UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported):
October 27, 2005

CHEMED CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-8351 31-0791746
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

2600 Chemed Center, 255 East 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (513) 762-6900

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Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act

- Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 27, 2005 Chemed Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2005. A copy of the release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.

- Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits
 - c) Exhibit
 - (99) Registrant's press release dated October 27, 2005

SIGNATURES

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

Dated: October 27, 2005

By: /s/ Arthur V. Tucker, Jr.

Arthur V. Tucker, Jr. Vice President and Controller Chemed Reports Third-Quarter 2005 Results; EPS Guidance for 2005 Increased; VITAS and Roto-Rooter Report Record Earnings

CINCINNATI--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 27, 2005--Chemed Corporation (Chemed) (NYSE:CHE), which operates VITAS Healthcare Corporation (VITAS), the nation's largest provider of end-of-life care, and Roto-Rooter, the nation's largest commercial and residential plumbing and drain cleaning services provider, today reported financial results for its third quarter ended September 30, 2005, versus the comparable prior-year period, as follows:

Consolidated Operating Results from Continuing Operations

- -- Consolidated Revenue increased 16% to \$233 million
- -- Diluted EPS from Continuing Operations of \$.55, including \$.06 favorable tax adjustments and other items

VITAS generated record operating results

- -- Quarterly Net Patient Revenue of \$160 million, up 19%
- -- Average Daily Census (ADC) of 10,259, up 15%
- -- Net income of \$11.6 million, up 34% over 2004 Pro Forma Net Income
- -- Adjusted EBITDA of \$21.1 million, an increase of 26%

Roto-Rooter segment reported increased Revenue, Net Income and Adjusted ${\tt EBITDA}$

- -- Revenue of \$73 million, an increase of 9%
- -- Net income of \$7.1 million, an increase of 16%
- -- Adjusted EBITDA of \$11.6 million, an increase of 20%

"VITAS continues to generate excellent census and admissions growth, with third-quarter ADC totaling 10,259, up 15%, and admissions in the quarter of 12,375, an increase of 10% over the prior-year quarter. Net income for VITAS in the quarter was \$11.6 million, an increase of 34% when compared to the prior-year pro forma net income. Adjusted EBITDA margin increased to 13.1%," stated Kevin McNamara, Chemed president and chief executive officer.

"Roto-Rooter also reported solid financial operating results. For the third quarter of 2005, Roto-Rooter had revenue of \$73 million, an increase of 9%. Adjusted EBITDA was \$11.6 million at a margin of 15.9%, resulting in net income for the quarter of \$7.1 million."

VITAS

The merger of VITAS was completed on February 24, 2004. Prior to that date, the Company accounted for its 37% ownership of VITAS under the equity method of accounting. As a result, under GAAP, only a portion of VITAS' operating results is fully consolidated into Chemed's first-quarter 2004 results. To facilitate review of Chemed's operating results, pro forma supplemental schedules are included in this earnings release that adjust 2004 assuming Chemed owned 100% of VITAS as of January 1, 2004.

"VITAS generated revenue growth of 18.7% over the prior-year period and 4.3% sequentially," stated David Williams, Chemed chief financial officer. "Gross margins were 21.7% in the third quarter of 2005, essentially flat when compared to the prior-year quarter. The third-quarter 2005 gross margin includes \$1.7 million in start-up losses, which is \$0.3 million higher than the \$1.4 million in losses from programs classified as new starts in the prior-year period. Central support costs for VITAS, which are classified as selling, general and administrative expenses in the Statement of Operations, totaled \$14.0 million, including \$0.3 million in OIG legal expenses. Excluding these OIG expenses, central support costs increased 8.3% when compared to the prior-year quarter and increased 2.6% sequentially."

VITAS' ADC in the third quarter of 2005 was 10,259. This compares to an ADC of 8,949 in the comparable prior-year period, an increase of 14.6% and 3.5% sequential growth. Admissions totaled 12,375, an increase of 9.8% over the third quarter of 2004. The Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for patients discharged in the quarter was 66.5 days and compares to 66.9 days in the second quarter of 2005 and 60.8 days in

the third quarter of 2004.

"VITAS continues to generate strong internal growth," said Williams. "Internal growth, which excludes 2004 and 2005 acquisitions, generated revenue, ADC and admissions increases of 15.4%, 10.7% and 7.3%, respectively, over the prior-year quarter.

"Our mix of revenue at VITAS was relatively stable," Williams added. "Routine home care represented 69.8% of revenue, flat over the prior-year quarter and a 50 basis point increase sequentially. Our inpatient revenue aggregated 13.3% and continuous care was 16.9% of total revenue in the third quarter of 2005.

"All of our base and new start programs are forecasted to have Medicare cap cushion for the 2005 measurement period which ends on October 31, 2005," stated Williams. "As previously discussed, we have been closely monitoring Medicare cap limitations at our Phoenix acquisition. Phoenix continues to forecast a Medicare cap liability ranging from \$1.0 million to \$1.5 million as of October 31, 2005, which is consistent with what we reported in the second quarter of 2005. The potential of reaching cap in the initial year of acquisition was identified during our due diligence of Phoenix. Since this cap limitation relates to patients admitted into the program prior to acquisition, the estimated cap accrual has been accounted for as a contingent liability assumed at acquisition and is not reflected in the Consolidated Statement of Income. VITAS anticipates creating cap cushion in the Phoenix program by increasing access to shorter stay patients and broadening access to in patient and continuous care patients. This broad mix of patients is consistent with the clinical model provided by VITAS in its other programs.'

Roto-Rooter Segment

Roto-Rooter's plumbing and drain cleaning business generated sales of \$73 million for the third quarter of 2005, 9.2% higher than the \$67 million reported in the comparable prior-year quarter. Net income for the quarter was \$7.1 million, including \$1.0 million of favorable prior-year tax adjustments. The third quarter of 2004 also included favorable tax and other adjustments of \$0.8 million. Excluding these favorable adjustments, adjusted net income in the third quarter of 2005 increased 16.5%. Adjusted EBITDA in the third quarter of 2005 totaled \$11.6 million, an increase of 20.0% over the third quarter of 2004. Adjusted EBITDA margin in the third quarter of 2005 was 15.9%, a 150 basis point increase over the prior-year period.

"Job count in the third quarter of 2005 increased 2.4% over the prior year period," stated Williams. "Commercial plumbing and drain cleaning job count increased 12.0% and 5.5%, respectively, over the prior-year quarter. Residential plumbing jobs increased 6.5% but were offset by a 2.6% decline in residential drain cleaning jobs during the quarter. A commercial job will typically average approximately 34% more revenue than a residential job. Accordingly, this continued shift of job mix has a positive impact on aggregate revenue."

Guidance for 2005

"Going into the fourth quarter of 2005," Williams stated, "we anticipate VITAS to continue its expansion of operating margins through the leveraging of central support costs. Roto-Rooter is estimated to generate a 5% to 6% increase in revenue with margins that approximate 50 basis points above those generated in 2004. Our go-forward effective consolidated tax rate should approximate 39.2%.

"Based upon these factors and a current diluted share count of 26.4 million, our expectation is that full-year 2005 earnings per diluted share from continuing operations, excluding the early extinguishment of debt and other charges or credits not indicative of ongoing operations, will be in the range of \$1.87 to \$1.90."

Conference Call

Chemed will host a conference call and webcast at 11 a.m., EDT, on Friday, October 28, 2005, to discuss the company's quarterly results and provide an update on its business. The dial-in number for the conference call is 800-561-2813 for U.S. and Canadian participants and 617-614-3529 for international participants. The participant passcode is 37179326. A live webcast of the call can be accessed on Chemed's website at www.chemed.com by clicking on Investor Relations Home.

A taped replay of the conference call will be available beginning approximately two hours after the call's conclusion. It can be accessed by dialing 888-286-8010 for U.S. and Canadian callers and 617-801-6888 for international callers and will be available for one week following the live call. The replay passcode is 61415963. An archived webcast will also be available at www.chemed.com and will remain available for 30 days following the live call.

Chemed Corporation operates in the healthcare field through its

VITAS Healthcare Corporation subsidiary. VITAS provides daily hospice services to approximately 10,000 patients with severe, life-limiting illnesses. This type of care is focused on making the terminally ill patient's final days as comfortable and pain-free as possible.

Chemed operates in the residential and commercial plumbing and drain cleaning industry under the brand name Roto-Rooter. Roto-Rooter provides plumbing and drain service through company-owned branches, independent contractors and franchisees in the United States and Canada. Roto-Rooter also has licensed master franchisees in China/Hong Kong, Indonesia, Singapore, Japan, Mexico, the Philippines and the United Kingdom.

This press release contains information about Chemed's EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA, which are not measures derived in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and which exclude components that are important to understanding Chemed's financial performance. Chemed provides EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA to help investors and others evaluate its operating results, compare its operating performance with that of similar companies that have different capital structures and evaluate its ability to meet its future debt service, capital expenditures and working capital requirements. Chemed's EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for comparable measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. A reconciliation of Chemed's net income to its Adjusted EBITDA is presented in the tables following the text of this press release.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this press release and the accompanying tables are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The words "believe," "expect," "hope," "anticipate," "plan" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date the statement was made. Chemed does not undertake and specifically disclaims any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. These statements are based on current expectations and assumptions and involve various risks and uncertainties, which could cause Chemed's actual results to differ from those expressed in such forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties arise from, among other things, possible changes in regulations governing the hospice care or plumbing and drain cleaning industries; periodic changes in reimbursement levels and procedures under Medicare and Medicaid programs; difficulties predicting patient length of stay and estimating potential Medicare reimbursement obligations; challenges inherent in Chemed's growth strategy; the current shortage of qualified nurses, other healthcare professionals and licensed plumbing and drain cleaning technicians; Chemed's dependence on patient referral sources; and other factors detailed under the caption "Description of Business by Segment" or "Risk Factors" in Chemed's most recent report on form 10-Q or 10-K and its other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements and there are no assurances that the matters contained in such statements will be achieved.

CHEMED CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME (in thousands, except per share data)(unaudited)

Three Months Ended Nine Months Ended

	Septemb	oer 30,	September 30,		
	2005	2004 (bb)	2005	2004 (bb)	
Continuing Operations					
Service revenues and sales	\$233,328	\$201,885	\$678,274	\$521,360	
Cost of services provided and goods sold(aa) Selling, general and	165,229	142,130	479,301	361,049	
administrative					
expenses(aa)	38,423	35,371	111,820	98,059	
Depreciation(aa)	4,086	2,610	11,934	9,768	
Amortization(aa)	1,248	1,704	3,671	3,262	
Other expenses net(aa)	(130)	(219)	2,360	7,196	
Total costs and expenses	208,856	181,596	609,086	479,334	

Income from operations Interest expense Loss on extinguishment of		20,289 (6,083)			
debt Other incomenet		336			1,964
Income before income tax Income taxes Equity in loss of affiliat		14,542 (3,805)		51,840	25,473
(VITAS)(aa)	-	-		-	(4,105)
Income from continuing operations Discontinued Operations(bb)	14,632	10,737 (125)		33,648 (2,015)	12
Net Income	14,632	\$ 10,612	\$	31,633	\$
Earnings Per Share Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.43	\$	1.32	\$ 0.50
·	=====	=====		=====	======
Net income	0.57 =====	0.43		1.24	0.50 =====
Average number of shares outstanding	25,719	24,940		25,453	23,808
Diluted Earnings Per Share Income from continuing operations	0.55	0.42	-	1.28	0.49
Net income	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.42	\$	1.21	\$ 0.49
Average number of shares outstanding	26,401 ======	25, 402 =====		26,202 ======	24,272 ======

(aa) Included in the results of operations are the following significant credits/(charges) which may not be indicative of ongoing operations (in thousands):

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	20				2005	2004
Cost of services provided and goods sold Favorable adjustment to casualty insurance accruals related to prior years' experience	*	_			\$ 1,663	\$
Selling, general and administrative expenses Costs associated with OIG	Ψ		Ψ		ŕ	φ -
investigation Depreciation Reduction in expense related to revision of purchase price allocation		(310)			(564)	-
for VITAS Amortization Increase in expense relate to revision of purchase		-		837	-	-
price allocation for VITA Other expenses net Long-term incentive	S	-		(311)	-	-
compensation Cost of accelerating		-		-	(2,946)	(8,783)
vesting of stock options Adjustments to transaction related costs of the VITA		-		-	(215)	-
acquisition Loss on extinguishment of deb	t 	130 -		219		1,587 (3,330)
Pretax impact on earnings Income tax benefit/(charge)		(180)		745	(5,232)	(10,526)
on the above Income tax benefit from		118		(299)	2,188	4,011

finalizing prior years' returns Prior quarters' impact of adjustment to effective	1,787	1,020	1,787	1,020
tax rate	_	1,098	_	_
Equity in loss of affiliate (VITAS) is attributable to transaction-related expenses incurred by VITAS prior to its acquisition		,		
by Chemed	-	-	-	(4,105)
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Aftertax impact on earnings	\$ 1,725 ======	\$ 2,564 ======	\$(1,257) ======	\$(9,600) ======

(bb) Results of operations for 2004 have been reclassified for the results of Service America, discontinued in December 2004. Included in discontinued operations for 2005 is an aftertax loss of \$2,350,000 resulting from finalizing the disposal of Service America in May 2005.

CHEMED CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (in thousands, except per share data)(unaudited)

	•	ber 30,
	2005	2004 (cc)
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 37,575	
Accounts receivable less allowances	84,472	71,920
Inventories		6,713
Current deferred income taxes Prepaid income taxes	21,486	22,678 5,564
Current assets of discontinued operations	0,112 3 112	5,564 14,253
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		7,956
Total current assets	169,195	180,345
Investments of deferred compensation plans		
held in trust	21,072	
Other investments	1,445 12,500	
Note receivable Properties and equipment, at cost less	12,500	12,500
accumulated depreciation	62,687	50,118
Identifiable intangible assets less	02,00.	00, ==0
accumulated amortization	73,892	75,828
Goodwill	434,559	407,407
Noncurrent assets of discontinued operations	287	
Other assets		24,465
Total Assets	\$797,748	
TOTAL ASSETS	=======	
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 45,401	
Current portion of long-term debt	1,123 5,830	5,401
Income taxes Accrued insurance	5,830	4,330 22,406
Accrued insurance Accrued salaries and wages	19,563	
Current liabilities of discontinued	13,303	22,512
operations	6,301	22,390
Other current liabilities	33,695	33,044
Total current liabilities	140,547	
Deferred income taxes Long-term debt	18,880 234,327	
Deferred compensation liabilities	20,991	
Noncurrent liabilities of discontinued	20,331	10,323
operations	411	482
Other liabilities	7,044	8,231
Total Liabilities		465,926
Stockholders' Equity		
Capital stock	28,021	13,437
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Paid-in capital Retained earnings Treasury stock, at cost Unearned compensation Deferred compensation payable in Company stock Notes receivable for shares sold	`(3,363)	209,564 127,357 (32,984) (4,289) 2,351 (541)
Total Stockholders' Equity	375,548	314,895
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$797,748 ======	\$780,821 ======
Book Value Per Share	\$ 14.58 ======	\$ 12.63(dd) ======

(cc) Reclassified for operations discontinued in December 2004.

CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (in thousands)(unaudited)

Nine Months Ended

_		ber 30,
		2004 (cc)
Cash Flows from Operating Activities Net income/(loss) \$ Adjustments to reconcile net income/(loss) to net cash provided/(used) by operating activities:	31,633	\$ 11,820
Depreciation and amortization Provision for uncollectible accounts	15,605	13,030
receivable Write-off of unamortized debt issuance costs Noncash long-term incentive compensation	2,574	4,988
Discontinued operations Provision for deferred income taxes Amortization of debt issuance costs Equity in loss of affiliate	2,015 (1,176) 1,395	(12) (874) 1,457 4,105
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, excluding amounts acquired in business combinations:		
Increase in accounts receivable Increase in inventories Decrease in prepaid expenses and	(25, 264) (233)	(14,328) (702)
other current assets Decrease in accounts payable and other		15,302
current liabilities Increase in income taxes Decrease/(increase) in other assets Increase in other liabilities	(3,584) 11,827 (2,876) 1,464	(14,080) 9,288 5,786 418
Noncash expense of internally financed ESOPs Other sources/(uses)	479	1,420
Net cash provided by continuing operations Net cash provided/(used) by discontinued	45,596	41,961
operations - Net cash provided by operating activities		4, 604 46, 565
Capital expenditures Net uses from disposals of discontinued		(13, 108)
operations Business combinations, net of cash acquired Proceeds from sales of property and equipment	(7,145) (5,680) 125	(1,156) (330,881) 375
Return of merger deposit Other uses	(232)	10,000 (192)
Net cash used by investing activities	(31,806)	(334,962)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities Repayment of long-term debt Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt Increase in cash overdraft payable	(141,245) 85,000 10,684	(94,686) 295,000 6,920

⁽dd) Adjusted for 2-for-1 stock split in May 2005.

Issuance of capital stock, net of costs Dividends paid Purchases of treasury stock Debt issuance costs Repayment of stock subscription note receivable Redemption of convertible trust preferred	(1,755)	(2,391)
securities Other sources	- 204	(2,736) 27
Net cash provided/(used) by financing activities	(46,104)	288,970
Increase/(decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	(33,873) 71,448	573 50,688
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 37,575	\$ 51,261 ======

(cc) Reclassified for operations discontinued in December 2004.

CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004 (in thousands)(unaudited)

		Roto-Rooter		Chemed Consolidated
2005				
Service revenues and sales	\$160,408	\$ 72,920	\$ -	\$233,328
Cook of countries a provide				
Cost of services provided and goods sold Selling, general and administrative		39,600	-	165,229
expenses(a)	13,995			
Depreciation	1,922	2,091	73	4,086
Amortization	984	21	243	1,248
Other expenses(b)			(130)	(130)
Total costs and				
expenses	142,530	63,468		
<pre>Income/(loss) from</pre>				
operations	17,878	9,452	(2,858)	24,472
Interest expense	(33)	(129)	(4,985)	24,472 (5,147)
Intercompany interest				
income/(expense)	579		(1, 144)	<u>-</u>
Other incomenet	12	380	925	1,317
<pre>Income/(loss) before</pre>				
Income/(loss) before income taxes Income taxes	18,436	10,268	(8,062)	20,642
Income taxes	(6,872)	(3,199)	4,061	(6,010)
Income/(loss) from continuing operations Discontinued operations	-	7,069	-	-
Net income/(loss)	\$ 11 56 <i>1</i>	\$ 7,069		\$ 14 632
Net income/(1033)		======		
2004				
Service revenues and	Ф10F 101	ф 6C 704	c	#204 00 E
sales	\$135,101	\$ 66,784	ъ -	\$201,885
Cost of services provided				
and goods sold Selling, general and	105,695	36,435	-	142,130
administrative expenses	12,632	19,987	2,752	35,371
Depreciation	469	2,081	60	2,610
Amortization	1,583	31	90	1,704
Other expenses(b)	· -	-	(219)	(219)
Total pasts and				
Total costs and	120 270	E0 E24	2 602	101 506
expenses	120,379	58,534	2,683	181,596

<pre>Income/(loss) from operations</pre>	14,722	8,250	(2,683)	20,289
Interest expense	(32)	(43)	(6,008)	(6,083)
Intercompany interest			. , ,	. , ,
income/(expense)	289	327	(616)	-
Other incomenet	93	(92)	335	336
<pre>Income/(loss) before</pre>				
income taxes	15,072	8,442	(8,972)	14,542
Income taxes	(6,097)	(2,375)	4,667	(3,805)
<pre>Income/(loss) from</pre>				
continuing operations	8,975	6,067	(4,305)	10,737
Discontinued operations	-	-	(125)	(125)
Net income/(loss)	\$ 8,975	\$ 6,067	\$ (4,430)	\$ 10,612
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CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004 (in thousands)(unaudited)

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	VITAS	Roto-Rooter	Corporate	Consolidated
2005				
Complete management and				
Service revenues and sales	\$460,146	\$218,128		\$678,274
Cost of services provided and goods sold(c) Selling, general and administrative	d	117,598	-	479,301
expenses(a)	40,709	63,949		
Depreciation Amortization	5,477 2,963	6,239 70		11,934 3,671
Other expenses(b)	2,903 881	552		
cener expenses(s)				
Total costs and				
expenses		188,408		
Treems //less) from				
<pre>Income/(loss) from operations</pre>	10 112	29,720	(8 045)	60 199
Interest expense		(408)		
Intercompany interest	(10.)	(100)	(10,000)	(10,021)
income/(expense)	1,769	1,505	(3,274)	-
Loss on extinguishment				
of debt(d)	-	-	(3,971) 1,688	(3,971)
Other incomenet	134			
<pre>Income/(loss) before</pre>				
income taxes	50.212	31,639	(30.011)	51,840
Income taxes	(19,130)	(11,749)	12,687	(18, 192)
<pre>Income/(loss) from continuing operations Discontinued operations</pre>	31,082	19,890		33,648 (2,015)
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Net income/(loss)				\$ 31,633
	======	=======	=======	=======
2004				
Service revenues and				
sales	\$316,453	\$204,907	\$ -	\$521,360
Cost of services provided and goods sold Selling, general and	d 247,971	113,078	-	361,049
administrative expenses	29,940	60,866	7,253	98,059
Depreciation	3,078	6,501	189	9,768
Amortization	2,995	156	111	3,262
Other expenses(b)	-	1,558	5,638	7,196

Total costs and				
expenses	283,984	182,159	13,191	479,334
<pre>Income/(loss) from</pre>				
operations	32,469	22,748	(13,191)	42,026
Interest expense	(90)	(102)	` ' '	
Intercompany interest	()	()	(=:, ===,	(,,
income/(expense)	420	700	(1,120)	-
Loss on extinguishment				
of debt(d)	-	-	(3,330)	(3,330)
Other incomenet	169	594	1,201	1,964
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Income/(loss) before		22 040	(01 405)	25 472
income taxes	32,968	,	(31, 435)	25,473
Income taxes	(13,489)	(8,486)	12,415	(9,560)
Equity in loss of			(4.405)	(4.405)
VITAS(e)	-	-	(4,105)	(4,105)
Income/(loss) from				
continuing operations	19,479	15,454	(23, 125)	11,808
Discontinued operations			12	12
·				
Net income/(loss)	\$ 19,479	\$ 15,454	\$(23,113)	\$ 11,820
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CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATING SUMMARY OF EBITDA FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004 (in thousands)(unaudited)

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	VITAS	Roto-Rooter	Corporate	Consolidated
2005				
<pre>Net income/(loss) Add/(deduct):</pre>	\$11,564	\$ 7,069	\$(4,001)	\$14,632
Discontinued operations	· -	-	4, 985	-
Interest expense	33	129	4,985	5,147
Income taxes	33 6,872	3,199	(4,061)	
Debiectarion	1,922	2,091		
Amortization	984	21	243	1,248
EBITDA Add/(deduct): Legal expenses of		12,509		
OIG investigation VITAS transaction	310	-	-	310
expense adjustment(f) Advertising cost	-	-	(130)	(130)
adjustment(g)	-	(340)	-	(340)
Interest income	(33)	(30)	(469)	(532)
Intercompany interest	, ,	, ,	, ,	, ,
income/(expense)	(579)		1,144	-
Adjusted EBITDA		\$11,574	\$(2,216)	\$30,431
2004				
<pre>Net income/(loss) Add/(deduct):</pre>		\$ 6,067	\$(4,430)	\$10,612
Discontinued operations	s -	-	125	
Interest expense	32	43	6,008 (4,667)	6,083 3,805
Income taxes	6,097	2,375	(4,667)	3,805
Depreciation	[´] 469	2,081	`´ 60´	2,610
Amortization	1,583		90	1,704
		31		•
EBITDA	17,156	10,597	(2,814)	24,939
Add/(deduct):	,	,	. , ,	,
VITAS transaction				
<pre>expense adjustment(f)</pre>	-	-	(219)	(219)
Advertising cost				
adjustment(g)	-	(577)	-	(577)
Interest income Intercompany interest	(94)	(44)	(336)	(474)
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Adjusted EBITDA	\$16,773	\$ 9,649	\$(2,753)	\$23,669
income/(expense)	(289)	(327)	616	

CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATING SUMMARY OF EBITDA FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004 (in thousands)(unaudited)

	VITAS	Roto-Rooter	Corporate	Chemed Consolidated
2005				
Net income/(loss) Add/(deduct):	\$31,082	\$19,890	\$(19,339)	\$31,633
Discontinued operations Interest expense Income taxes Depreciation Amortization	104 19,130 5,477 2,963	408 11,749 6,239 70	2,015 15,509 (12,687) 218 638	16,021 18,192 11,934 3,671
EBITDA Add/(deduct): Long-term incentive	58,756	38,356		
<pre>compensation(h) Prior-period insurance</pre>	881	552	1,728	3,161
adjustment Legal expenses of	-	(1,663)	-	(1,663)
OIG investigation VITAS transaction	564	-	-	564
<pre>expense adjustment(f)</pre>	-	-	(801)	(801)
Advertising cost adjustment(g) Interest income	- (192)	(969) (118)	- (1,134)	(969) (1,444)
Intercompany interest income/(expense)	(1,769)	(1,505)	3,274	-
Loss on extinguishment of debt	-	-	3,971	3,971
Adjusted EBITDA	\$58,240 ======			
2004				
Net income/(loss) Add/(deduct):	\$19,479	\$15,454	\$(23,113)	\$11,820
Discontinued operations Interest expense Income taxes Depreciation	90 13,489 3,078	102 8,486 6,501	(12,415) 189	15,187 9,560 9,768
Amortization	2,995	156 	111	3,262
EBITDA Add/(deduct): Long-term incentive	39,131	30,699	(20,245)	49,585
compensation VITAS transaction	-	1,558	7,225	8,783
expense adjustment(f) Advertising cost	-	-	(1,587)	(1,587)
adjustment(g) Interest income Intercompany interest	- (190)	(1,043) (108)	- (1,170)	(1,043) (1,468)
income/(expense) Equity in loss of VITAS Loss on extinguishment	(420) -	(700) -	1,120 4,105	4,105
of debt	-	-	3,330	3,330
Adjusted EBITDA	\$38,521 ======	\$30,406 =====	` '	

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CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO ADJUSTED PRO FORMA INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS

FOR THE THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004 (in thousands, except per share data)(unaudited)

	Three Mont Septemb		Nine Mont Septem	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Net income as reported			\$31,633	
Add/(deduct): Pro forma VITAS net income contribution for the period(i Pro forma financing costs	i) -	(315)	-	2,991
related to acquisition of VITAS(j) Pro forma elimination of VITAS transaction expense	-	-	-	(2,211)
adjustment(f) Pro forma elimination of	-	(131)	-	
equity in loss of VITAS(k)	-	-	-	4,105
<pre>Pro forma net income Add/(deduct):</pre>	14,632	10,166	31,633	15,753
Discontinued operations Prior period tax adjustments Aftertax prior-period insurance adjustment Aftertax cost of long-term incentive compensation(h) Aftertax cost of legal expenses of OIG investigation Aftertax VITAS transaction expense adjustment(f) Aftertax cost of loss on extinguishment of debt	(1,787)	125 (2,118)	2,015 (1,787)	(12) (1,020)
	-	-	(1,014)	-
	-	-	1,984	5,437
	າ 192	-	352	-
	(130)	-	(801)	-
	-	-	2,523	2,030
Adjusted pro forma income from continuing operations			\$34,905 =====	
Earnings Per Share As Reported Net income	\$ 0.57 =====	\$ 0.43 ======	-	\$ 0.50 =====
Average number of shares outstanding	25,719 ======		25,453 ======	
Diluted Earnings Per Share As Reported				
Net income	\$ 0.55 =====	\$ 0.42 ======	\$ 1.21 ======	\$ 0.49 =====
Average number of shares outstanding	26,401 ======		26,202 =====	
Adjusted Pro Forma Earnings Per Income from continuing operations	Share \$ 0.50	\$ 0.33	\$ 1.37	\$ 0.90
Average number of shares		-	======	
outstanding	•	24,940 =====	25,453 ======	•
Adjusted Pro Forma Diluted Earnings Per Share Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.49 =====	\$ 0.32	\$ 1.33	\$ 0.89
Average number of shares outstanding	26,401 =====		26,202 =====	

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CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004 (in thousands, except per share data) (unaudited)

			•	Chemed Consolidated
2005				
Service revenues and				
sales		\$72,920	\$ -	
Cost of services provide	d			
and goods sold Selling, general and administrative		39,600	-	165,229
expenses(a)	13,995	21,756	2,672	38,423
Depreciation Amortization	1,922 984		73 243	4,086 1,248
Other expenses(b)	-		(130)	(130)
Total costs and				
Total costs and expenses	142,530	63,468	2,858	
Income/(loss) from	47.070	0.450	(0.050)	0.4 470
operations Interest expense		9,452 (129)		
Intercompany interest	(33)			
<pre>income/(expense) Other incomenet</pre>	579 12		(1,144) 925	- 1,317
Other Incomenet				
Income/(loss) before	10 426	10 269	(0.062)	20 642
income taxes Income taxes	(6,872)	10,268 (3,199)	4,061	
- (/3) 6				
Income/(loss) from continuing operations Discontinued operations	11,564 -	7,069	-	14,632
Not income ((loss)				
Net income/(loss)	\$ 11,564 ======	\$ 7,069 =====	\$ (4,001) ======	\$ 14,632 ======
Earnings Per Share Continuing operations				\$ 0.57
Net income				======= \$ 0.57 ======
Average number of shares outstanding				25,719 ======
Diluted Earnings Per Sha Continuing operations	re			\$ 0.55
Net income				====== \$ 0.55 ======
Average number of shares outstanding				26,401 ======
2004 (1)				
Service revenues and				
sales	\$135,101 	\$66,784 	\$ -	\$201,885
Cost of services provide and goods sold Selling, general and	d 105,695	36,435	-	142,130
administrative expenses	12,632	19,987		35,371
Depreciation Amortization	1,306 1,272	2,081 31	60 90	,
Allor CIZACION				•
Total costs and expenses	120,905	58,534		
Income/(loss) from operations Interest expense Intercompany interest		8,250	(2,902)	

income/(expense) Other incomenet		(92)	(616) 335	
<pre>Income/(loss) before income taxes Income taxes</pre>	14,546	8,442	(9,191) 4,755	
Income/(loss) from continuing operations Discontinued operations	8,660	6,067	(4,436) (125)	
Net income/(loss)	\$ 8,660 ======	\$ 6,067 ======	\$ (4,561) ======	
Earnings Per Share Continuing operations Net income				\$ 0.41 ======= \$ 0.41 ======
Average number of shares outstanding				24,940 =====
Diluted Earnings Per Sha Continuing operations	re			\$ 0.41
Net income				\$ 0.40 =====
Average number of shares outstanding				25,402 ======

CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004
(in thousands, except per share data) (unaudited)

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	VITAS	Roto-Rooter	Corporate	Consolidated
2005				
Service revenues and sales	\$460,146	\$218,128	\$ -	\$678,274
Cost of services provide and goods sold(c) Selling, general and administrative	d	117,598	-	479,301
expenses(a) Depreciation Amortization Other expenses(b)	40,709 5,477 2,963 881	6,239	7,162 218 638 927	111,820 11,934 3,671 2,360
Total costs and expenses		188,408		
<pre>Income/(loss) from operations Interest expense Intercompany interest income/(expense)</pre>	48,413 (104)	29,720 (408) 1,505	(8,945) (15,509)	69,188 (16,021)
Loss on extinguishment of debt(d) Other incomenet	134	-		(3,971)
<pre>Income/(loss) before income taxes Income taxes</pre>		31,639 (11,749)		
Income/(loss) from continuing operations Discontinued operations	31,082	19,890	(17,324)	33,648 (2,015)
Net income/(loss)	\$ 31,082 ======	\$ 19,890 ======	\$(19.339)	

Earnings Per Share

Continuing operations				\$ 1.32
Net income				======= \$ 1.24 ======
Average number of shares outstanding				25, 453 ======
Diluted Earnings Per Sha Continuing operations	re			\$ 1.28 ======
Net income				\$ 1.21 ======
Average number of shares outstanding				26,202 ======
2004 (1)				
Service revenues and sales	\$389,323	\$204,907	\$ -	\$594,230
Cost of services provided	d			
and goods sold Selling, general and	306,819	113,078	-	419,897
administrative expenses	38,265	60,866	7,114	106,245
Depreciation Amortization	3,558 3,599	6,501 156		
Other expenses(b)	-	1,558	7,225	8,783
Total costs and				
expenses	352,241	182,159	14,639	549,039
<pre>Income/(loss) from operations</pre>	37 082	22 748	(14 639)	<i>4</i> 5 191
Interest expense	(90)	(102)	(14,639) (18,397)	(18,589)
<pre>Intercompany interest income/(expense)</pre>	420	700		_
Loss on extinguishment	420	700	(1,120)	-
of debt(d)	-	-		(3,330)
Other incomenet	210	594	1,201	2,005
<pre>Income/(loss) before</pre>				
income taxes			(36, 285)	
Income taxes	(15,234)	(8,486)	14,184	(9,536)
<pre>Income/(loss) from</pre>				
continuing operations Discontinued operations	22,388	15,454	(22,101) 12	15,741 12
Disconcinaca operations				
Net income/(loss)	\$ 22,388 ======	\$ 15,454 ======	\$(22,089) ======	\$ 15,753 ======
Earnings Per Share Continuing operations				\$ 0.64
Net income				======= \$ 0.64 ======
Average number of shares outstanding				24,596
Diluted Earnings Per Shar Continuing operations	re			\$ 0.63
Net income				====== \$ 0.63
Average number of				======
shares outstanding				25,060 =====

	VITAS	Roto-Rooter	Corporate	Chemed Consolidated
2005				
Net income/(loss) Add/(deduct):	·	\$ 7,069	\$(4,001)	\$14,632
Discontinued operation Interest expense	s - 33	- 120	4,985	- 5,147
Income taxes		3,199	(4.061)	6,010
Depreciation	1,922	2,091	73	4,086
Amortization	984	21	243	1,248
EBITDA	21,375	12,509	(2,761)	31,123
Add/(deduct): Long-term incentive				
compensation	_	_	_	_
Legal expenses of				
OIG investigation	310	-	-	310
VITAS transaction				
<pre>expense adjustment(f)</pre>	-	-	(130)	(130)
Advertising cost	_	(240)		(240)
adjustment(g) Interest income	(33)	()	(469)	(340) (532)
Intercompany interest	(33)	(30)	(403)	(332)
income/(expense)	(579)	(565)	1,144	-
Adjusted EBITDA				
	======	======	======	======
2004 (1)				
Pro forma net				
	\$ 8,660	\$ 6,067	\$(4,561)	\$10,166
Add/(deduct):	,	,	. (, ,	,
Discontinued operation		-	125	125
Interest expense	32	43	6,008	6,083
Income taxes	5,886		(4,755)	
Depreciation	1,306		60	3,447
Amortization	1,272	31	90	1,393
Pro forma EBITDA			(3 033)	24 720
Add/(deduct):	17,100	10,001	(0,000)	24,720
Advertising cost				
adjustment(g)	-	(577)	-	(577)
Interest income	(94)	(44)	(336)	(474)
Intercompany interest				
income/(expense)	(289)	(327)	616	-
Dro forme adjusted				
Pro forma adjusted EBITDA	\$16,773	\$ 9,649	\$(2,753)	\$23,669
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CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATING SUMMARY OF EBITDA FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004 (in thousands)(unaudited)

	VITAS	Roto-Rooter	Corporate	Chemed Consolidated
2005				
Net income/(loss) Add/(deduct):	\$31,082	\$19,890	\$(19,339)	\$31,633
Discontinued operations	-	-	2,015	2,015
Interest expense	104	408	15,509	16,021
Income taxes	19,130	11,749	(12,687)	18,192
Depreciation	5,477	6,239	218	11,934
Amortization	2,963	70	638	3,671
EBITDA Add/(deduct): Long-term incentive	58,756	38,356	(13,646)	83,466
compensation(h)	881	552	1,728	3,161

Prior-period insurance				
adjustment	-	(1,663)	-	(1,663)
Legal expenses of	564			564
OIG investigation VITAS transaction	304	-	-	504
expense adjustment(f)	-	-	(801)	(801)
Advertising cost				
adjustment(g)	- (400)	(969)	- (4 404)	(969)
Interest income Intercompany interest	(192)	(118)	(1,134)	(1,444)
income/(expense)	(1,769)	(1,505)	3,274	-
Loss on extinguishment	, , ,	, ,	•	
of debt	-	-	3,971	3,971
Adjusted EBITDA	\$58,240		\$ (6,608)	\$86,285
Adjusted Ebilba	======	======	======	======
2004 (1)				
Pro forma net				
	\$22,388	\$15,454	\$(22,089)	\$15,753
Add/(deduct):				
Discontinued operations		-	(12)	(12)
Interest expense Income taxes	90 15,234	102 8 486	(12) 18,397 (14,184) 189	18,589 9,536
Depreciation	3,558	6,501	189	10,248
Amortization	3,599	156	111	3,866
Pro forma EBITDA Add/(deduct):	44,869	30,699	(17,588)	57,980
Long-term incentive				
compensation	-	1,558	7,225	8,783
Advertising cost				
adjustment(g)	- (224)	(1,043)		(1,043)
Interest income Intercompany interest	(231)	(108)	(1,170)	(1,509)
income/(expense)	(420)	(700)	1,120	_
Loss on extinguishment	,	,	,	
of debt	-	-	3,330	3,330
Pro forma adjusted				
EBITDA	\$44,218	\$30,406	\$ (7,083)	\$67,541
	======	======	======	=======

CHEMED CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES FOOTNOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004 (unaudited)

- (a) For the third quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2005, amounts for VITAS include \$310,000 (\$192,000 aftertax) and \$564,000 (\$352,000 aftertax), respectively, for legal expenses incurred in connection with the Office of Inspector General ("OIG") investigation.
- (b) Other expenses include the following (in thousands):

	Three Montl Septembe		Nine Mon Septe	
Pretax cost/(benefit): Long-term incentive plan payout	2005	2004	2005	2004
	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,946	\$ 8,783
Adjustment of transaction related expenses of the		(240)	(004)	(4. 507)
VITAS acquisition Cost of accelerating vest of stock options	(130) ting -	(219)	(801) 215	(1,587)
Total other expenses	\$(130) 	\$(219)	\$2,360 	\$ 7,196
Aftertax cost/(benefit):				

Long-term incentive plan

payout	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,847	\$ 5,437
Adjustment of transaction-				
related expenses of the VITAS acquisition	(130)	(131)	(801)	(952)
Cost of accelerating vesting	ng `´´	, ,		, ,
of stock options	-	-	137	-
Total other expenses, net of income taxes	\$(130) 	\$(131) 	\$1,183 	\$ 4,485

- (c) For the nine months ended September 30, 2005, amount for Roto-Rooter includes a favorable adjustment to casualty insurance related to prior periods' experience of \$1,663,000 (\$1,014,000 aftertax).
- (d) For the nine months ended September 30, 2005, amounts include the prepayment penalty and write-off of debt issuance costs related to the early extinguishment and refinancing of certain portions of the Company's debt (\$2,523,000 aftertax). For the nine months ended September 30, 2004, amount represents the prepayment penalty incurred on the early extinguishment of the Company's debt (\$2,030,000 aftertax).
- (e) Amount includes the Company's aftertax share of VITAS' charges related to the Company's acquisition of VITAS in the first quarter of 2004 prior to the acquisition date. These charges comprise transaction-related expenses that reduced the Company's equity in the earnings/(loss) of VITAS by \$4,621,000 during the first quarter of 2004.
- (f) Amounts represent favorable adjustments to transaction expenses related to the acquisition of VITAS.
- (g) Under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"), the Roto-Rooter segment expenses all advertising, including the cost of telephone directories, immediately upon the initial release of the advertising. Telephone directories are generally in circulation 12 months. If a directory is in circulation for a time period greater or less than 12 months, the publisher adjusts the directory billing for the change in billing period. The timing of when a telephone directory is published can and does fluctuate significantly on a quarterly basis. This "direct expensing" results in significant fluctuations in quarterly advertising expense. In the third quarters of 2005 and 2004, GAAP advertising expense for Roto-Rooter totaled \$4,362,000 and \$4,040,000, respectively. If the expense of the telephone directories were spread over the periods they are in circulation, advertising expense for the third quarters of 2005 and 2004 would total \$4,692,000 and \$4,617,000, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, GAAP advertising expense for Roto-Rooter totaled \$12,685,000 and \$12,170,000, respectively. If the expense of the telephone directories were spread over the periods they are in circulation, advertising expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, would total \$13,654,000 and \$13,213,000, respectively.
- (h) For the nine months ended September 30, 2005, amounts include costs related to accelerating the vesting of stock options in addition to payouts under the Company's LTIP.
- (i) Amounts represent the additional net income VITAS would contribute assuming the acquisition were completed on January 1 of the respective years (excluding Chemed management fees).
- (j) Amount represents the additional financing costs, including a loss on early extinguishment of debt in 2004, that would have been incurred assuming the financing were completed on January 1, 2004.
- (k) Amount represents the impact of eliminating the Company's prior investments in VITAS, assuming the acquisition of VITAS were completed on January 1, 2004.
- (1) Pro forma amounts for 2004 for VITAS and Corporate assume the Company's acquisition of VITAS and its financing (including the retirement of existing debt) were completed as of January 1, 2004, on the same terms and conditions as completed on February 24, 2004.

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