

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the Quarter Ended September 30, 1997

Commission File Number: 0-19989

FM Properties Inc.

Incorporated in Delaware

72-1211572

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1615 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (504) 582-4000

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

On September 30, 1997, there were issued and outstanding 14,288,270 shares of the registrant's Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

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## FM PROPERTIES INC.

## Part I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Financial Statements.

FM PROPERTIES INC.  
CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

	September 30, 1997	December 31, 1996
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	(In Thousands)	
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Accounts receivable and other	\$ -	\$ 56
Income tax receivable	-	503
Amounts receivable from the Partnership	4,630	4,371
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Total current assets	4,630	4,930
Investment in the Partnership	63,597	56,055
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Total assets	\$ 68,227	\$ 60,985
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Other liabilities	\$ 1,455	\$ 1,386
Stockholders' equity	66,772	59,599
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 68,227	\$ 60,985
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FM PROPERTIES INC.  
STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
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	1997	1996	1997	1996
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	(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)			
Income from the Partnership	\$ 3,515	\$ 1,009	\$ 7,541	\$ 704
General and administrative expenses	(60)	(77)	(150)	(165)
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Operating income	3,455	932	7,391	539
Income tax (provision) benefit	-	526	(220)	526
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Net income	\$ 3,455	\$ 1,458	\$ 7,171	\$ 1,065
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Net income per share	\$.24	\$.10	\$.50	\$.07
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Average shares

outstanding	14,550	14,395	14,481	14,364
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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FM PROPERTIES INC.  
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW (Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	----- 1997	1996 -----
	(In Thousands)	
Cash flow from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 7,171	\$ 1,065
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Excess of equity in income of the Partnership over distributions received	(7,541)	(705)
Change in working capital	370	(360)
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Net cash provided by operating activities	-	-
Cash flow from investing activities	-	-
Cash flow from financing activities	-	-
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Net change in cash and cash equivalents	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	-	-
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ -	\$ -
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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FM PROPERTIES INC.  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

FM Properties Inc. (FMPO) operates through its 99.8 percent interest in FM Properties Operating Co. (the Partnership), with 0.2 percent owned by the Managing General Partner, Freeport-McMoRan Inc. (FTX). FTX guarantees the Partnership's debt. Because of the rights that FTX retains in connection with its guarantee of the Partnership's debt, FMPO reflects its interest in the Partnership under the equity basis of accounting. However, if the FTX guarantee is eliminated, FMPO will have the authority to remove FTX as the Managing General Partner and FTX's rights with respect to the Partnership and FMPO would be eliminated. FMPO has no significant operations or source of funds other than its interest in the Partnership. The Partnership's financial statements follow (certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the 1997 presentation):

BALANCE SHEETS

	September 30, 1997	December 31, 1996
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	(In Thousands)	
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,944	\$ 2,108
Accounts receivable and other	2,490	4,133
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Total current assets	6,434	6,241
Real estate and facilities, net	103,936	118,029
Other assets	9,894	5,922
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Total assets	\$ 120,264	\$ 130,192
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LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 2,650	\$ 5,754
Amounts due to FMPO	4,630	4,371
Short-term debt	42,518	-
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Total current liabilities	49,798	10,125
Long-term debt	-	58,325
Other liabilities	6,742	5,574
Partners' capital	63,724	56,168
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Total liabilities and partners' capital	\$ 120,264	\$ 130,192
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STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	1997	1996	1997	1996
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	(In Thousands)			
Revenues	\$ 4,037	\$ 34,461	\$ 24,298	\$ 72,054
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of sales	4,033	32,216	18,568a	67,643
General and administrative expenses	581	481	1,970	1,704
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Total costs and expenses	4,614	32,697	20,538	69,347
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Operating income (loss)	(577)	1,764	3,760	2,707
Interest expense, net	(547)	(1,193)	(1,608)	(3,085)
Other income, net	4,646b	440	5,404b	1,083
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Net income	\$ 3,522	\$ 1,011	\$ 7,556	\$ 705
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(a) Includes a \$3.1 million reimbursement for previously expensed infrastructure costs.

(b) Includes a \$4.5 million gain from sale of oil and gas

properties.

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	1997	1996
	(In Thousands)	
Cash flow from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 7,556	\$ 705
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Cost of real estate sales and depreciation and amortization	19,349	61,439
(Increase) decrease in working capital:		
Accounts receivable and other	1,166	895
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(2,843)	(1,558)
Other	(765)	-
Net cash provided by operating activities	24,463	61,481
Cash flow from investing activities:		
Real estate and facilities (a)	(6,820)	(4,620)
Net cash used in investing activities	(6,820)	(4,620)
Cash flow from financing activities:		
Proceeds from debt	-	70,000
Repayment of debt	(15,807)	(127,354)
Net cash used in financing activities	(15,807)	(57,354)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,836	(493)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	2,108	2,282
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 3,944	\$ 1,789

a. Includes capitalized interest of \$1.2 million in the 1997 period and \$2.7 million in the 1996 period.

2. FTX MERGER AGREEMENT

On August 27, 1997 FTX and IMC Global Inc. (IGL) announced that they had executed an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of August 26, 1997 in which FTX and IGL agree to merge, with IGL as the surviving entity. The proposed combination is subject to several conditions, including approval by the stockholders of both companies. FTX and IGL have stated that the merger transaction is expected to be completed by the end of 1997. As a condition of the merger, FTX agreed to sell its interest as Managing General Partner in the Partnership to FMPO or an affiliate of FMPO. Additionally, IGL agreed to assume the FTX guarantee of the Partnership's debt under terms and conditions currently being negotiated. Once this is

accomplished, FMPO will assume direct managerial control over its business and thereafter will report its financial statements under consolidation accounting.

3. SALE OF OIL & GAS INTERESTS

In September 1997, the Partnership sold to McMoRan Oil & Gas Co. (MOXY) and Freeport-McMoRan Resource Partners, Limited Partnership (FRP) several working interests and numerous overriding royalty interests in oil and gas properties which have been held since its formation for \$4.5 million cash, resulting in a gain of \$4.5 million. Each of MOXY and FTX, the owner of a 51.6% interest in and administrative managing general partner of FRP, share common management and a common director with FMPO. These interests, which had no cost basis, remained with the Partnership after the sale of substantially all of its oil and gas properties in 1993. The gain is reflected in Other Income, and proceeds were used to reduce Partnership debt. Other Income also includes royalty income generated by these properties totaling \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million for the third quarter and \$0.8 million and \$1.0 million for the nine-month periods of 1997 and 1996, respectively.

4. NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In February 1997, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 128 (SFAS 128), "Earnings Per Share", which simplifies the computation of earnings per share. SFAS 128 is effective for financial statements issued for periods ending after December 15, 1997 and requires restatement for all prior period earnings per share data presented.

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Earnings per share calculated in accordance with SFAS 128 would be unchanged for the periods presented.

In June 1997, the FASB issued SFAS 130, "Reporting Comprehensive Income," and SFAS 131, "Disclosures About Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information." SFAS 130 establishes standards for the reporting and display of comprehensive income in the financial statements. Comprehensive income is the total of net income and all other non-owner changes in equity. SFAS 131 requires that companies disclose segment data based on how management makes decisions about allocating resources to segments and measuring their performance. SFAS 130 and 131 are effective for 1998. Adoption of these standards is not expected to have an effect on FMPO's financial statements, financial position or results of operations.

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Remarks

The information furnished herein should be read in conjunction with FMPO's financial statements contained in its 1996 Annual Report to stockholders included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The information furnished herein reflects all adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair statement of the results for the periods. All such adjustments are, in the opinion of management, of a normal recurring nature.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders  
of FM Properties Inc.:

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed balance sheet of FM Properties Inc. (the Company), a Delaware Corporation, as of September 30, 1997, and the related condensed statements of operations for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 1997 and 1996 and the condensed statements of and cash flow for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 1997 and 1996. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management.

We conducted our review in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures to financial data and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements referred to above for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

We have previously audited, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the balance sheet of FM Properties Inc. as of December 31, 1996, and the related statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flow for the year then ended (not presented herein), and in our report dated January 21, 1997, based on our audit, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed balance sheet as of December 31, 1996, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the balance sheet from which it has been derived.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

New Orleans, Louisiana  
October 21, 1997

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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

#### OVERVIEW

FM Properties Inc. (FMPO) operates through its 99.8 percent interest in FM Properties Operating Co. (the Partnership), with 0.2 percent owned by the Managing General Partner, Freeport-McMoRan Inc. (FTX). The Partnership's most significant investments are located near Austin, Texas and include approximately 3,300 acres of primarily undeveloped land in and around the Barton Creek Community and approximately 1,000 acres of undeveloped commercial and multi-family property in the Circle C development. The Partnership is also engaged in the development and marketing of real estate in the Dallas, Houston and San Antonio, Texas areas.

FTX guarantees the Partnership's debt. Because of the rights that FTX retains in connection with its guarantee of the Partnership's debt, FMPO currently reflects its interest in the Partnership under the equity basis of accounting. Refer to Note 2 of the accompanying financial statements regarding the merger of FTX and IMC Global Inc. (IGL).

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

	Third Quarter		Nine Months	
	1997	1996	1997	1996
	(In Thousands)			
Income from the Partnership a	\$ 3,515	\$ 1,009	\$ 7,541	\$ 704
Operating income	3,455	932	7,391	539
Net income	3,455	1,458	7,171	1,065

(a) Includes a \$4.5 million gain from sale of oil and gas properties in the 1997 third quarter.

FMPO has no significant operations or source of funds other than its interest in the Partnership. Accordingly, the following discussion and analysis addresses the results of operations and the capital resources and liquidity of the Partnership. The Partnership's summary operating results follow:

	Third Quarter		Nine Months	
	1997	1996	1997	1996
	(In Thousands)			
Revenues:				
Developed properties	\$ 4,037	\$ 28,081	\$ 9,227	\$ 40,368
Undeveloped properties and other	-	6,380	15,071	31,686
Total revenues	4,037	34,461	24,298	72,054
Operating income (loss) a	(577)	1,764	3,760	2,707
Net income a, b	3,522	1,011	7,556	705

(a) Includes a \$3.1 million reimbursement of previously expensed infrastructure costs in the 1997 second quarter.

(b) Includes a \$4.5 million gain from sale of oil and gas properties in the 1997 third quarter.

Revenues from developed properties represented the sale of 66 and 151 single-family homesites during the third-quarter and nine-month periods of 1997, respectively. Revenues from developed properties for the 1996 periods include \$25.0 million from the sale of the Barton Creek Country Club and Conference Resort, as well as the sale of 57 and 339 single-family homesites during the third-quarter and nine-month periods of 1996, respectively. Revenues from undeveloped properties for the third-quarter and nine-month period of 1997 represented the sale of zero and 194 acres of undeveloped commercial and multi-family property, respectively, compared with the sale of 46 and 649 undeveloped acres for the comparable 1996 periods.

In September 1997, the Partnership sold to McMoRan Oil & Gas Co. (MOXY) and Freeport-McMoRan Resource Partners, Limited Partnership (FRP) several working interests and numerous overriding royalty interests in oil and gas properties which have been held since its formation for \$4.5 million cash, resulting in a gain of \$4.5 million. Each of MOXY and FTX, owner of a 51.6% interest in and the administrative managing general partner of FRP, share common management and a common director with FMPO. These interests, which had no cost basis, remained with the Partnership after the



sale of substantially all of its oil and gas properties in 1993. The gain is reflected in Other Income, and proceeds were used to reduce Partnership debt. Other Income also includes royalty income generated by these properties totaling \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million for the third quarter and \$0.8 million and \$1.0 million for the nine-month periods of 1997 and 1996, respectively.

During 1995, legislation was enacted that enabled the Partnership to create a series of municipal utility districts (MUDs) to serve the Barton Creek development. The MUDs, through the issuance of bonds, are designed to reimburse the Partnership for costs related to the installation of major utility, drainage and water quality infrastructure. During the second quarter of 1997, the Partnership received \$3.1 million from MUD bond proceeds representing the reimbursement of infrastructure costs relating to previously sold properties. The funds were used to reduce the Partnership's debt. The Partnership expects to receive additional reimbursements for past infrastructure costs related to the Barton Creek development from the proceeds of MUD bonds issued in the future. However, the timing and the amount of future reimbursements are uncertain.

Net interest costs incurred by the Partnership totaled \$0.5 million in the third quarter of 1997 and \$1.6 million during the first nine months of 1997 compared with \$1.2 million and \$3.1 million during the comparable 1996 periods, decreasing primarily because of lower average debt levels.

FMPO's business strategy includes the sale of larger undeveloped tracts of land. The timing of these transactions can cause significant variations in operating results between accounting periods and may result in future operating losses. Consequently, past operating results are not necessarily indicative of future trends in profitability. The Partnership continues to develop single-family homesites in Austin, Dallas and Houston and to evaluate the development of income-producing properties on certain tracts.

#### CAPITAL RESOURCES AND LIQUIDITY

During the first nine months of 1997, the Partnership generated operating cash flow of \$24.5 million which, after funding capital additions, enabled the Partnership to reduce its debt from the beginning of 1997 by \$15.8 million to \$42.5 million.

The Partnership amended its credit agreements in late 1996, extending maturities until February 1998, lowering interest rates and eliminating the debt guarantee of Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc., leaving FTX as the sole guarantor through February 1998. On August 27, 1997 FTX and IMC Global Inc. (IGL) announced that they had executed an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of August 26, 1997 in which FTX and IGL agree to merge, with IGL as the surviving entity. The proposed combination is subject to several conditions, including approval by the stockholders of both companies. FTX and IGL have stated that the merger transaction is expected to be completed by the end of 1997. In connection with the merger FTX agreed to sell its interest as Managing General Partner in the Partnership to FMPO or an affiliate of FMPO. Additionally, IGL agreed to assume the FTX guarantee of the Partnership's debt under terms and conditions currently being finalized. Once this is accomplished, FMPO will assume direct managerial control over its business and thereafter will reflect the Partnership's financial statements under consolidation accounting. FMPO currently is negotiating a revised bank credit facility in conjunction with the proposed assumption of the FTX bank debt guarantee by IGL that would, among other provisions, extend current debt maturities. FMPO also continues to consider other means of financial restructuring,

including issuing new debt or equity. Such restructuring, while potentially allowing FMPO to establish itself as a stand-alone company, may also increase financing costs significantly if the current FTX or any successor guarantee is eliminated as a result thereof.

The future performance and the financial viability of FMPO are dependent on the future cash flows from the Partnership's assets. These cash flows will be significantly affected by future real estate values and interest rate levels. There can be no assurance that the Partnership will generate cash flow or obtain funds sufficient to make required interest and principal payments.

During 1996, the State Court of Appeals overturned the favorable 1995 District Court ruling which invalidated the City of Austin (the City) "SOS" ordinance; however, the appeals court upheld the lower court's favorable ruling with respect to the interpretation of certain grandfathered rights for previously platted land. A significant portion of the Partnership's Austin area properties was previously platted and is expected to benefit from these grandfathered rights. An application for Writ of Error was filed with the Texas Supreme Court in January 1997. The Writ of Error was accepted by the Texas Supreme Court and oral argument was heard on November 3, 1997. The Supreme Court is not anticipated to issue its decision for several months. An unfavorable final judgment is not expected to adversely affect the

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Partnership's property holdings because of its grandfathered rights and because the Partnership's property was removed from the jurisdiction of the City pursuant to the water quality protection zone at Barton Creek (the Barton Creek WQPZ) and a portion of the Circle C development (the Circle C WQPZ, see below), which are authorized by Texas state legislation enacted in 1995.

In October 1996, the City filed a petition for declaratory judgment asserting that the legislation that created the Southwest Travis County Water District (the STCWD) is unconstitutional. The Partnership's property in the Circle C development, comprising approximately 1,000 acres of undeveloped commercial and multi-family property, is located in the STCWD. None of the Partnership's other properties are in the STCWD. STCWD defended itself against the City's claim. Court-ordered mediation held in June 1997 was unsuccessful. The Court entered a final judgment on October 27, 1997 finding that the legislation creating the STCWD is unconstitutional. It is uncertain whether the STCWD will pursue an appeal, which would likely be protracted. Because the Partnership's Circle C property is expected to be developed under either grandfathered entitlements or pursuant to the Circle C WQPZ, it is uncertain whether there would be any adverse impact from a final judgment in favor of the City.

On October 17, 1997, the City published notice of its intention to annex all land lying within the STCWD. If the City completes the annexation process, which could occur as early as January 1, 1998, all land so annexed would be subject to City regulations and ordinances. The City also then would be required to assume all municipal utility district debt and reimburse the Partnership a significant portion of the costs of water, wastewater, and drainage infrastructure. Without annexation by the City, the Partnership anticipated that these reimbursements would be paid over the next 10 to 15 years; if the City annexes the four municipal utility districts within the Circle C development, these reimbursement costs are required to be paid at the time of the annexation, much earlier than the Partnership initially anticipated.

The Partnership owns approximately 553 acres in the Circle C development outside the boundaries of any municipal utility district. In order to permit development of this property under state rather than City regulation, the Partnership filed a water quality protection zone covering its 553 acres and other property owned by a third party (the "Circle C WQPZ"). The Circle C WQPZ is anticipated to prevent the City from annexing the Partnership's 553 acres lying outside any municipal utility district and, to confirm that effect, the Partnership initiated a lawsuit in Hays County seeking a declaratory judgment that the legislation authorizing the creation of water quality protection zones is valid. The Partnership anticipates a favorable result in this litigation.

In the last legislative session, a bill to reorganize a state governmental agency inadvertently repealed the provisions of law which established grandfathered rights for land which was platted or in the permitting process. Under the Texas Code Construction Act, previously vested rights are not affected by the repeal of this statute. FMPO's counsel has advised the Company that in its opinion, this inadvertent repeal should not affect the Partnership's rights to develop its properties. In response to the legislature's inadvertent repeal, the City enacted an ordinance effective September 5, 1997, establishing interim regulations on land development. It is anticipated that the City will enact a final ordinance and may attempt to apply it to portions of the Partnership's Circle C property and Lantana. If the City takes this position, the Partnership is anticipated to assert and defend its grandfathered entitlements.

During February 1997, FMPO filed a petition for declaratory judgment against Phoenix Holdings, Ltd. (Phoenix) in order to confirm its ownership of certain municipal utility district receivables that pertain to existing infrastructure that serves the Circle C development. Phoenix filed a counterclaim against Circle C in June 1997. A favorable outcome, which FMPO expects to occur, would result in significant refunds of prior capital expenditures to the Partnership over the next several years.

In April 1997, the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) listed the Barton Springs Salamander as an endangered species after a federal court overturned a March 1997 decision by the DOI not to list the Barton Springs Salamander based on a conservation agreement between the State of Texas and federal agencies. The listing of the Barton Springs Salamander is not anticipated to affect the Partnership's Barton Creek and Lantana properties because of its 10A permit obtained in 1995. The Partnership's Circle C properties could, however, be affected, although the extent of any impact cannot be determined at this time.

#### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT

Management's Discussion and Analysis contains "forward-looking statements." All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this report, including, without limitation, statements regarding future reimbursement for infrastructure costs, future events related to financing and the FTX guarantee, the anticipated outcome of the litigation and regulatory matters, the expected results of FMPO's business strategy, and other plans and objectives of management of the Company for future operations and activities, are forward-looking statements.

Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from FMPO's expectations include, without limitation, economic and business conditions, business opportunities that may be

presented to and pursued by the Company, changes in laws or regulations and other factors, many of which are beyond the control of the Company. Further information regarding these and other factors that might cause future results to differ from those projected in the forward-looking statements are described in more detail under the heading "Cautionary Statement" in FMPO's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996.

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The results of operations reported and summarized above are not necessarily indicative of future operating results.

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PART II. - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

In October 1997, the Partnership filed an action against the City of Austin in Hays County, Texas. The Partnership seeks a declaratory judgment that the legislation authorizing water quality protection zones is valid.

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K.

(a) The exhibits to this report are listed in the Exhibit Index appearing on page E-1 hereof.

(b) No reports on Form 8-K were filed by the registrant during the quarter for which this report is filed.

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SIGNATURE

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.

FM PROPERTIES INC.

By: /s/ C. Donald Whitmire, Jr.

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C. Donald Whitmire, Jr.  
Vice President & Controller  
(authorized signatory and  
Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: November 13, 1997

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FM PROPERTIES INC.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit  
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- 3.1 Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the 1992 Form 10-K.
- 3.2 By-laws of the Company, as amended. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the 1992 Form 10-K.
- 4.1 The Company's Certificate of Designations of Series A Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the 1992 Form 10-K.
- 4.2 Rights Agreement dated as of May 28, 1992 between the Company and Mellon Securities Trust Company, as Rights Agent (the "Rights Agent"). Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the 1992 Form 10-K.
- 4.3 Amendment No. 1 to Rights Agreement dated as of April 21, 1997 between the Company and the Rights Agent. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 21, 1997.
- 4.4 Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of December 20, 1996 (the "Credit Agreement") among FTX, the Partnership, certain banks, and The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Administrative Agent, FTX Collateral Agent and Documentation Agent. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1996 (the "1996 Form 10-K").
- 4.5 Second Amended and Restated Note Agreement dated as of June 30, 1995, among FTX, FCX, the Partnership, Chemical Bank, and Hibernia National Bank, individually and as agent. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of FTX for the quarter ended September 30, 1995.
- 4.6 First Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Note Agreement dated as of December 31, 1995, among FTX, FCX, the Partnership, Chemical Bank and Hibernia National Bank, individually and as agent. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of FCX for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1995.
- 4.7 Second Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Note Agreement dated as of December 20, 1996, among FTX, the Partnership, The Chase Manhattan Bank and Hibernia National Bank, individually and as agent. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to the 1996 Form 10-K.
- 4.8 Credit Agreement dated as of December 20, 1996, between FTX and the Partnership. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.7 to the 1996 Form 10-K.
- 4.9 Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of December 20, 1996 between Circle C Land Corp. ("Circle C") and Texas Commerce Bank National Association ("TCB"). Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.8 to the 1996 Form 10-K.
- 11.1 Computation of Net Income per Common and Common Equivalent Share.
- 15.1 Letter dated October 21, 1997 from Arthur Andersen LLP regarding unaudited interim financial statements.
- 27.1 Financial Data Schedule



FM PROPERTIES INC.  
 COMPUTATION OF NET INCOME PER COMMON AND  
 COMMON EQUIVALENT SHARE

	Three Months		Nine Months	
	Ended September 30,		Ended September 30,	
	----- 1997 -----	----- 1996 -----	----- 1997 -----	----- 1996 -----
	(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)			
Primary:				
Net income applicable to common stock	\$ 3,455 =====	\$ 1,458 =====	\$ 7,171 =====	\$ 1,065 =====
Average common shares outstanding	14,289	14,286	14,287	14,286
Common stock equivalents:				
Stock options	261 -----	109 -----	194 -----	78 -----
Common and common equivalent shares	14,550 =====	14,395 =====	14,481 =====	14,364 =====
Net income per common and common equivalent share	\$.24 =====	\$.10 =====	\$.50 =====	\$.07 =====

Note: No computation of fully diluted net income per common and common equivalent share is shown as there are no convertible securities.

October 21, 1997

FM Properties Inc.  
1615 Poydras St.  
New Orleans, LA 70112

Gentlemen:

We are aware that FM Properties Inc. has incorporated by reference in its Registration Statements (File Nos. 33-78798 and 333-31059) its Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1997, which includes our report dated October 21, 1997 covering the unaudited interim financial information contained therein. Pursuant to Regulation C of the Securities Act of 1933 (the Act), this report is not considered a part of the registration statements prepared or certified by our firm or a report prepared or certified by our firm within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of the Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/Arthur Andersen LLP

Arthur Andersen LLP



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