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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009

OR

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o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SEC ACT OF 1934	CTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE
For the transition period from to _	
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ASTEC IN	NDUSTRIES, INC.
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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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 ý No o

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Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§ 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer ý

Accelerated Filer o

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Smaller Reporting Company o

No ý

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes o

As of June 30, 2009, the aggregate market value of the registrant's voting and non-voting common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$587,290,000 based upon the closing sales price as reported on the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System National Market System.

(APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE REGISTRANTS)

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

As of February 24, 2010, Common Stock, par value \$0.20 - 22,554,133 shares

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the following documents have been incorporated by reference into the Parts of this Annual Report on Form 10-K indicated:

Document	Form 10-K
Proxy Statement relating to Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on	Part III
April 23, 2010	

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements contained anywhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K that are not limited to historical information are considered forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including, without limitation, statements regarding:

- execution of the Company's growth and operation strategy;
- plans for technological innovation;
- compliance with covenants in our credit facility;
- ability to secure adequate or timely replacement of financing to repay our lenders;
- liquidity and capital expenditures;
- · sufficiency of working capital, cash flows and available capacity under teh Company's credit facilities:
- compliance with government regulations;
- compliance with manufacturing and delivery timetables;
- forecasting of results;
- general economic trends and political uncertainty;
- government funding and growth of highway construction and commercial projects;
- · taxes or usage fees;
- renewal of the federal highway bill which expired September 30, 2009
- integration of acquisitions;
- financing plans;
- industry trends;
- pricing and availability of oil and liquid asphalt;
- pricing and availability of steel;
- pricing of scrap metal;
- · condition of the economy;
- · the success of new product lines;
- presence in the international marketplace;
- suitability of our current facilities;
- future payment of dividends;
- competition in our business segments;
- product liability and other claims;
- protection of proprietary technology;
- demand for products
- future filling of backlogs;
- employees;
- tax assets;
- the impact of account changes;
- the effect of increased international sales on our backlog;
- critical account policies;
- ability to satisfy contingencies;
- contributions to retirement plans;
- supply of raw materials; and
- inventory.

These forward-looking statements are based largely on management's expectations which are subject to a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors discussed in this report and in other documents filed by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which may cause actual results, financial or otherwise, to be materially different from those anticipated, expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements included in this document are based on information available to us on the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements to reflect future events or circumstances. You can identify these statements by forward-looking words such as "expect," "believe," "goal," "plan," "intend," "estimate," "may," "will" and similar expressions.

In addition to the risks and uncertainties identified elsewhere herein and in other documents filed by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the risk factors described in this document under the caption "Risk Factors" should be carefully considered when evaluating our business and future prospects.

PART I

Item 1. Business

General

Astec Industries, Inc. (the "Company") is a Tennessee corporation which was incorporated in 1972. The Company designs, engineers, manufactures and markets equipment and components used primarily in road building, utility and related construction activities as well as other products discussed below. The Company's products are used in each phase of road building, from quarrying and crushing the aggregate to application of the road surface. The Company also manufactures certain equipment and components unrelated to road construction, including trenching, auger boring, directional drilling, gas and oil drilling rigs, industrial heat transfer equipment, whole-tree pulpwood chippers, horizontal grinders and blower trucks. The Company has also recently designed and introduced a line of multiple use plants for cement treated base, roller compacted concrete and ready-mix concrete as well as pelletizing equipment used to compress wood and other products into dense pellets for the renewable energy market among other applications. The Company's subsidiaries hold 101 United States patents and 36 foreign patents, have 53 patent applications pending, and have been responsible for many technological and engineering innovations in the industry. The Company's products are marketed both domestically and internationally. In addition to equipment sales, the Company manufactures and sells replacement parts for equipment in each of its product lines and replacement parts for some competitors' equipment. The distribution and sale of replacement parts is an integral part of the Company's business.

The Company's fourteen manufacturing subsidiaries are: (i) Breaker Technology Ltd/Inc., which designs, engineers, manufactures and markets rock breaking and processing equipment and utility vehicles for mining and pelletizing equipment; (ii) Johnson Crushers International, Inc., which designs, engineers, manufactures and markets portable and stationary aggregate and ore processing equipment; (iii) Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc., which designs, engineers, manufactures and markets aggregate processing equipment for the crushed stone, manufactured sand, recycle, top soil and remediation markets; (iv) Osborn Engineered Products SA (Pty) Ltd, which designs, engineers, manufactures and markets a complete line of bulk material handling and minerals processing plant and equipment used in the aggregate, mineral mining, metallic mining and recycling industries; (v) Astec Mobile Screens, Inc. which designs, engineers, manufactures and markets mobile screening plants, portable and stationary structures and vibrating screens for the aggregate, recycle and material processing industries; (vi) Telsmith, Inc., which designs, engineers, manufactures and markets aggregate processing and mining equipment for the production and classification of sand, gravel, crushed stone and minerals used in road construction and other applications; (vii) Astec, Inc., which designs, engineers, manufactures and markets hot-mix asphalt plants, concrete mixing plants and related components of each; (viii) CEI Enterprises, Inc., which designs, engineers, manufactures and markets thermal fluid heaters, storage tanks, hot-mix

asphalt plants, rubberized asphalt and polymer blending systems; (ix) Heatec, Inc., which designs, engineers, manufactures and markets thermal fluid heaters, process heaters, waste heat recovery equipment, liquid storage systems and polymer and rubber blending systems; (x) American Augers, Inc., which designs, engineers, manufactures and markets large horizontal, directional drills, oil and gas drilling rigs, auger boring machines and the down-hole tooling to support these units; (xi) Astec Underground, Inc., formerly Trencor, Inc., which designs, engineers, manufactures, and markets heavy-duty Trencor trenchers, and a comprehensive line of Astec utility trenchers, vibratory plows, and compact horizontal directional drills and vertical drills for the geo thermal/water well applications; (xii) Carlson Paving Products, Inc., which designs, engineers, manufactures and markets asphalt paver screeds, a commercial paver and a windrow pickup machine; (xiii) Roadtec, Inc., which designs, engineers, manufactures and markets asphalt reclaiming and soil stabilizing machinery; and (xiv) Peterson Pacific Corp., which designs, engineers, manufactures and markets whole-tree pulpwood chippers, horizontal grinders and blower trucks. The Company also has a subsidiary in Australia, Astec Australia Pty Ltd, that distributes certain of the Company's products in the region.

The Company's strategy is to be the industry's most cost-efficient producer in each of its product lines, while continuing to develop innovative new products and provide first class service for its customers. Management believes that the Company is the technological innovator in the markets in which it operates and is well positioned to capitalize on the need to rebuild and enhance roadway and utility infrastructure, and other areas in which it offers products and services, both in the United States and abroad.

Segment Reporting

The Company's business units have their own decentralized management teams and offer different products and services. The business units have been aggregated into four reportable business segments based upon the nature of the product or services produced, the type of customer for the products, the similarity of economic characteristics, the manner in which management reviews results and the nature of the production process among other considerations. The reportable business segments are (i) Asphalt Group, (ii) Aggregate and Mining Group, (iii) Mobile Asphalt Paving Group and (iv) Underground Group. All remaining companies, including the Company, Astec Insurance Company, Peterson Pacific Corp. and Astec Australia Pty Ltd, as well as federal income tax expenses for all business segments are included in the "Other Business Units" category for reporting.

Financial information in connection with the Company's financial reporting for segments of a business and for geographic areas under FASB Accounting Standards Codification ASC 280 is included in Note 17 to "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements - Operations by Industry Segment and Geographic Area," presented in Appendix A of this report.

Asphalt Group

The Asphalt Group segment is made up of three business units: Astec, Inc. ("Astec"), Heatec, Inc. ("Heatec") and CEI Enterprises, Inc. ("CEI"). These business units design, engineer, manufacture and market a complete line of asphalt plants, concrete mixing plants and related components of each, heating and heat transfer processing equipment and storage tanks for the asphalt paving and other non-related industries.

Products

Astec designs, engineers, manufactures and markets a complete line of portable, stationary and relocatable hot-mix asphalt plants and related components under the ASTEC® trademark as well as a new line of concrete mixing plants introduced by Astec, Inc. in 2009. An asphalt mixing plant typically consists of heating and storage equipment for liquid asphalt (manufactured by CEI or Heatec); cold feed bins for blending aggregates; a counter-flow continuous type unit (Astec Double Barrel) for drying, heating and mixing; a baghouse composed of air filters and other pollution control devices; hot storage bins or silos for temporary storage of hot-mix asphalt; and a control house. Astec introduced the concept of high plant portability in 1979. Its current generation of portable asphalt plants is marketed as the Six PackTM and consists of six or more portable components, which can be disassembled, moved to the construction site and reassembled, thereby reducing relocation expenses. High plant portability represents an industry innovation developed and successfully marketed by Astec. Astec's enhanced version of the Six PackTM, known as the Turbo Six PackTM, is a highly portable plant which is especially useful in less populated areas where plants must be moved from job-to-job and can be disassembled and erected without the use of cranes.

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Astec developed a Double Barrel Green System (patent pending), which allows the asphalt mix to be prepared and placed at lower temperatures than conventional systems and operates with a substantial reduction in smoke emissions during paving and load-out. Previous technologies for warm mix production rely on expensive additives, procedures and/or special asphalt cement delivery systems that add significant costs to the cost per ton of mix. The Company's new Astec multi-nozzle device eliminates the need for the expensive additives by mixing a small amount of water and asphalt cement together to create microscopic bubbles that reduces the viscosity of the asphalt mix coating on the rock, thereby allowing the mix to be handled and worked at lower temperatures.

The components in Astec's asphalt mixing plants are fully automated and use both microprocessor-based and programmable logic control systems for efficient operation. The plants are manufactured to meet or exceed federal and state clean air standards. Astec also builds batch type asphalt plants and has developed specialized asphalt recycling equipment for use with its hot-mix asphalt plants.

Astec's concrete production equipment is designed to be easy to operate and maintain. Materials are managed with continuous blending using belt scales and variable frequency conveyor drives. Shaft-driven mixers with high-torque folding action deliver a uniform concrete mix. Astec's tower plants, designed as modular configurations for either dry or wet arrangements, provide an exciting new alternative in vertical stationary concrete plants.

Heatec designs, engineers, manufactures and markets a variety of thermal fluid heaters, process heaters, waste heat recovery equipment, liquid storage systems and polymer and rubber blending systems under the HEATEC® trademark. For the construction industry, Heatec manufactures a complete line of asphalt heating and storage equipment to serve the hot-mix asphalt industry and water heaters for concrete plants. In addition, Heatec builds a wide variety of industrial heaters to fit a broad range of applications, including heating equipment for marine vessels, roofing material plants, refineries, oil sands, energy related processing, chemical processing, rubber plants and the agribusiness. Heatec has the technical staff to custom design heating systems and has systems operating as large as 50,000,000 BTU's per hour.

CEI designs, engineers, manufactures and markets thermal fluid heaters, storage tanks, hot-mix asphalt plants, rubberized asphalt and polymer blending systems under the CEI® trademark. CEI designs and builds heaters with outputs up to 6,300,000 BTU's per hour and portable, vertical, and stationary storage tanks up to 40,000 gallons in capacity. CEI's hot-mix plants are built for domestic and international use and employ parallel and counter flow designs with capacities up to 180 tons per hour. CEI is a leading supplier of crumb rubber blending plants in the U.S.

Marketing

Astec markets its hot-mix asphalt products both domestically and internationally. Dillman Equipment, Inc., a manufacturer of asphalt production equipment in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin was acquired by Astec in October 2008 and now operates as a division of Astec. The Dillman line of equipment is offered to the market as an addition to the Astec product line. The principal purchasers of asphalt and related equipment are highway contractors. Asphalt equipment, including Dillman products, are sold directly to the customers through Astec's domestic and international sales departments, although independent agents are also used to market asphalt plants and their components in international markets.

Heatec and CEI equipment is marketed through both direct sales and dealer sales. Manufacturers' representatives sell heating products for applications in industries other than the asphalt industry.

In total, the products of the Asphalt Group segment are marketed by approximately 51 direct sales employees, 19 domestic independent distributors and 32 international independent distributors.

Raw Materials

Raw materials used in the manufacture of products include carbon steel and various types of alloy steel, which are normally purchased from distributors. Raw materials for manufacturing are normally readily available. Most steel is delivered on a "just-in-time" arrangement from the supplier to reduce inventory requirements at the manufacturing facilities, but some steel is bought and occasionally inventoried.

Competition

This industry segment faces strong competition in price, service and product performance and competes with both large publicly-held companies with resources significantly greater than those of the Company and with various smaller manufacturers. Domestic hot-mix asphalt plant competitors include Terex Corporation, Gencor Industries, Inc., ADM and Almix. In the international market the hot-mix asphalt plant competitors include Ammann, Parker, Cifali, Speco and local manufacturers. The market for the Company's heat transfer equipment is diverse because of the multiple applications for such equipment. Competitors for the construction product line of heating equipment include, among others, Gencor Industries, Inc., American Heating, Pearson Heating Systems, F&C and Meeker. Competitors for the industrial product line of heating equipment include New Point Thermal, Fulton Thermal Corporation, Vapor Power International, NATCO, Broach and TFS, among others.

Employees

At December 31, 2009, the Asphalt Group segment employed 1,051 individuals, of which 757 were engaged in manufacturing, 119 in engineering and 175 in selling, general and administrative functions.

Backlog

The backlog for the Asphalt Group at December 31, 2009 and 2008 was approximately \$75,591,000 and \$106,223,000, respectively. Management expects all current backlogs to be filled in 2010.

Aggregate and Mining Group

The Company's Aggregate and Mining Group is comprised of six business units focused on the aggregate, metallic mining and recycling markets. These business units achieve their strength by distributing products into niche markets and drawing on the advantages of brand recognition in the global market. These business units are Telsmith, Inc. ("Telsmith"), Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. ("KPI"), Astec Mobile Screens, Inc. ("AMS"), Johnson Crushers International, Inc. ("JCI"), Breaker Technology Ltd/Breaker Technology, Inc. ("BTI") and Osborn Engineered Products SA (Pty) Ltd ("Osborn").

Products

Founded in 1906, Telsmith is the oldest subsidiary of the group. The primary markets served under the TELSMITH® trade name are the aggregate and metallic mining industries.

Telsmith's core products are jaw, cone and impact crushers as well as vibrating feeders, inclined and horizontal screens. Telsmith also provides consulting and engineering services to provide complete "turnkey" processing systems. Both portable and modular plant systems are available in production ranges from 300 tph to 1500 tph.

Recent additions to the Telsmith product line include the QuarryTrax TI6060 track mobile primary impact crushing plant and the HydraJaw H2550 hydraulic clearing jaw crusher. These products both incorporate advanced hydraulic systems with PLC controls to enhance the operator's ability to safely operate and maintain the equipment with lower operating costs.

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Telsmith maintains an ISO 9001:2008 certification, an internationally recognized standard of quality assurance. In addition, Telsmith has achieved CE designation (a standard for quality assurance and safety) on its jaw crusher, cone crusher and vibrating screen products marketed into European Union countries.

KPI designs, engineers, manufactures and supports a complete line of aggregate processing equipment for the sand and gravel, mining, quarrying, concrete and asphalt recycling markets under the Pioneer® and Kolberg® product brand names. This equipment, along with the full line of portable and stationary aggregate and ore processing products from JCI and the related screen products from AMS, are all jointly marketed through an extensive network of KPI-JCI dealers.

Pioneer® products include a complete line of primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary crushers, including jaws, horizontal shaft impactor, vertical shaft impactor and roll crushers. KPI rock crushers are used by mining, quarrying and sand and gravel producers to crush oversized aggregate to salable size, in addition to their use for recycled concrete and asphalt. Equipment furnished by Pioneer® can be purchased as individual components, as portable plants for flexibility or as completely engineered systems for both portable and stationary applications. Included in the portable area is a highly-portable Fast Pack® System, featuring quick setup and teardown, thereby maximizing production time and minimizing downtime. Also included in the portable Pioneer® line are the fully self-contained and self-propelled Fast Trax® Track-Mounted-Jaw and HSI Crushers in six different models, which are ideal for either recycle or hard rock applications, allowing the producer to move the equipment to the material.

Kolberg® sand classifying and washing equipment is relied upon to clean, separate and re-blend deposits to meet the size specifications for critical applications. The Kolberg® product line includes fine and coarse material washers, log washers, blade mills and sand classifying tanks. Screening plants are available in both stationary and highly portable models, and are complemented by a full line of radial stacking and overland belt conveyors.

Kolberg® conveying equipment, including telescopic conveyers, is designed to move or store aggregate and other bulk materials in radial cone-shaped or windrow stockpiles. The Wizard TouchTM automated controls are designed to add efficiency and accuracy to whatever the stockpile specifications require.

Recent additions to the KPI product line include (i) the 2148-50LP Low Pro drive-over unloaders which offer a three foot low profile to deliver the convenience, efficiency, ease-of-use and environmentally friendly characteristics many customers prefer while reducing set-up time by requiring smaller earthen ramps thereby cutting customers labor needs and fuel costs; (ii) the 33-48150 Extendable Superstackers which are capable of creating custom-shaped, partially or fully desegregated stockpiles to fit maximum material in minimum space; (iii) a series of Vanguard Plus Jaw crushers which represent the latest in jaw crusher technology designed to deliver up to 25% more tons per hour than other comparable crushers; (iv) the RS series machines which are streamlined versions of our other jaw crusher and washing plants designed especially for the needs of our rental customers.

Founded in 1995, JCI is one of the youngest subsidiaries in the group. JCI designs, engineers, manufactures and distributes portable and stationary aggregate and ore processing equipment. This equipment is used in the aggregate, mining and recycle industries. JCI's principal products are cone crushers, three-shaft horizontal screens, portable plants, track-mounted plants and replacement parts for competitive equipment. JCI offers completely re-manufactured cone crushers and screens from its service repair facility.

JCI® cone crushers are used primarily in secondary and tertiary crushing applications, and come in both remotely adjusted and manual models. Horizontal screens are low-profile machines for use primarily in portable applications. They are used to separate aggregate materials by sizes. The Combo® screen features an inclined feed section with flat discharge section and utilizes the oval stroke impulse mechanism, and offers increased capacity particularly in scalping applications where removal of fines is desired.

Portable plants combine various configurations of cone crushers, horizontal screens, Combo® screens, and conveyors mounted on tow-away chassis. Because transportation costs are high, producers use portable equipment to operate nearer to their job sites. Portable plants allow the aggregate producers to quickly and efficiently move their equipment from one location to another. JCI and KPI market a portable rock crushing plant appropriately named the Fast Pack®. This complete portable plant is self-erecting with production capability in excess of 500 tons per hour and can be reassembled and ready for production in under four hours, making it one of the industry's most mobile and cost-effective high-capacity crushing systems. The Fast Pack® design reduces operating costs as much as 30%, compared to traditional plant designs, and the user-friendly controls provide a safer work environment for the user. During 2009, JCI continued to refine all configurations of the Fast Pack® which we consider the most mobile and cost-effective high capacity crushing system ever conceived.

JCI mounts its screens and cone crushers on self-contained track mounted units marketed under the name Fast Trax®. JCI co-markets the Fast Trax® with KPI. These units are self-contained and easily transported to where the work is. Key features were recently added to the FT6203 Fast Trax platform including a windrow conveyor package and a hydraulic erecting grizzly section for rejecting oversized material. This product fits nicely into