UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursual to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 2, 2011

Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

001-33225

(Commission File Number)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of 20-5336063

(I.R.S Employer

Incorporation or Organization)	Identification No.)
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(Registrant's telephone number, including	area code)
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Item 2.02 — Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On August 2, 2011 Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation issued an earnings release announcing its financial results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011, and announcing a conference call and webcast to be held at 9:00 a.m. (C.D.T.) on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 to discuss these results. A copy of the earnings release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 are furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of this Form 8-K and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or incorporated by reference in any filings under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filing.

Item 9.01 — Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

99.1 Earnings Release of Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation dated August 2, 2011 announcing financial results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011.

SIGNATURES

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 hereunto duly authorized.

GREAT LAKES DREDGE & DOCK CORPORATION

/s/ Bruce J. Biemeck

Bruce J. Biemeck

President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 2, 2011

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Great Lakes Reports Second Quarter Results

Forecasts Solid Year - EBITDA of \$85 to \$90 Million

OAK BROOK, Ill.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--August 2, 2011--Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation (NASDAQ:GLDD), the largest provider of dredging services in the United States and a major provider of commercial and industrial demolition services, today reported financial results for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2011.

Commentary

Chief Executive Officer Jonathan Berger said, "As we have seen over the years, our businesses' quarterly results are seldom even. Accordingly, comparisons to the previous quarter or year are not necessarily indicative of the trends or state of current business conditions. In the second quarter, the dredging segment's revenue was affected by equipment downtime resulting from a combination of unanticipated and accelerated shipyard repairs. Contract margins did remain strong, but reduced revenue results in lower fixed cost coverage, reducing gross margins. As we analyze our current backlog mix and project execution schedule, combined with our bidding success in July, the dredging segment is positioned for a strong second half of 2011.

"We made significant management changes in our demolition segment during the second quarter as part of our strategy to more fully-integrate these businesses. The restructuring was headed by a member of Great Lakes senior management, who has been on site since March. At that time a new operating management team was assembled, a focused business plan was prepared, control and process improvements were implemented and a search for a permanent demolition division manager was launched. We are in the final process of our search for a division manager and expect to announce our selection soon. We are optimistic that the changes in the operations of this segment will have long term positive effects on that business. The current success of the I-10 bridge demolition project in Louisiana, and the related upgrade in operating management for the project, highlights the potential for success in that market. It also represents the strategic advantages and opportunities that result from the integration of our two business segments. We expect the demolition segment to yield positive results for the second half of the year. However, demolition projects in the New York market, which we entered in 2010, continued to experience cost overruns resulting in additional losses during the quarter. This, along with additional legal expenses, drove down our second quarter results for the demolition segment.

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"In July we announced the formation of a 50/50 joint venture with Environmental Remediation Holding Inc. (ERH). ERH is a subsidiary of DEC, a leading Belgium-based, international environmental specialist contractor which holds DEC process licenses for soil remediation and dredged sediment treatment. This joint venture positions us nicely to accelerate expansion into the environmental services market in our dredging and demolition businesses, each of which has experienced increasing requirements for handling contaminated sediments and soils at project sites."

2011 Second Quarter Operating Results

 Revenue
 Q2 2011 \$155.0 million
 Q2 2010 \$180.1 million

 Decrease
 13.9 %

The revenue decrease results from a decline in domestic dredging revenue primarily due to equipment downtime, both planned and unplanned, that occurred in the quarter. These factors were partially offset by improved foreign revenue, higher demolition segment revenue and revenue from rivers and lakes dredging activity resulting from our Matteson acquisition in late 2010. Vessel downtime generally results in lower revenue and project margins and increased in maintenance expense, especially when that downtime is unanticipated. Second quarter 2010 beach revenue was atypically high due to the Company's significant beach backlog at the end of 2009. Although beach revenue declined in the second quarter of 2011, the Company has been awarded \$90 million of beach projects in 2011, which exceeds the total awards in 2010. Most of these projects are scheduled for execution in the second half of 2011. Capital dredging revenue declined in the second quarters due to fewer capital projects being worked on in the second quarter of 2011, resulting from a lower capital win rate in 2010. In addition, the rivers and lakes dredging market contributed \$7.5 million in revenue. The demolition segment experienced higher revenue levels in the quarter as it worked off backlog from the New York market and due to the Louisiana bridge project that was started earlier this year.

 Gross Profit
 Q2 2011
 Q2 2010

 Gross Profit Margin
 \$19.8 million
 \$34.6 million

 12.8%
 19.2 %

Consolidated gross profit margin (gross profit divided by revenue) quarter over quarter declined, including a decline in dredging gross profit margin from 20.7% to 17.3% due to increased vessel downtime.

The consolidated gross margin decline was primarily attributable to a negative gross profit in our demolition segment. As noted in previous releases, the demolition segment has been adversely affected by projects in a new market, but startup costs and the learning curve were underestimated by former demolition management when pursuing growth into this new market. Current demolition management is now focused on implementing a more rigorous bidding process in all markets it serves and understanding the complexities and nuances in the New York market and evaluating its future viability. Great Lakes and demolition management have assigned new, well qualified project managers to several key projects. Certain of these projects were not complete at quarter end and required the recording of loss reserves due to additional cost overruns during the quarter.

Operating income decreased from the 2010 second quarter due to the decreased gross profit, primarily from the demolition segment. General and administrative expense decreased compared to the second quarter of 2010 due to one-time executive severance costs incurred 2010; however the demolition segment recorded \$1.3 million of expense related to the investigation resulting from two subpoenas that were received in April of this year. These expenses are expected to significantly decrease in future periods. Also during the quarter, the Company completed the sale of an outdated, underutilized hopper dredge, which generated cash proceeds of \$6.6 million and resulted in a gain of \$2.1 million.

Net Income attributable to Great Lakes	Q2 2011 \$1.7 million	Q2 2010 \$10.8 million
Per Diluted Share	\$0.03	\$0.18

Net income attributable to Great Lakes decreased as a result of lower operating income as discussed and from increased interest expense.

Interest expense of \$4.9 million increased by \$1.9 million over the second quarter of 2010, primarily due to the issuance of \$250 million of 7.375% senior notes in first quarter. The new notes carry a more favorable interest rate than the previous notes; however the \$75 million increase in debt outstanding results in an increase in interest expense. Finally, the gain on the Company's interest rate swaps decreased by \$0.6 million compared to the second quarter of 2010 when interest rates were declining.

 Adjusted EBITDA
 Q2 2011
 Q2 2010

 Decrease
 \$17.3 million
 \$29.1 million

 40.5 %
 40.5 %

 June 30, 2011
 June 30, 2010

 Net Debt
 \$161.6 million
 \$122.9 million

Great Lakes had cash and cash equivalents of \$96.0 million as of June 30, 2011. Outstanding debt consisted of \$250 million of 7.375% senior unsecured notes and a \$7.5 million note issued as a part of the Matteson acquisition. At June 30, 2011 the Company had \$9.1 million of outstanding letters of credit issued under its revolving credit facility, but no borrowings, resulting in \$136.0 million of borrowing availability.

Six-Months Ended June 30, 2011

 Kevenue
 \$310.3 million
 \$341.5 million

 Decrease
 9.1 %

Revenues decreased primarily as a result of lower domestic dredging activity, which was partially offset by an increase in demolition revenue and contribution from rivers and lakes dredging projects.

 Gross Profit
 \$47.2 million
 \$65.1 million

 Gross Profit Margin
 15.2 %
 19.1 %

Gross profit margin of 18.9% for the dredging segment for the six months ended June 30, 2011 was below that of the prior year of 20.1%, but consolidated gross profit margin declined more due to losses incurred on projects in the demolition segment.

 YTD 6/30/2011
 YTD 6/30/2010

 Operating Income
 \$24.3 million
 \$39.6 million

 Decrease
 38.6 %

Operating income decreased year to date due to the decreased gross profit, primarily from the demolition segment.

 YTD 6/30/2011
 YTD 6/30/2010

 Net Income attributable to Great Lakes
 \$4.1 million
 \$20.1 million

 Per Diluted Share
 \$0.07
 \$0.34

Interest expense of \$10.9 million increased by \$4.7 million, over the prior year primarily due to the issuance of \$250 million of 7.375% senior notes early this year and the subsequent redemption of the \$175 million of 7.75% senior subordinated notes. Due to timing requirements of redeeming the senior subordinated notes, both notes were outstanding and accruing interest for approximately 30 days in the first quarter, resulting in incremental interest expense of \$1.1 million. In addition, although the new notes have a lower interest rate, the increase in debt outstanding results in an increase in interest expense. Finally, the gain on the Company's interest rate swaps decreased by \$1.3 million compared to the first half of 2010 when interest rates were declining.

The decline in Net Income attributable to Great Lakes results from the decline in operating activities, as well as one time charges related to the issuance of the new notes.

 YTD 6/30/2011
 YTD 6/30/2010

 EBITDA
 \$41.9 million
 \$57.3 million

 Decrease
 26.9 %

Bid Market & Backlog

The domestic dredging bid market for the first half of 2011 totaled \$333 million, compared to \$303 million in the first half of 2010. Great Lakes won 78%, or \$90 million, of the beach nourishment projects awarded to date 2011, as well as 22%, or \$30 million, of the maintenance projects and 12%, or \$9 million, of the capital projects awarded. Year to date, the Company won 40% of the overall domestic bid market, on par with its three year average of 39%. Significantly, subsequent to the end of the second quarter, the Company won over \$90 million in projects, including a \$43 million Louisiana coastal restoration project. Project timing, competitive factors and equipment utilization/deployment can result in significant variability in bid results in any given period.

The Company's dredging backlog was \$197 million at June 30, 2011 compared to \$283 million as of December 31, 2010. The June 30, 2011 amounts do not reflect approximately \$27 million of domestic low bids pending formal award and additional phases ("options") pending on projects currently in backlog. At December 31, 2010 the amount of domestic low bids pending award was \$34 million.

Demolition segment backlog was \$74 million and \$81 million at June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively.

Commentary

President and CFO Bruce Biemeck said "While the second quarter was challenging, we have carefully evaluated the second half plan, considering both backlog and cost structure, and are optimistic that 2011 will meet our overall expectations and represent a continued step in the transition and growth we have established in our strategic planning process. We expect the demolition segment to contribute positively to second half earnings as we continue its transition and integration with our dredging operations. Not only are we pleased with the components of our backlog in both segments, our outlook for upcoming opportunities is stronger than in recent years.

"As we look to the second half of the year, a large capital project in New York is scheduled for bidding, which had not been expected to bid this year. The new focus in Washington on marine infrastructure is manifesting itself as evidenced by the bipartisan interest in addressing deferred and long overdue needs.

"The \$43 million Louisiana coastal restoration project won by Great Lakes in July, along with another coastal project that was let to bid, demonstrates that resources are finally going to help restore the barrier islands and wetlands that provide natural protection from storms. We anticipate numerous projects in the Gulf States in coming periods resulting from a fund established following the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, which has not yet released projects. We are excited about the potential opportunity to work on these projects which have been long overdue to restore the eroding coastline.

"We have seen further evidence of an increase in international dredging plans as previously reported, particularly in the Middle East, and we continue to follow the many opportunities in Brazil. Several projects are being advertised that fit well with our expertise and equipment.

"The demolition business has maintained a strong backlog, with \$74 million in backlog at quarter end. The transition to a new management team in the demolition business continues to go well and we look forward to strengthening and growing the business. The integration of our demolition and dredging businesses is a pivotal step in this process. The \$25 million bridge demolition project in Louisiana is a joint effort of demolition and dredging expertise and underscores the importance of integrating the businesses.

Financial Outlook

Bruce Biemeck continued, "As in previous years, we have deferred Adjusted EBITDA guidance until mid-year due to the limited visibility we have for future project opportunities. Accordingly, we are now providing Adjusted EBITDA guidance for 2011 in the range of \$85 to \$90 million. Our previous two years were favorably impacted by unexpected market opportunities. We are pleased to forecast a strong 2011 without any exogenous events expected to occur this year. We have faced some challenges this year, particularly in the demolition segment, but the performance in other market areas and the further strengthening of our business model reinforces our ability to respond to these challenges. We are focused on not only growing our business, but also deploying capital more efficiently and garnering strong returns on all of our assets."

Jonathan Berger concluded: "We are pleased with our first half results, which are ahead of plan for our dredging operations, but we recognize our demolition business requires greater attention and are responding to those needs. We are confident that with our planning process and resulting internal changes, we are on the right path and remain on track for a successful year. While acknowledging there are challenges ahead, the challenges provide many opportunities and we feel encouraged as we look at near-and long-term opportunities for the Company. We profoundly thank the Great Lakes team for their continued efforts in growing our business and delivering strong results for our shareholders."

Use of Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA, as provided herein, represents net income (loss) attributable to Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation, adjusted for net interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization expense and debt restructuring expense. Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered an alternative to, or more meaningful than, amounts determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") including: (a) operating income as an indicator of operating performance; or (b) cash flows from operations as a measure of liquidity. As such, the Company's use of Adjusted EBITDA, instead of a GAAP measure, has limitations as an analytical tool, including the inability to determine profitability or liquidity due to the exclusion of interest expense and the associated significant cash requirements and the exclusion of depreciation and amortization, which represent significant and unavoidable operating costs given the level of indebtedness and capital expenditures needed to maintain the Company's business. For these reasons, the Company uses operating income to measure its operating performance and uses Adjusted EBITDA only as a supplement. Adjusted EBITDA is reconciled to net income (loss) attributable to Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation in the table of financial results. (For further explanation, please refer to the Company's SEC filings.)

Conference Call Information

The Company will conduct a quarterly conference call, which will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. C.D.T. The call in number is 800-573-4754 and passcode is 23662676. The call can also be heard on the Company's website, www.gldd.com under Events and Presentations on the investor relations page. Information related to the conference call will also be available on the investor relations page of the Company's website. The conference call will be available by replay for two weeks, by calling 888-286-8010 and providing passcode 82041522.

The Company

Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation is the largest provider of dredging services in the United States and the only U.S. dredging company with significant international operations. The Company is also one of the largest U.S. providers of commercial and industrial demolition services primarily in the Northeast. Additionally, the Company owns a 50% interest in a marine sand mining operation in New Jersey which supplies sand and aggregate used for road and building construction. Great Lakes employs over 150 degreed engineers, most specializing in civil and mechanical engineering, which contributes to its 121-year history of never failing to complete a marine project. Great Lakes has a disciplined training program for engineers which ensures experienced-based performance as they advance through Company operations. Great Lakes also owns and operates the largest and most diverse fleet in the U.S. industry, comprised of over 200 specialized dredging and support vessels.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements in this press release may constitute "forward-looking" statements as defined in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act"), Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "PSLRA") or in releases made by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), all as may be amended from time to time. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that could cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Great Lakes and its subsidiaries, or industry results, to differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Statements that are not historical fact are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements can be identified by, among other things, the use of forward-looking language, such as the words "plan," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "project," "may," "would," "could," "should," "seeks," or "scheduled to," or other similar words, or the negative of these terms or other variations of these terms or comparable language, or by discussion of strategy or intentions. These cautionary statements are being made pursuant to the Securities Act, the Exchange Act and the PSLRA with the intention of obtaining the benefits of the "safe harbor" provisions of such laws. Great Lakes cautions investors that any forward-looking statements made by Great Lakes are not guarantees or indicative of future performance. Important assumptions and other important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those forward-looking statements with respect to Great Lakes, include, but are not limited to, risks associated with Great Lakes' leverage, fixed price contracts, dependence on government contracts and funding, bonding requirements and obligations, international operations, government regulation, restrictive debt covenants and fluctuations in quarterly operations, and those factors, risks and uncertainties that are described in Item 1A of its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, and in other securities filings by Great Lakes with the SEC.

Although Great Lakes believes that its plans, intentions and expectations reflected in or suggested by such forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results could differ materially from a projection or assumption in any forward-looking statements. Great Lakes' future financial condition and results of operations, as well as any forward-looking statements, are subject to change and inherent risks and uncertainties. The forward-looking statements contained in this press release are made only as of the date hereof and Great Lakes does not have or undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, subsequent events or otherwise, unless otherwise required by law.

Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations (Unaudited and in thousands, except per share data)

		Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,					
	_	2011 201		2010		2011		2010			
Revenues	\$	154,959	\$	180,135	\$	310,297	\$	341,535			
Gross profit		19,766		34,589		47,208		65,073			
General and administrative Gain on sale of assets	_	13,622 (2,513)		14,374		25,711 (2,771)		25,444 -			
Operating income		8,657		20,215		24,268		39,629			
Other income (expense) Interest expense- net Equity (loss) in joint ventures Loss on extinguishment of debt		(4,911) (123)		(2,995) (131)		(10,861) (714) (5,145)		(6,215) (853)			
Income before income taxes		3,623		17,089		7,548		32,561			
Income taxes	_	(1,455)		(6,755)		(2,982)		(12,994)			
Net income		2,168		10,334		4,566		19,567			
Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interest	_	(462)		474		(468)		567			
Net income attributable to Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation	<u>\$</u>	1,706	\$	10,808	\$	4,098	\$	20,134			
Basic earnings per share attributable to Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation Basic weighted average shares	\$	0.03 58,875	\$	0.18 58,602	\$	0.07 58,830	\$	0.34 58,575			
Diluted earnings per share attributable to Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation Diluted weighted average shares	\$	0.03 59,184	\$	0.18 58,781	\$	0.07 59,228	\$	0.34 58,748			
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Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation Reconciliation of Net Income attributable to Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation to Adjusted EBITDA (Unaudited and in thousands)

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Month June			
		2011		2010	2011		2011		2010
Net income attributable to Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation Adjusted for:	\$	1,706	\$	10,808	\$	4,098	\$ 20,134		
(Gain) Loss on extinguishment of debt Interest expense, net Income taxes		- 4,911 1,455		2,995 6,755		5,145 10,861 2,982	- 6,215 12,994		
Depreciation and amortization		9,238		8,554		18,804	 17,993		
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	17,310	\$	29,112	\$	41,890	\$ 57,336		

Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation Selected Balance Sheet Information (Unaudited and in thousands)

	 Per June 30, 2011	riod Ended December 31, 2010			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 95,997	\$	48,478		
Total current assets	296,100		222,969		
Total assets	757,334		693,825		
Total short-term debt	2,611		2,803		
Total current liabilities	119,078		132,817		
Long-term debt	255,000		180,000		
Total equity	281,501		276,825		

Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation Supplementary financial data (Unaudited and in thousands)

			Three M		Six Months Ended June 30,						
			2011		2011 2010				2011		2010
Net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities		\$	(4,894)	\$	38,44	6	\$ (10,445)	\$	75,645		
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Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation Revenue and Backlog Data (Unaudited and in thousands)

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Months End June 30,			
Revenues (in thousands)		2011		2010		2011		2010	
Dredging:									
Capital - U.S.	\$	44,480	\$	72,164	\$	90,509	\$	116,251	
Capital - foreign		16,065		13,640		37,936		39,212	
Beach		28,376		43,099		46,233		81,704	
Maintenance		28,703		36,696		75,942		77,473	
Rivers and Lakes		7,461		-		11,062		-	
Dredging Revenue		125,085		165,599		261,682		314,640	
Demolition		29,874		14,536		48,615		26,895	
Total Revenue	\$	154,959	\$	180,135	\$	310,297	\$	341,535	

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	June 30,							
Backlog (in thousands)		2011		2010				
Dredging:				_				
Capital - U.S.	\$	49,086	\$	170,709				
Capital - foreign		53,941		35,899				
Beach		62,228		10,860				
Maintenance		12,935		31,681				
Rivers and Lakes		18,355		-				
Dredging Backlog		196,545		249,149				
Demolition		74,087		57,601				
Total Backlog	\$	270,632	\$	306,750				

Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation Full Year Adjusted EBITDA Guidance Reconciliation to Net Income For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

	Lowe	Lower		Lower		Lower		Lower		Lower		Lower		Lower		Lower		Lower		Lower		er
Estimated Net income attributable to Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation	\$	11,900	\$	14,500																		
Adjusted for estimated: Loss on extinguishment of debt		5,145		5,145																		
Interest expense, net	:	21,500		21,500																		
Income taxes		7,200		9,600																		
Depreciation and amortization		39,255		39,255																		
Adjusted EBITDA Guidance	\$	85,000	\$	90,000																		

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