

FORM 10-Q

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2002

Commission file number: 1-13820

SOVRAN SELF STORAGE, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

16-1194043
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

6467 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14221

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(716) 633-1850

(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes X No _____

As of November 8, 2002 there were outstanding 13,141,257 shares of the registrant's Common Stock, \$.01 par value.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION
ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SOVRAN SELF STORAGE, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(dollars in thousands, except share data)	September 30, 2002 <u>(unaudited)</u>	December 31, <u>2001</u>
Assets		
Investment in storage facilities:		
Land	\$ 127,607	\$ 117,069
Building and equipment	<u>548,434</u>	<u>494,220</u>
	676,041	611,289
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(70,916)</u>	<u>(59,091)</u>
Investment in storage facilities, net	605,125	552,198

Cash and cash equivalents	6,694	1,883
Accounts receivable	1,325	1,064
Receivable from related parties	95	122
Notes receivable from joint ventures	1,045	679
Investment in joint ventures	4,157	3,659
Prepaid expenses	3,519	2,505
Fair value of interest rate swap agreements	-	373
Other assets	<u>5,022</u>	<u>5,355</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 626,982</u>	<u>\$ 567,838</u>
Liabilities		
Line of credit	\$96,000	\$134,000
Term note	105,000	105,000
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	7,599	4,359
Deferred revenue	3,453	3,157
Fair value of interest rate swap agreements	9,664	-
Accrued dividends	7,833	7,293
Mortgage payable	<u>47,748</u>	<u>2,190</u>
Total Liabilities	277,297	255,999
Minority interest - Operating Partnership	14,237	17,590
Minority interest - consolidated joint venture	16,676	17,085
Shareholders' Equity		
Series A Junior Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock, \$.01 par value, 250,000 shares authorized and no shares issued and outstanding	--	--
9.85% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock, \$.01 par value, 1,700,000 shares authorized, 1,200,000 shares issued and outstanding, \$30,000 liquidation value	28,585	28,585
8.375% Series C Convertible Cumulative Preferred Stock, \$.01 par value, 2,800,000 shares authorized, 1,600,000 shares issued and outstanding, \$40,000 liquidation value	37,396	--
Common stock \$.01 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 13,055,107 shares outstanding (12,354,961 at December 31, 2001)	139	132
Additional paid-in capital	314,293	293,835
Unearned restricted stock	(1,724)	(1,978)
Dividends in excess of net income	(32,216)	(25,746)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(9,664)	373
Treasury stock at cost, 839,453 shares	<u>(18,037)</u>	<u>(18,037)</u>
Total Shareholders' Equity	<u>318,772</u>	<u>277,164</u>
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	<u>\$626,982</u>	<u>\$567,838</u>
See notes to financial statements.		

SOVRAN SELF STORAGE, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(unaudited)

	July 1, 2002 to September 30, 2002	July 1, 2001 to September 30, 2001
<u>(dollars in thousands, except share data)</u>		
Revenues:		
Rental income	\$ 25,679	\$ 22,913
Interest and other income	652	622
Equity in income of joint ventures	<u>9</u>	<u>80</u>
Total revenues	26,340	23,615

Expenses:

Property operations and maintenance	6,319	5,200
Real estate taxes	2,271	2,079
General and administrative	2,278	1,593
Interest	3,744	3,216
Depreciation and amortization	<u>4,403</u>	<u>3,789</u>
Total expenses	<u>19,015</u>	<u>15,877</u>
Income before minority interest	7,325	7,738
Minority interest - Operating Partnership	(280)	(466)
Minority interest - consolidated joint venture	<u>(208)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Income	6,837	7,272
Preferred stock dividends	(1,558)	(739)
Series C preferred stock deemed dividend	<u>(230)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net income available to common shareholders	<u>\$ 5,049</u>	<u>\$ 6,533</u>

Per common share:

Earnings per common share - basic	<u>\$ 0.39</u>	<u>\$ 0.53</u>
Earnings per common share - diluted	<u>\$ 0.38</u>	<u>\$ 0.53</u>
Common shares used in basic earnings per share calculation	12,961,626	12,279,982
Common shares used in diluted earnings per share calculation	13,123,911	12,382,764
Dividends declared per common share	<u>\$ 0.60</u>	<u>\$ 0.59</u>

See notes to financial statements.

SOVRAN SELF STORAGE, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(unaudited)

	January 1, 2002 to <u>September 30, 2002</u>	January 1, 2001 to <u>September 30, 2001</u>
<u>(dollars in thousands, except share data)</u>		
Revenues:		
Rental income	\$ 74,161	\$ 66,844
Interest and other income	<u>1,690</u>	<u>1,609</u>
Total revenues	75,851	68,453
Expenses:		
Property operations and maintenance	17,539	15,226
Real estate taxes	6,973	6,284
General and administrative	6,276	4,893
Interest	11,122	10,802
Depreciation and amortization	12,701	11,160
Equity in losses (income) of joint ventures	<u>47</u>	<u>(226)</u>
Total expenses	54,658	48,139

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Income before minority interest	21,193	20,314
Minority interest - Operating Partnership	(893)	(1,246)
Minority interest - consolidated joint venture	<u>(709)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Income	19,591	19,068
Preferred stock dividends	(3,036)	(2,216)
Series C preferred stock deemed dividend	<u>(230)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net income available to common shareholders	<u>\$ 16,325</u>	<u>\$ 16,852</u>
Per common share:		
Earnings per common share - basic	<u>\$ 1.29</u>	<u>\$ 1.38</u>
Earnings per common share - diluted	<u>\$ 1.27</u>	<u>\$ 1.38</u>
Common shares used in basic earnings per share calculation	12,666,585	12,180,717
Common shares used in diluted earnings per share calculation	12,865,883	12,252,258
Dividends declared per common share	<u>\$ 1.78</u>	<u>\$ 1.75</u>

See notes to financial statements.

SOVRAN SELF STORAGE, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW
(unaudited)

	January 1, 2002 to September 30, 2002	January 1, 2001 to September 30, 2001
<u>(dollars in thousands)</u>		
Operating Activities		
Net income	\$ 19,591	\$ 19,068
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	12,701	11,160
Equity in losses (income) of joint ventures	47	(226)
Minority interest	1,602	1,246
Restricted stock earned	254	297
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(236)	(86)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(922)	(1,631)
Accounts payable and other liabilities	2,977	1,209
Deferred revenue	<u>2</u>	<u>(153)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>36,016</u>	<u>30,884</u>
Investing Activities		
Additions to storage facilities	(64,394)	(12,414)
Advances to joint ventures	(911)	(12,160)

Receipts from (advances to) related parties	<u>27</u>	<u>(700)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(65,278)</u>	<u>(25,274)</u>

Financing Activities

Net proceeds from issuance of common stock through Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan and Stock Option Plan	19,487	5,009
Net proceeds from the sale of preferred stock	38,143	-
(Paydown of) Proceeds from line of credit down	(38,000)	18,000
Proceeds from mortgage financing	48,000	-
Financing costs	(460)	-
Dividends paid-common stock	(22,255)	(21,129)
Dividends paid-preferred stock	(3,036)	(2,216)
Minority interest distributions	(2,115)	(1,339)
Purchase of treasury stock	-	(449)
Redemption of Operating Partnership Units	(3,249)	(3,650)
Mortgage principal payments	<u>(2,442)</u>	<u>(25)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>34,073</u>	<u>(5,799)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	4,811	(189)
Cash at beginning of period	<u>1,883</u>	<u>1,421</u>
Cash at end of period	<u>\$ 6,694</u>	<u>\$ 1,232</u>
Supplemental cash flow information		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 10,996	\$ 10,744
Fair value of net liabilities assumed on the acquisition of storage facilities	440	--

Dividends declared but unpaid were \$7,833 at September 30, 2002 and \$7,252 at September 30, 2001.

See notes to financial statements.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited financial statements of Sovran Self Storage, Inc. (the "Company") have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2002 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ended December 31, 2002.

2. ORGANIZATION

The Company, a self-administered and self-managed real estate investment trust (a "REIT"), was formed on April 19, 1995 to own and operate self-storage facilities throughout the United States. On June 26, 1995, the Company commenced operations effective with the completion of its initial public offering of 5,890,000 shares. At September 30, 2002, the Company owned and/or managed 260 self-storage properties under the "Uncle Bob's Self Storage"® trade name in 21 states.

All of the Company's assets are owned by, and all its operations are conducted through, Sovran Acquisition Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership"). Sovran Holdings, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (the "Subsidiary"), is the sole general partner; and the Company is a limited partner of the Operating Partnership, and thereby controls the operations of the Operating Partnership holding a 95.91% ownership interest therein as of September 30, 2002. The remaining ownership interests in the Operating Partnership (the "Units") are held by certain former owners of assets acquired by the Operating Partnership subsequent to its formation.

The consolidated financial statements of the Company include the accounts of the Company, the Operating Partnership, and Locke Sovran II, LLC, a majority owned joint venture. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated. Investments in joint ventures which are not majority owned are reported using the equity method.

3. INVESTMENT IN STORAGE FACILITIES

The following summarizes activity in storage facilities during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2002.

(dollars in thousands)

Cost:

Beginning balance	\$ 611,289
Property acquisitions	53,620
Improvements and equipment additions	11,302
<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>(170)</u>
<u>Ending balance</u>	<u>\$ 676,041</u>

Accumulated Depreciation:

Beginning balance	\$ 59,091
Additions during the period	11,908
<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>(83)</u>
<u>Ending balance</u>	<u>\$ 70,916</u>

4. UNSECURED LINE OF CREDIT AND TERM NOTE

The Company has a \$150 million revolving line of credit due November 2003 at LIBOR plus 1.375%, a \$75 million term loan due November 2003 (extendable, at the Company's option to November 2005) at LIBOR plus 1.75%, and a \$30 million term loan due November 2002 at LIBOR plus 1.375%, which was repaid prior to the filing date of this report (see Note 5 below). The weighted average interest rate at September 30, 2002 on the Company's credit facility before the effect of interest rate swaps was approximately 3.4%. At September 30, 2002, there was \$54 million available on the line of credit.

The Company has entered into three interest rate swap agreements, one in March 2001 for \$50 million and two in September 2001 for \$50 million and \$30 million, to effectively convert a total of \$130 million of variable-rate debt to fixed-rate debt. One of the \$50 million interest rate swap agreements matures in November 2005, the other matures in October 2006, and the \$30 million swap agreement matures in September 2008.

Based on current interest rates, the Company estimates that payments under the interest rate swaps will be approximately \$3.9 million in 2002. Payments made under the interest rate swap agreements will be reclassified to interest expense as settlements occur. The fair value of the swap agreements at September 30, 2002 was a \$9.7 million liability.

The net carrying amount of the Company's debt instruments approximates fair value.

5. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On November 7, 2002, the Company used the proceeds from a draw on the line of credit to pay off the maturing \$30 million term note.

6. MORTGAGES PAYABLE

In February 2002, the consolidated joint venture (Locke Sovran II, LLC) entered into a mortgage note of \$48 million. The note is secured by the 27 properties owned by the joint venture with a value of \$80 million. The 10-year note bears interest at 7.19%.

7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company's current practice is to conduct environmental investigations in connection with property acquisitions. At

this time, the Company is not aware of any environmental contamination of any of its facilities that individually or in the aggregate would be material to the Company's overall business, financial condition, or results of operations.

8. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Total comprehensive income consisting of net income and the change in the fair value of interest rate swap agreements was \$9.6 million and \$16.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

9. INVESTMENT IN JOINT VENTURES

Investment in joint ventures includes an ownership interest in Locke Sovran I, LLC, which operates 11 self-storage facilities in various states, and an ownership interest in Iskalo Office Holdings, LLC, which owns the building that houses the Company's headquarters and other tenants.

In December 2000, the Company contributed seven self-storage properties with a fair market value of \$19.8 million to Locke Sovran I, LLC, in exchange for a \$15 million one year note receivable bearing interest at LIBOR plus 1.75% (which was repaid in 2001), and a 45% interest in Locke Sovran I, LLC. This transaction resulted in a gain on the disposal of the properties of approximately \$4.3 million; \$1.9 million of this gain was deferred as a result of the Company's continuing ownership interest in Locke Sovran I, LLC, as such the initial investment, including cash funding, was recorded at \$3.1 million. The deferred gain is being amortized over the life of the properties, consistent with the depreciation expense recorded by Locke Sovran I, LLC.

The Company also had a 49% ownership interest in Iskalo Office Holdings, LLC at September 30, 2002. The majority of the \$1.4 million investment relates to interest bearing loans made by the Company to the joint venture.

10. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The Company reports earnings per share in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 128, "Earnings Per Share." In computing earnings per share, the Company excludes preferred stock dividends from net income to arrive at net income available to common shareholders. The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per common share:

(in thousands except per share data)	<u>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2002</u>	<u>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2001</u>
Numerator:		
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 16,325	\$ 16,852
Denominator:		
Denominator for basic earnings per share - weighted average shares	12,667	12,181
Effect of Dilutive Securities:		
Stock options	<u>199</u>	<u>71</u>
Denominator for diluted earnings per share - adjusted weighted average shares and assumed conversion	12,866	12,252
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 1.29	\$ 1.38
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 1.27	\$ 1.38

11. SERIES C CONVERTIBLE CUMULATIVE PREFERRED STOCK

On July 3, 2002, the Company entered into an agreement providing for the issuance of \$70 million of Series C Convertible Cumulative Preferred Stock ("Series C Preferred") in a privately negotiated transaction. The Company immediately issued \$40 million of the Series C Preferred ("Initial Closing") and agreed to issue the remaining \$30

million of Series C Preferred in up to two subsequent closings with a final closing date of no later than November 30, 2002.

The Series C Preferred has a fixed annual dividend rate equal to the greater of 8.375% or the actual dividend paid on the number of the Company's common shares into which the Series C Preferred is convertible. The Series C Preferred has a conversion price of \$32.60 per share and can be redeemed at the Company's option after five years. In addition, the Company issued warrants to the investors to purchase 379,166 common shares of the Company at a price of \$32.60 per share that expire November 30, 2007. Also, one of the investors received a placement certificate that entitles it to receive cash from the Company in the amount of 650,000 multiplied by the excess of the fair market value of the Company's common stock over \$32.60 on the date the certificate is exercised. This arrangement expires on November 30, 2007. Based upon the Company's common stock price at September 30, 2002, no amount is currently payable under this arrangement.

Proceeds from the Initial Closing were partially used to reduce indebtedness that was incurred in the June acquisition of seven self-storage properties located in Houston, TX. The remaining proceeds are expected to be used to repay the Company's line of credit.

The Company has recorded a deemed dividend in connection with the issuance of the Series C Preferred. The deemed dividend represents the calculated value of the beneficial conversion feature that existed at the date of issuance of the Series C Preferred. The beneficial conversion feature is calculated as the excess of, on the date of issuance of the Series C Preferred, the fair value of the common stock into which the Series C Preferred is convertible, over the issuance amount allocated to the Series C Preferred.

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

The following discussion and analysis of the consolidated financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this report.

The Company operates as a Real Estate Investment Trust ("REIT") and owns and/or manages a portfolio of 260 self-storage facilities, providing storage space for business and personal use to customers in 21 states. The Company's investment objective is to increase cash flow and enhance shareholder value by aggressively managing its portfolio, to expand and enhance the facilities in that portfolio and to selectively acquire new properties in geographic areas that will either complement or efficiently grow the portfolio.

When used in this discussion and elsewhere in this document, the words "intends," "believes," "expects," "anticipates," and similar expressions are intended to identify "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of that term in Section 27A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1933 and in Section 21F of Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to, the effect of competition from new self-storage facilities, which would cause rents and occupancy rates to decline; the Company's ability to evaluate, finance and integrate acquired businesses into the Company's existing business and operations; the Company's ability to form joint ventures and sell existing properties to those joint ventures; the Company's ability to effectively compete in the industry in which it does business; the Company's existing indebtedness may mature in an unfavorable credit environment, preventing refinancing or forcing refinancing of the indebtedness on terms that are not as favorable as the existing terms; interest rates may fluctuate, impacting costs associated with the Company's outstanding floating rate debt; the Company's ability to successfully implement its Uncle Bob's Flex-a-Space strategy; the Company's cash flow may be insufficient to meet required payments of principal and interest; and tax law changes which may change the taxability of future income.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company's unsecured credit facility provides availability up to \$150 million, of which \$96 million was drawn on

September 30, 2002. The facility matures in November 2003 and bears interest at LIBOR plus 1.375%.

In addition to the credit facility, the Company has two unsecured term notes; one in the amount of \$30 million due November 2002 bearing interest at LIBOR plus 1.375% and the other in the amount of \$75 million bearing interest at LIBOR plus 1.75%. The \$75 million note has a maturity date of November 2003, but can be extended through November 2005 at the Company's option. Subsequent to September 30, 2002, the Company used the proceeds from a draw on the line of credit to pay off the maturing \$30 million term note.

The credit facility and remaining term note currently have investment grade ratings from Standard and Poor's (BBB-), Moody's (Baa3), and Fitch (BBB-).

In July 1999 the Company issued 1,200,000 shares of 9.85% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock. The net proceeds of \$28.6 million were used to repay a portion of the outstanding balance on the credit facility. The Series B Preferred Stock is currently rated by Standard and Poor's (BB+), Moody's (Ba2) and Fitch (BB+).

In February 2002, the consolidated joint venture (Locke Sovran II, LLC) entered into a mortgage note of \$48 million. The note is secured by the 27 properties owned by the joint venture with a value of \$80 million. The 10-year note bears interest at 7.19%.

On July 3, 2002, the Company entered into an agreement for the issuance of \$70 million of Series C Convertible Cumulative Preferred Stock through a privately negotiated transaction. Fitch assigned a credit rating of BB+ to the Series C Preferred. The Company immediately issued \$40 million of the Series C Preferred and agreed to issue the remaining \$30 million of Series C Preferred in up to two subsequent closings with a final closing date of no later than November 30, 2002.

The Series C Preferred has a fixed annual dividend rate equal to the greater of 8.375% or the actual dividend paid on the number of the Company's common shares into which the Series C Preferred is convertible. The Series C Preferred has a conversion price of \$32.60 per share and can be redeemed at the Company's option after five years. In addition, the Company issued warrants to the investors to purchase 379,166 common shares of the Company at a price of \$32.60 per share that expire November 30, 2007. Also, one of the investors received a placement certificate that entitles them to receive cash from the Company in the amount of 650,000 multiplied by the excess of the fair market value of the Company's common stock over \$32.60 on the date the certificate is exercised. This arrangement expires November 30, 2007.

Proceeds from the Initial Closing were partially used to reduce indebtedness that was incurred in the acquisition of seven self-storage properties located in Houston, TX totaling \$25.5 million. The proceeds from the issuance of the remaining \$30 million of Series C Preferred will be used to pay down the line of credit.

The Company believes that its internally generated cash flows and borrowing capacity under the credit facility will be sufficient to fund ongoing operations, capital improvements, dividends, and share repurchases for the year 2002. The Company funded its maturing \$30 million term note with a line of credit draw. Future growth is expected to be funded through issuance of the remaining \$30 million of Series C Preferred, secured or unsecured term notes, issuance of common or preferred stock, sale of properties, private placement solicitation of joint venture equity and other sources of capital.

UMBRELLA PARTNERSHIP REIT

The Company was formed as an Umbrella Partnership Real Estate Trust ("UPREIT") and, as such, has the ability to issue Operating Partnership ("OP") Units in exchange for properties sold by independent owners. By utilizing such OP Units as currency in facility acquisitions, the Company may partially defer the seller's income-tax liability and obtain more favorable pricing or terms. As of September 30, 2002, 557,175 Units are outstanding that were issued in exchange for property at the request of the sellers.

ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES

The Company's external growth strategy is to increase the number of facilities it owns by acquiring suitable facilities in markets in which it already has an operating presence or to expand into new markets by acquiring several facilities at once in those new markets. During the nine months ended September 30, 2002, the Company purchased 7 properties

for \$25.9 million and the Company's consolidated joint venture (Locke Sovran II, LLC) purchased 12 properties for \$27.7 million. The properties are located in Houston, TX and Syracuse, NY.

REIT QUALIFICATION AND DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

As a REIT, the Company is not required to pay federal income tax on income that it distributes to its shareholders, provided that the amount distributed is equal to at least 90% of taxable income. These distributions must be made in the year to which they relate or in the following year if declared before the Company files its federal income tax return and if it is paid before the first regular dividend of the following year.

As a REIT, the Company must derive at least 95% of its total gross income from income related to real property, interest and dividends. In the nine months ended September 30, 2002, the Company's percentage of revenue from such sources exceeded 97%, thereby passing the 95% test, and no special measures are expected to be required to enable the Company to maintain its REIT designation.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2002 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2002, COMPARED TO THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2001 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2001 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

Total revenues increased from \$68,453 for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, to \$75,851 for the nine months ended September 30, 2002, an increase of \$7,398 or 10.8%. This increase consisted of \$539 that was realized as a result of increased rental rates at the 222 properties owned by the Company at January 1, 2001, and \$6,859 resulted from the operations of 27 properties acquired in 2001 and 2002. Overall, same-store revenues grew .8% for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2002 as compared to the same period in 2001.

Property operating and real estate tax expense increased \$3,002, or 14.0%, during the period. \$759 related to the operations of its sites operated more than one year, and \$2,243 was a result of absorbing additional expenses from operating the newly acquired properties.

General and administrative expenses increased from \$4,893 for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, to \$6,276 for the nine months ended September 30, 2002, an increase of \$1,383, or 28.3%. The increase was a result of administrative costs associated with managing the additional properties and the costs related to the Company's customer care center.

Interest expense increased \$320, or 3.0% as a result of the \$48 million mortgage entered into by the consolidated joint venture, Locke Sovran II, LLC, offset by reduced interest rates on the line of credit and term note.

Income before minority interest increased from \$20,314 to \$21,193.

Preferred stock dividends increased from \$2,216 to \$3,036 as a result of the dividend paid on the \$40 million of Series C Preferred Stock that was issued in July 2002.

THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2002, COMPARED TO THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2001 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

The following discussion compares the activities of the Company for the three months ended September 30, 2002 with the activities of the Company for the three months ended September 30, 2001.

Total revenues increased from \$23,615 for the three months ended September 30, 2001 to \$26,340 for the three months ended September 30, 2002, an increase of \$2,725 or 11.5%. This increase consisted of \$14 that was realized as a result of increased rental rates at the 222 properties owned by the Company at January 1, 2001, and \$2,711 resulted from the operations of 27 properties acquired in 2001 and 2002. Overall, same-store revenue was unchanged for the three-month period ended September 30, 2002 as compared to the same period in 2001. Increased rental rates were offset by a decrease in occupancy.

Property operating and real estate tax expense increased \$1,311 or 18.0% during the period. \$268 related to the operations of its sites operated more than one year, and \$1,043 was a result of absorbing additional expenses from operating the newly acquired properties.

General and administrative expenses increased from \$1,593 for the three months ended September 30, 2001 to \$2,278 for the three months ended September 30, 2002, an increase of \$685 or 43%. The increase was a result of increased administrative costs associated with managing the additional properties and the costs related to the Company's customer care center.

Interest expense increased \$528, or 16.4% due to increased borrowings offset by a reduction of interest rates.

Income before minority interest decreased from \$7,738 to \$7,325 due to the net impact of the effects described above and an increase in depreciation and amortization expense.

FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS

The Company believes that Funds From Operations ("FFO") is helpful to investors as a measure of the performance of an equity REIT because, when considered in conjunction with cash flows from operating activities, financing activities, and investing activities, it provides investors with an understanding of the ability of the Company to incur and service debt and to make capital expenditures. FFO is defined as income before minority interest and extraordinary item, computed in accordance with GAAP, plus depreciation of real estate assets and amortization of intangible assets exclusive of deferred financing fees, and excluding gains (losses) from debt restructuring and sales of property. FFO should not be considered a substitute for net income or cash flows, nor should it be considered an alternative to operating performance or liquidity. The following table sets forth the calculation of FFO:

(in thousands)	Nine months ended September 30, <u>2002</u>	Nine months ended September 30, <u>2001</u>
Net income	\$ 19,591	\$ 19,068
Minority interest in income	1,602	1,246
Depreciation of real estate and amortization of intangible assets exclusive of deferred financing fees	12,038	10,470
Depreciation and amortization from unconsolidated joint ventures	380	232
Preferred dividends	(3,036)	(2,216)
Funds from operations allocable to minority interest in Operating Partnership	(1,268)	(1,766)
Funds from operations allocable to minority interest in consolidated joint venture	<u>(1,323)</u>	<u>-</u>
FFO available to common shareholders	<u>\$ 27,984</u>	<u>\$ 27,034</u>

INFLATION

The Company does not believe that inflation has had or will have a direct adverse effect on its operations. Substantially all of the leases at the facilities allow for monthly rent increases, which provides the Company with the opportunity to achieve increases in rental income as each lease matures.

SEASONALITY

The Company's revenues typically have been higher in the third and fourth quarters, primarily because the Company increases its rental rates on most of its storage units at the beginning of May and, to a lesser extent, because self-storage facilities tend to experience greater occupancy during the late spring, summer and early fall months due to the greater incidence of residential moves during these periods. However, the Company believes that its tenant mix, diverse geographical locations, rental structure and expense structure provide adequate protection against undue fluctuations in cash flows and net revenues during off-peak seasons. Thus, the Company does not expect seasonality to affect materially distributions to shareholders.

QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURE ABOUT MARKET RISK

The Company manages its exposure to interest rate changes by entering into interest rate swap and cap agreements. At September 30, 2002, the Company has three outstanding interest rate swap agreements. The first, entered in March 2001, effectively fixes the LIBOR base rate at 5.36% through November 2005 on \$50 million notional amount. The second, entered in September 2001, effectively fixes the LIBOR base rate at 4.485% through October 2006 on another \$50 million notional amount. The third, also entered in September 2001, effectively fixes the LIBOR base rate at 4.805% through September 2008 on \$30 million notional amount. The Company has an unsecured credit facility in place through November 2003 enabling the Company to borrow funds at rates of LIBOR plus 1.375% and 1.75%. Accordingly, as a result of the above described interest rate swap agreements, the Company has fixed its interest rate through November 2003 on \$50 million at 6.735%, on another \$50 million at 5.86%, and on \$30 million at 6.555%. Upon renewal or replacement of the credit facility, the Company's total interest may change dependent on the terms it negotiates with its lenders; however, the LIBOR base rates have been contractually fixed on \$130 million of the Company's debt through the interest rate swap termination dates.

Because all but \$130 million of the Company's outstanding unsecured debt of \$201 million is on a floating rate basis, changes in short term interest rates could have a significant impact on the Company's earnings and funds from operations. Should the Company enter into further rate swap agreements, earnings could be negatively affected, as short-term rates are presently significantly below the five and seven year cost of funds.

ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The information required is incorporated by reference to the information appearing under the caption " Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk " in Item 2 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" above.

ITEM 4. controls and procedures

As of September 30, 2002, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with participation of the Company's management, including the CEO and CFO, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, the Company's management, including the CEO and CFO, concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2002. There have been no significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to September 30, 2002.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

No disclosure required.

ITEM 2. CHANGES IN SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

On July 3, 2002, the Company entered into an agreement for the issuance of \$70 million of Series C Convertible Cumulative Preferred Stock through a privately negotiated transaction. The Company immediately issued \$40 million of the Series C Preferred and agreed to issue the remaining \$30 million of Series C Preferred in up to two subsequent closings with a final closing date of no later than November 30, 2002.

The Series C Preferred has a fixed annual dividend rate equal to the greater of 8.375% or the actual dividend paid on the number of the Company's common shares into which the Series C Preferred is convertible. The Series C Preferred is on parity with the Series B Preferred with respect to dividends and liquidation preferences. The Series C Preferred has a conversion price of \$32.60 per share and can be redeemed at the Company's option after five years. In addition, the Company issued warrants to the investors to purchase 379,166 common shares of the Company at a price of \$32.60 per share that expire November 30, 2007. Also, one of the investors received a placement certificate that entitles them to receive cash from the Company in the amount of 650,000 multiplied by the excess of the fair market value of the Company's common stock over \$32.60 on the date the certificate is exercised. This arrangement expires November 30,

2007.

Proceeds from the Initial Closing were partially used to reduce indebtedness that was incurred in the June acquisition of seven self-storage properties located in Houston, TX. The remaining proceeds are expected to be used to repay the Company's line of credit.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

No disclosure required.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

No disclosure required.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

No disclosure required.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

(a) Exhibits:

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

(b) Reports on Form 8-K:

A Form 8-K was filed on July 12, 2002, date of report July 3, 2002, regarding the Registrant's entering into a Securities Purchase Agreement for the issuance of 2,800,000 shares of Series C Convertible Cumulative Preferred Stock.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Sovran Self Storage, Inc.

By: / S / David L. Rogers
David L. Rogers
Secretary, Chief Financial Officer

November 13, 2002
Date

EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE
SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Robert J. Attea, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Sovran Self Storage, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
 - b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the "Evaluation Date"); and
 - c) presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
6. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this quarterly report whether there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Date: November 13, 2002

/ S / Robert J. Attea
Robert J. Attea
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-14 OR 15D-14 OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE
SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, David L. Rogers, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Sovran Self Storage, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in

- light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
 4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
 - b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the "Evaluation Date"); and
 - c) presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
 5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
 6. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this quarterly report whether there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Date: November 13, 2002

/ S / David L. Rogers
David L. Rogers
Secretary, Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit 99.1

**Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350
As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Sovran Self Storage, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2002, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), each of the undersigned does hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- 1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- 2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material

respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: November 13, 2002

/ S / Robert J. Attea
Robert J. Attea
Chairman of the Board
Chief Executive Officer

/ S / David L. Rogers
David L. Rogers
Chief Financial Officer