in 1995.

G&A expenses (\$3.0 million) decreased \$534,000 or 15.3%. The decrease was due to: (i) decreased professional fees resulting from the write-off in the first nine months of 1995 of legal due diligence and related costs associated with acquisitions which did not materialize; (ii) decreased public company costs, and (iii) decreased income and franchise taxes. G&A expenses represented 3.8% of total revenues in 1996 and 4.8% in 1995.

Interest expense (\$12.3 million) decreased by \$580,000 or 4.5%. The decrease was due to a decrease in the interest rate on the Mortgage Debt resulting from the interest rate swap agreement entered into in December 1995 (see discussion above). The effective interest rates were 7.2% and 7.6% for the nine months ended September 30, 1996 and 1995, respectively. The weighted average outstanding debt balances for the nine months ended September 30, 1996 and 1995 were \$228.4 million and \$225.8 million, respectively. Interest expense represented 15.7% of total revenues in 1996 and 17.6% in 1995.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)

Amortization of deferred financing costs (\$802,000) decreased \$872,000 or 52.1% primarily due to the write-off in 1995 of approximately \$385,000 of loan costs related to the \$50 million line of credit with General Electric Credit Corp. which expired in March 1995. In addition, the Company sold a portion of the interest rate cap on the Mortgage Debt related to 1996. Amortization of deferred financing costs represented 1.0% of total revenues in 1996 and 2.3% in 1995.

Depreciation expense (\$11.3 million) increased \$511,000 or 4.7%. Depreciation expense on corporate assets was approximately \$342,000 and \$250,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 1996 and 1995, respectively. Depreciation expense represented 14.5% of total revenues in 1996 and 14.8% in 1995.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Cash and cash equivalents increased by \$1.5 million when compared to December 31, 1995. The major components of this increase were the \$33.6 million borrowings under the line of credit and increased cash provided by operating activities, partially offset by the acquisition of Waterford and the financing of Candlelight Village, payment of distributions, purchase of short-term investments and marketable securities, and improvements to rental properties.

Net cash provided by operating activities increased \$6.3 million from \$35.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 1995 to \$41.7 million for the same period in 1996. This increase reflected a \$6.0 million increase in funds from operations ("FFO"), as discussed below, an increase in the accrual for real estate taxes of which the Company expects to pay approximately \$4.7 million in November, 1996, and decreased prepaid expenses.

FFO was defined by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts in March 1995 as net income (computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ["GAAP"]), before allocation to minority interests, plus real estate depreciation and after adjustments for significant non-recurring items, if any. In the first quarter of 1996, the Company adopted this new definition of FFO which is effective for periods ending after December 31, 1995. Prior to this adoption, FFO was defined as income before allocation to minority interests plus certain non-cash items, primarily depreciation and amortization. Funds available for distribution ("FAD") is defined as FFO less non-revenue producing capital expenditures. The Company believes that FFO and FAD are useful to investors as a measure of the performance of an equity REIT because, along with cash flows from operating activities, financing activities and investing activities, they provide investors an understanding of the ability of the Company to incur and service debt and to make capital expenditures. FFO and FAD in and of themselves do not represent cash generated from operating activities in accordance with GAAP and therefore should not be considered an alternative to net income as an indication of the Company's performance or to net cash flows from operating activities as determined by GAAP as a measure of liquidity and are not necessarily indicative of cash available to fund cash needs.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES (CONTINUED)

The following table presents a calculation of FFO and FAD for the nine months and quarters ended September 30, 1996 and 1995 (amounts in the thousands):

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		For the Quarters Ende September 30,	
	1996	1995	1996	1995
Computation of funds from operations: Income before allocation to				
minority interests Depreciation on real estate assets	\$20,368 10,949	\$15,686 10,530	\$ 7,145 3,626	\$6,324 3,516
Amortization of non recurring items Gain on sale of assets		385 (1,273)		(838)
Funds from operations (a)	\$31,317 ======	\$25,328 ======	\$10,771 ======	\$9,002 =====
Computation of funds available for distribution: Funds from operations (a)	\$31,317	\$25,328	\$10,771	\$9,002
Non-revenue producing improvements - rental properties	(2,755)	(2,062)	(1,294)	(911)
Funds available for distribution	\$28,562 ======	\$23,266 ======	\$ 9,477 ======	\$8,091 ======

(a) FFO for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 1995 has been restated pursuant to the new definition of FFO adopted by the Company for periods ending after December 31, 1995.

Net cash used in investing activities increased \$51.7 million from \$7.0 million provided by investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 1995 to \$44.7 million used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 1996, primarily due to the acquisition of Waterford and the financing of Candlelight Village and the purchase of marketable securities and short-term investments. During the third quarter of 1996, the Company purchased common stock of other companies ("Marketable Securities"). As of September 30, 1996, the Company recorded the Marketable Securities at a fair value of approximately \$10.3 million based on stock prices as of that date.

On February 28, 1996, the Company acquired Waterford, located near Wilmington, Delaware, for a purchase price of approximately \$21 million. The acquisition was funded with an \$18.6 million borrowing under the Company's line of credit and approximately \$2.4 million of working capital. Waterford consists of 621 developed sites and 110 expansion sites; the cost of developing the expansion sites will be paid by the seller.

On May 9, 1996, the Company funded a recourse real estate loan for \$6,050,000 to the partnership which owns Candlelight Village, located in Columbus, Indiana. The loan has an interest rate of 9.5%, 9.75% and 10% for the first, second and third years of the loan, respectively, which interest is payable monthly. Interest and principal are guaranteed by the general partner of the partnership which owns Candlelight Village. The loan matures May 8, 1999 at which time the Company has the option to purchase Candlelight Village. Candlelight Village consists of 512 sites and 73 expansion sites. For financial accounting purposes, the Company accounts for the loan as an investment in real estate.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES (CONTINUED)

Capital expenditures for improvements were approximately \$5.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 1996 compared to \$4.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 1995. Of the \$5.4 million, approximately \$2.8 million represented improvements to existing sites. The Company anticipates spending approximately \$1.0 million on improvements to existing sites during the remainder of 1996. The Company believes these improvements are necessary in order to increase and/or maintain occupancy levels and maximize rental rates charged to new and renewing residents. Of the remaining \$2.6 million, \$1.9 million represented costs to develop expansion sites at certain of the Company's properties and \$758,000 represented costs associated with the Company's conversion to a new accounting software system and other corporate headquarter expenditures. The Company is currently developing an additional 104 sites which should be available for occupancy in 1996.

Net cash provided by financing activities increased \$42.5 million from \$37.9 million used in financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 1995 to \$4.6 million provided by financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 1996 primarily due to \$33.6 million of borrowings under the line of credit for the acquisition of Waterford and the financing of Candlelight Village.

Distributions to common stockholders and minority interests remained relatively stable at \$24.7 million and \$24.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 1996 and 1995, respectively. On January 12, 1996, the Company paid a \$0.295 per share distribution for the fourth quarter of 1995 to stockholders of record on December 29, 1995. The Company paid a \$0.305 per share distribution on April 12, 1996, July 12, 1996 and October 11, 1996, for the quarters ended March 31, 1996, June 30, 1996 and September 30, 1996, respectively, to stockholders of record on March 29, 1996, June 28, 1996 and September 27, 1996, respectively. Return of capital on a GAAP basis was \$0.065, \$0.065 and \$0.045 for the quarters ended March 31, 1996, June 30, 1996 and September 30, 1996, respectively.

On January 2, 1996, certain members of management of the Company each entered into subscription agreements with the Company to acquire a total of 270,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$17.375 per share, the market price on that date. The Company received from these individuals the 1996 Employee Notes in exchange for their shares. The 1996 Employee Notes accrue interest at 5.91%, mature on January 2, 2005, and are recourse against the employees in the event the pledged shares are insufficient to repay the obligations.

The Company expects to meet its short-term liquidity requirements, including its distributions, generally through its working capital, net cash provided by operating activities and availability under the existing line of credit. The Company expects to meet certain long-term liquidity requirements such as scheduled debt maturities, property acquisitions and capital improvements by long-term collateralized and uncollateralized borrowings including its existing line of credit and the issuance of debt securities or additional equity securities in the Company, in addition to working capital.

- PART II OTHER INFORMATION
- ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The discussion in Note 7 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements is incorporated herein by reference.

- ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K.
 - (a) Exhibits:
 - 27 Financial Data Schedule
 - (b) Reports on Form 8-K:

Form 8-K dated October 8, 1996, filed October 15, 1996, relating to Item 4 - "Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountants" and Item 7 - "Financial Statements and Exhibits".

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.

MANUFACTURED HOME COMMUNITIES, INC.

BY: /s/ Thomas P. Heneghan Thomas P. Heneghan Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (a duly authorized officer and Chief Accounting Officer of the Company)

DATE: November 11, 1996

This schedule contains summary financial information extracted from the consolidated balance sheets and statements of operations and is qualified in its entirety by reference to such financial statements.

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