

GREEN MOUNTAIN COFFEE ROASTERS INC

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**FORM 10-K**

(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended September 27, 2008

OR

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

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**GREEN MOUNTAIN COFFEE ROASTERS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**03-0339228**  
(I.R.S. employer identification no.)

**33 Coffee Lane, Waterbury, Vermont**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**05676**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (802) 244-5621**

## Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.10 par value per share	The Nasdaq Global Market

## Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes ☐ No ☒

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 ☒ No ☐

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

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

Large Accelerated Filer ☐ Accelerated Filer ☒ Non-Accelerated Filer ☐ Smaller Reporting Company ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

The aggregate market value of the voting stock of the registrant held by non-affiliates of the registrant on March 29, 2008 was approximately \$534,000,000 based upon the closing price of such stock on that date. As of December 2, 2008, 24,564,000 shares of common stock of the registrant were outstanding.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's definitive Proxy Statement for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K, are incorporated by reference in Part III, Items 10-14 of this Form 10-K.

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### **PART I**

#### **Item 1. Business Overview**

Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. (together with its subsidiary, the Company or GMCR, Inc. ) is a leader in the specialty coffee industry. We sell over 100 whole bean and ground coffee selections, hot cocoa, teas and coffees in K-Cup® portion packs, Keurig® single-cup brewers and other accessories. In recent years, a significant driver of the Company's growth has been the sale of K-Cups and Keurig brewing systems. The Company manages its operations through two business segments, Green Mountain Coffee ( GMC ) and Keurig, Incorporated ( Keurig ). See Note 8 of the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K.

GMC sells whole bean and ground coffee, hot cocoa, teas and coffees in K-Cups mainly in domestic wholesale and retail markets, and directly to consumers. In addition, GMC sells Keurig single-cup brewers and other accessories primarily directly to consumers and more recently to supermarkets. The majority of GMC's revenue is derived from its North American wholesale markets.

Keurig is a pioneer and leading manufacturer of gourmet single-cup brewing systems and markets its premium patented single-cup brewing systems for consumers at home ( AH ) or away-from-home ( AFH ) mainly in North America. Keurig sells its AFH single-cup brewers to distributors for offices and hotels and its AH single-cup brewers to select retailers such as department stores and club stores. Keurig sells coffee, tea and hot cocoa in K-Cups produced by a variety of roasters, including GMC, and related accessories to select retailers such as department stores and club stores and also directly to consumers. Keurig earns royalty income from the sale of K-Cups from all vendors licensed to sell K-Cups.

#### **Corporate Information**

Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. is a Delaware corporation formed in July 1993. Our corporate offices are located at 33 Coffee Lane, Waterbury, Vermont 05676. The main telephone number is (802) 244-5621, our fax number is (802) 244-5436, and our e-mail address for investor information is [investor.services@gmcr.com](mailto:investor.services@gmcr.com). The address of our Company's website is [www.GreenMountainCoffee.com](http://www.GreenMountainCoffee.com).

#### **Corporate Objective and Philosophy**

Our Company's objective is to be a leader in the specialty coffee industry by selling high-quality coffee and innovative coffee brewing systems that consistently provide a superior coffee experience. Essential elements of our philosophy and approach include:

**High-Quality Coffee.** We buy some of the highest-quality Arabica beans available from the world's coffee-producing regions and use a roasting process that maximizes each coffee's individual taste and aroma. We have a passion for coffee and believe our coffees are among the highest quality coffees sold in the world.

**Single-Cup Brewing Patented Technology.** Our patented premium quality single-cup brewing technology provides coffee and tea drinkers with the benefits of convenience, variety and great taste. Single-cup systems are designed to provide consumers consistent taste, convenience and speed with no mess or coffee waste. The Keurig gourmet single-cup system is based on three fundamental elements:

Patented and proprietary K-Cup portion packs, which contain precisely portioned amounts of gourmet coffees, hot cocoa and teas in a sealed, low oxygen environment to ensure freshness.

Specially designed proprietary high-speed packaging lines that manufacture K-Cups at the coffee roasters' facilities using freshly-roasted and ground coffee (or tea or hot cocoa).

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Brewers that precisely control the amount, temperature and pressure of water to provide a cup of coffee, tea or hot cocoa of a consistent quality in less than a minute when used with K-Cups.

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The Company holds 32 U.S. and 69 international patents covering a range of its portion pack, packaging line and brewing technology innovations, with additional patent applications in process. In 1998, Keurig launched its first single-cup brewers for the AFH market and partnered with the Company to manufacture and sell Keurig's patented K-Cups. Since then Keurig has licensed several other coffee roasters to package gourmet coffees and teas into K-Cups, all of whom pay royalties to Keurig based on the number of K-Cups shipped.

Through K-Cups, we offer the industry's widest selection of gourmet branded coffees and teas in a proprietary single-cup format. Consumers can choose from over a dozen gourmet brands and over 200 varieties of coffees and teas. In addition to Green Mountain Coffee® and our co-branded Newman's Own® Organics brands or our licensed Caribou® and Celestial Seasonings® brands, which are packaged and sold by GMC, Keurig's other North American K-Cup brand partners include Diedrich, Gloria Jean's and Coffee People, Timothy's, Emeril's, Van Houtte, Bigelow, Twinings and Tully's.

**Customer Service and Distribution.** The Company seeks to create customers for life. We believe that coffee is a convenience purchase, and we utilize our multi-channel distribution network of wholesale and consumer-direct customers to make our coffee and single-cup Keurig brewers widely and easily available to both AH and AFH consumers.

Our operations are coordinated from our headquarters in Waterbury, Vermont and supplemented by regional distribution centers located in Maine, Upstate New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Tennessee. Distribution facilities are designed to be located within a two-hour radius of most customers to expedite delivery. In 2007, we added a packaging and warehousing facility in Essex, Vermont, to allow us to grow our K-Cup packaging capacity. Our operations were expanded in 2008 with the purchase of our facility in Knoxville, Tennessee to support our growing manufacturing and distribution operations.

**Socially Responsible Business Practices.** We have a long history of supporting social and environmental causes, allocating at least 5% of our pretax income towards such projects. These projects typically involve direct or indirect financial support, donations of products or equipment, and employee volunteer efforts.

Among our highlights for 2008 was the announcement of a new five-year \$450,000 commitment to support the expansion of Root Capital's *Porvenir Financiero* program. Our commitment was recognized at the Clinton Global Initiative in September 2008. The program is an innovative financial and business education program for managers and members of rural coffee-producing cooperatives and our new commitment will support the expansion of the program throughout Latin America and Africa.

We announced a three-year \$60,000 commitment to the Vermont Committee on Temporary Shelter's *Homelessness Prevention and Housing Retention Program*, which provides support to low-income households in financial crisis due to an unexpected contingency, such as a medical emergency or lack of short-term disability, and access to vital community resources and necessary counseling to navigate the financial crisis and plan for the future.

Our employees volunteered for over 6,000 hours in our local communities, exceeding our previous record by over 45%. Additionally, we were recognized by the State of Vermont for our community outreach, receiving the Vermont Governor's Award for Outstanding Community Service.

**Corporate Governance and Employee Development.** The Company has a Code of Ethics which is posted on our website. In addition, we believe the Company is a highly inclusive and collaborative work environment that encourages employees' individual growth and personal awareness through a culture of personal accountability and continuous learning.

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### **The Products**

#### ***Coffee***

The Company offers high-quality Arabica coffees including single-origin, Fair Trade Certified, organic, flavored, limited edition and proprietary blends sold under the Green Mountain Coffee Roasters® and Newman's Own Organics brands. We carefully select our coffee beans and *appropriately roast* the coffees to maximize their taste and flavor differences. Our coffee comes in a variety of packages including whole bean, fractional packages, and single-cup Keurig K-Cup portion packs. In addition to coffee, we also sell hot cocoa and teas in K-Cups.

GMC has an exclusive licensing agreement with Newman's Own Organics. We produce a line of several co-branded Newman's Own Organics coffees under the Newman's Own Organics and Green Mountain Coffee Roasters brand names. In fiscal 2008, the Newman's Own Organics product line, combined with GMC's own branded Fair Trade Certified coffee line, represented a combined 28% of total GMC volume.

#### ***Brewers***

We are a leader in selling patented and proprietary single-cup coffee and tea brewing systems under the Keurig brand name to AFH and AH channels. Keurig offers a variety of brewers for the AFH channel that include a B3000 for larger offices, a B200 for medium-sized offices and a B140 for small offices. In addition, Keurig offers a B130 for the AFH hospitality channel. For the general AH channel, Keurig offers a family of good-better-best brewers where the current models are the Elite, Special Edition and Platinum brewers. In addition, Keurig offers the Ultimate edition brewer model for the wholesale club and Direct TV AH channel. The most recent addition to the AH family of brewers is the Mini brewer for travel size convenience.

### **Marketing and Distribution**

To better support customer acquisition and existing customer growth, GMC has separate sales organizations for AFH, AH and consumer direct. Consumer direct provides us the opportunity to position Green Mountain Coffee Roasters® as a lifestyle brand by informing consumers, building one-on-one relationships, and illuminating GMC's points of difference. GMC publishes catalogs and maintains a website to market and sell over 100 coffees, coffee-related equipment and accessories, gift assortments, hand-crafted items from coffee-source countries and Vermont, and gourmet food items covering a wide range of price points. We encourage customers to become members of our Café EXPRESS service, a continuity program with customized standing orders for automatic re-shipment. Over the past couple of years, a large portion of our efforts in the consumer direct channel has been directed towards increasing traffic on our website ([www.GreenMountainCoffee.com](http://www.GreenMountainCoffee.com)) and marketing of the Keurig® Single-Cup Brewers. These efforts, along with the catalog and direct mail programs, are intended to build brand awareness nationwide and boost direct sales to consumers in our less mature geographic markets.

Keurig's primary geographic market is North America. In the U.S. and Canada, Keurig operates in both the AFH and AH markets. In AFH, Keurig targets the office coffee market with a broad offering of single-cup brewer systems which significantly upgrade the quality of the coffee served in the workplace. Keurig markets its AFH brewing system through a large, selective but non-exclusive network of AFH distributors in the U.S. and Canada ranging in size from local to regional to national. In AH, Keurig targets gourmet coffee drinkers who wish to enjoy the speed and convenience of single-cup brewing but who do not want to compromise on taste. Keurig markets its AH brewing system through upscale specialty and department store retailers, select wholesale clubs and mass merchants, on its website ([www.keurig.com](http://www.keurig.com)), through select supermarkets, and through its licensed roasters and authorized AFH distributors.

### **Growth Strategy**

In recent years, the primary growth in the coffee industry has come from the specialty coffee category, including demand for single-cup specialty coffee. This growth has been driven by the wider availability of high-quality

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coffee, the emergence of upscale coffee shops throughout the country, and the general level of consumer knowledge of, and appreciation for, coffee quality. The Company has been benefiting from the overall market trend plus what we believe to be carefully developed and distinctive advantages over our competitors.

Our coffee is available in many different distribution channels and customer categories, as best seen in our primary geographic market, the Eastern United States. This multi-channel strategy provides widespread exposure to the brand in a variety of settings, ease of access to the products, and many tasting opportunities for consumer trial. Our coffee is widely available throughout the day: at home in the morning, in hotels, travel destinations and entertainment venues, at convenience stores on the way to work, at the office, in restaurants, in supermarkets, and at home again at the end of the day. Our Company also participates in many special event activities, providing sampling opportunities and increased visibility for the brand.

We believe that consumer trial of our products in AFH venues such as convenience stores, foodservice establishments and office coffee services is a significant advantage and a key component of our growth strategy. As brand equity is built in AFH venues, expansion typically continues through customer channels such as supermarkets and specialty food stores which, in turn, sell our coffee to be consumed at home. This expansion process capitalizes upon this AFH / AH interrelationship. This strategy is designed to further increase our market share in geographic areas in which we already operate in order to increase sales density and drive operational and brand-equity efficiencies.

We are focused on building our brand and profitably growing our business. We believe we can continue to grow sales by increasing market share in existing markets, expanding into new geographic markets, expanding sales in high-growth market segments such as single-cup coffee and tea, and selectively pursuing other opportunities, including strategic acquisitions.

Our growth strategy for Keurig involves developing and managing marketing programs to sell as many brewers as possible to generate ongoing demand for K-Cups. In addition, we are focused on partnering with other gourmet coffee roasters and tea packers with strong national/regional brands to create additional K-Cup products that will generate further royalty income. When used with the Keurig brewers, K-Cups are designed to provide brewed coffee, tea and hot cocoa that consistently deliver the taste profiles specified by gourmet roasters and tea packers, which we believe creates attractive opportunities for our roaster partners to expand their geographical presence and take advantage of new market opportunities in both the AFH and AH single-cup markets with minimal investment. Only roasters licensed by the Company may benefit from Keurig's technology and distribution network.

In September 2008, we entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with the Tully's Coffee Corporation to acquire the Tully's coffee brand and wholesale business. Tully's wholesale business division distributes handcrafted coffees and related products via office coffee services, food service distributors, and over 5,000 supermarkets located primarily in the western states. The geographic region encompassed by the Tully's brand creates an advantaged opportunity for the Company to accelerate growth in the west coast market by capitalizing on Tully's brand recognition and the loyalty of their customer base. We anticipate this transaction will close in early fiscal 2009.

## **Competition**

The specialty coffee market is highly competitive and fragmented and we compete against larger companies that possess greater marketing and operating resources than the Company. The primary methods of competition in the specialty coffee market include price, service, product performance and brand differentiation. The Company competes against all sellers of specialty coffee, including Dunkin' Donuts®, Peet's, Starbucks® and other competitors. In the supermarket channel, we also compete with commercial coffee roasters, to the extent that we are also trying to upsell consumers into the specialty coffee segment. Some multi-national consumer goods companies have divisions or subsidiaries selling specialty coffees. For example, Smuckers distributes both



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Folgers® and premium Millstone® and Brothers® brands, as well as Dunkin' Donuts packaged coffees by license. Nespresso® markets the premium Nespresso® single-cup espresso system as well as other less premium coffee brands. In the consumer direct channel, we compete with established roasters such as Gevalia®, a division of Kraft Foods, as well as with other direct mail companies. In the foodservice, we compete against private label roasters, as well as brands such as Seattle's Best Coffee®.

Our Company was the first roaster to sell coffee in Keurig's innovative single-cup brewing system, and we have established a leadership position in the sale of single-cup Keurig K-Cup portion packs. Other coffee roasters and specialty tea suppliers also participate in the proprietary Keurig system, including: Diedrich, Gloria Jean's and Coffee People, Timothy's coffees and teas, Emeril's, Van Houtte, Tully's, Bigelow and Twinings. While to some extent these brands compete against our own Green Mountain Coffee and co-branded Newman's Own Organics brands or our licensed Caribou and Celestial Seasonings branded K-Cups, they are also subject to a royalty, which is paid to us for each K-Cup shipped. The Company also competes with other single-cup coffee and tea delivery systems, including: FLAVIA® Beverage Systems (manufactured and marketed by Mars), the TASSIMO beverage system (manufactured and marketed by Bosch and Kraft), the SENSEO® brewing system (manufactured and marketed by Philips and Sara Lee) and a number of additional single-cup pod brewing systems and brands.

We expect intense competition as we expand into new markets and territories. The Company competes primarily by providing high-quality coffee, easy access to our products, superior customer service and a comprehensive approach to customer relationship management. We believe that our ability to provide a convenient network of outlets from which to purchase coffee is an important factor in our ability to compete. Through our multi-channel distribution network of wholesale and consumer direct operations, with particular emphasis on brand trial through K-Cups, we believe we differentiate ourselves from many of our larger competitors, who specialize in only one primary channel of distribution. We also believe that our product offering is distinctive because we offer a wide array of coffees, including flavored, Fair Trade Certified, and organic coffees. Green Mountain Coffee also offers products that feature licensed brand partnerships, including Newman's Own Organics, Celestial Seasonings, Caribou, Heifer International, National Wildlife Federation and PBS. We also seek to differentiate ourselves through our socially- and environmentally-responsible business practices. Finally, we believe that being an independent roaster allows us to be better focused and in tune with our wholesale customers' needs than our larger, multi-product competitors. While our Company believes we currently compete favorably with respect to these factors, there can be no assurance that we will be able to compete successfully in the future.

### **Green Coffee Cost and Supply**

GMC sold approximately 32 million pounds of coffee in fiscal 2008. GMC utilizes a combination of outside brokers and direct relationships with farms, estates, cooperatives and cooperative groups for our supply of green coffees. Outside brokers provide the largest supply of our green coffee. Coffee is the world's second largest traded commodity and its supply and price are subject to high volatility. Although most coffee trades in the commodity market at a price referred to as the "C" price (the price per pound quoted by the Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange), coffee of the quality we are seeking tends to trade on a negotiated basis at a substantial premium or differential above the "C" price, depending upon the supply and demand at the time of purchase. Supply and price can be affected by multiple factors, such as weather, pest damage, politics and economics in the producing countries.

Cyclical swings in commodity markets are common and 2008 was an especially volatile year for the "C" price of coffee. The "C" price of coffee climbed to record levels until mid-year and declined significantly along with the broader commodity markets in the second half of calendar 2008. It is expected that coffee prices will remain volatile in the coming years. Additionally, many industry experts are concerned about the ability of specialty coffee production to keep pace with demand.

For coffees that GMC purchases with differentials above the "C" price of coffee, we generally fix the price of our coffee contracts for approximately two fiscal quarters, and at times three fiscal quarters, prior to delivery so that

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we can adjust our sales prices to the market. GMC believes this approach is the best way to provide our customers with a fair price for our coffee. On September 27, 2008, we had approximately \$73.2 million in green coffee purchase commitments, of which approximately 59% had a fixed price. In addition, from time to time we purchase coffee futures contracts and coffee options when we are not able to enter into coffee purchase commitments or when the price of a significant portion of committed contracts has not been fixed. On September 27, 2008, we held futures contracts covering approximately 1.2 million pounds of coffee.

In fiscal 2008, 40% of our purchases were from farm-identified sources, which means that we know the farms, estates or coops, and can develop a relationship directly with the farmers. We believe that our farm-identified strategy helps us secure long-term supplies of high-quality coffee and achieve greater pricing stability in our supply chain.

## **Intellectual Property**

The Company owns a number of United States trademarks and service marks that have been registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. We anticipate maintaining our trademark and service mark registrations with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. We also own other trademarks and service marks for which we have applications for U.S. registration. The Company has further registered or applied for registration of certain of its trademarks and service marks in the United Kingdom, the European Union, Canada, Japan, the People's Republic of China, South Korea, Taiwan and other foreign countries.

The Company has licenses to use other marks, all subject to the terms of the agreements under which such licenses are granted.

The Company holds 32 U.S. patents and 69 international patents related to our Keurig brewing and K-Cup technology. Of these, 81 are utility patents and 20 are design patents. We view these patents as very valuable but do not view any single patent as critical to the Company's success. We own patents that cover significant aspects of our products and certain patents of ours will expire in the future. The two principal patents associated with our current generation K-Cup portion packs will expire in 2012 pending patent applications associated with this technology which, if ultimately issued as patents, would have expiration dates in 2023. Our agreements with our roasters are more than simple patent licenses. Roasters with agreements with the Company have access to and benefit from Keurig's technology and distribution network and we believe these benefits will help us to maintain royalty revenue irrespective of our patent status.

We have diligently protected our proprietary system through the use of domestic and international patents and monitor our competitors accordingly. In January 2007, we filed a patent infringement lawsuit against Kraft Foods, Inc., Kraft Foods Global, Inc. and Tassimo Corporation (collectively "Kraft") in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware asserting that Kraft's T DISC single-serve beverage cartridges infringe upon Keurig's United States Patent number 6,607,762. In October 2008, subsequent to the Company's year end, we entered into a Settlement and License Agreement to completely settle the patent litigation with Kraft. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement and License Agreement, Kraft paid \$17 million on October 31, 2008 to the Company and Keurig has granted to Kraft and its affiliates a limited, non-exclusive, perpetual, worldwide, fully paid up license of Keurig's United States Patents Numbered 6,607,762 (the "762 Patent") and 7,377,162 (the "162 Patent"), and United States and foreign counterpart patents connected to the 762 Patent or 162 Patent, for use in connection with the manufacture, distribution and sale of beverage brewing machines and certain beverage filter cartridges.

## **Seasonality**

Historically, we have experienced variations in sales from quarter-to-quarter due to the holiday season and a variety of other factors, including, but not limited to, general economic trends, the cost of green coffee, competition, marketing programs, and weather. Because of the seasonality of our business, results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be achieved for the full fiscal year.

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### **Employees**

As of September 27, 2008, the Company had 1,152 full-time employees and 68 part-time employees. We supplement our workforce with temporary workers from time to time, especially in the first quarter of each fiscal year to service increased customer and consumer demand during the peak November-December holiday season.

### **Available information**

Our Company files annual, quarterly, and current reports, proxy statements, and other documents with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ). The public may read and copy any materials that the Company files with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Also, the SEC maintains an Internet website that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers, including GMCR, Inc., that file electronically with the SEC. The public can obtain any documents that we file with the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

Our Company maintains a website at [www.GreenMountainCoffee.com](http://www.GreenMountainCoffee.com). Our filings with the SEC, including without limitation, our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K, are available through a link maintained on our website under the heading Investor Services SEC Filings & Reports. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this report.

### **Item 1A. Risk Factors** **Risks Related to the Company's Business**

The Company's business, its future performance and forward-looking statements are affected by general industry and market conditions and growth rates, general U.S. and non-U.S. economic and political conditions (including the global economy), competition, interest rate and currency exchange rate fluctuations and other events. The following items are representative of the risks, uncertainties and other conditions that may impact our business, future performance and the forward-looking statements that we make in this report or that we may make in the future.

#### **The Company's financial performance is highly dependent upon the sales of K-Cup portion packs.**

A significant percentage of our total revenue has increasingly been attributable to royalties and other revenue from sales of K-Cups for use with the Company's Keurig single-cup brewing systems. In fiscal 2008, total consolidated net sales of K-Cups, Keurig brewers and royalties earned upon shipment of K-Cups by licensed roasters represent approximately 70% of consolidated net sales of the Company. Continued acceptance of K-Cup single brewer systems and sales of K-Cups to our installed base of brewers is a significant factor in the Company's growth plans. Any substantial or sustained decline in the acceptance of K-Cups could materially adversely affect the Company's business and financial results.

#### **Our intellectual property may not be valid, enforceable, or commercially valuable.**

While we make efforts to develop and protect our intellectual property, the validity, enforceability, and commercial value of our intellectual property rights may be reduced or eliminated by the discovery of prior inventions by third parties, the discovery of similar marks previously used by third parties, the successful independent development by third parties of the same or similar confidential or proprietary innovations, or changes in the supply or distribution chains that render our rights obsolete. Our ability to compete effectively depends, in part, on our ability to maintain the proprietary nature of our technologies, which includes the ability to obtain, protect and enforce patents and other trade secrets and know how relating to our technology. We own patents that cover significant aspects of our products and certain patents of ours will expire in the future. In the United States, we have patents expiring between 2012 and 2017 associated with the K-Cup portion packs presently used in Keurig brewers. We also have pending patent applications associated with current K-Cups.

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which, if ultimately issued, would have expiration dates that extend to 2023. Additionally, we have a number of portion pack patents that extend to 2021 but which we have elected not to commercialize yet. In addition, Keurig continues to invest in further innovation in portion packs and brewing technology and takes appropriate steps to protect all such innovation. We are prepared to protect our patents vigorously; however, there can be no assurance that we will prevail in any intellectual property infringement litigation we institute to protect our intellectual property rights given the complex technical issues and inherent uncertainties in litigation. Even if we prevail in litigation, such litigation could result in substantial costs and diversion of resources and could negatively affect our business, operating results, financial position and cash flows. In addition, the validity, enforceability and value of our intellectual property depends in part on the continued maintenance and prosecution of such rights through applications, maintenance documents, and other filings, and rights may be lost through the intentional or inadvertent failure to make such necessary filings.

### **Competition in the single-cup brewer systems market is intense and could affect the Company's sales of K-Cups and profitability.**

The Company is highly dependent on the continued acceptance of the Keurig single-cup brewing system. There are a multitude of competitive single-cup brewing systems available in North America and internationally. Competition in the single-cup brewing system market includes lower-cost brewers that brew coffee packaged in non-patented pods. Many of our current and potential competitors in the single-cup brewer systems market have substantially greater financial, marketing and operating resources. Our primary competitors in this market are FLAVIA Beverage Systems (manufactured and marketed by Mars), the TASSIMO beverage system (manufactured and marketed by Bosch and Kraft), the SENSEO brewing system (manufactured and marketed by Philips and Sara Lee) and a number of additional single-cup brewing systems and brands. If we do not succeed in effectively differentiating ourselves from our competitors in the single-cup brewer market or our competitors adopt our strategies, then our competitive position may be weakened and our sales of single-cup brewing systems and K-Cups might be adversely affected.

### **A worsening of the United States economy could materially adversely affect our business.**

Our revenues and performance depend significantly on consumer confidence and spending, which have recently deteriorated due to current worldwide economic. This economic downturn and decrease in consumer spending may adversely impact our revenues, ability to market our products, build customer loyalty, or otherwise implement our business strategy and further diversify the geographical concentration of our operations. For example, the Company is highly dependent on consumer demand for specialty coffee and a shift in consumer demand away from specialty coffee due to economic or other consumer preferences would harm our business. Keurig brewer sales may also decline as a result of the economic environment. We also have exposure to various financial institutions under coffee hedging arrangements and interest rate swaps and the risk of counterparty default is currently higher in light of existing capital market and economic conditions. If the current economic situation deteriorates significantly, our business could be negatively impacted.

### **Competition in the specialty coffee market is intense and could affect the Company's profitability.**

The specialty coffee market is highly fragmented. Competition in the specialty coffee market is increasingly intense as relatively low barriers to entry encourage new competitors to enter the specialty coffee market. Many of our current and potential competitors have substantially greater financial, marketing and operating resources. Our primary competitors in specialty coffee sales include Gevalia Kaffe (Kraft Foods), Dunkin' Donuts, Peet's Coffee & Tea, Millstone (Procter & Gamble), New England Coffee Company and Starbucks. There are numerous smaller, regional brands that also compete in this category. In addition, we compete indirectly against all other coffee brands on the market. A number of nationwide coffee marketers, such as Kraft Foods, Procter & Gamble, Sara Lee and Nestlé, are distributing premium coffee brands in supermarkets. These premium coffee brands may serve as substitutes for our coffee. If we do not succeed in effectively differentiating ourselves from our competitors or our competitors adopt our strategies, then our competitive position may be weakened.

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**Because our Company has all of its single-cup brewers manufactured from a single supplier in China, a significant disruption in the operation of this supplier or political unrest in China could potentially disrupt our business.**

We have only one supplier of single-cup brewers. Any disruption in production or inability of our supplier to produce adequate quantities to meet our needs, whether as a result of a natural disaster or other causes, could significantly impair our ability to operate our business on a day-to-day basis. Furthermore, our single supplier of single-cup brewers is located in China. This exposes us to the possibility of product supply disruption and increased costs in the event of changes in the policies of the Chinese government, political unrest or unstable economic conditions in China, or developments in the U.S. that are adverse to trade, including enactment of protectionist legislation.

**Product recalls and/or product liability may adversely impact our operations.**

We are subject to regulations by a variety of regulatory authorities, including the Consumer Product Safety Commission. In the event our supplier of single-cup brewers, which is located in China, does not adhere to product safety requirements or our quality control standards, we might not identify the deficiency before merchandise ships to our customers. The failure of suppliers to manufacture merchandise that adheres to our quality control standards could damage our reputation and brands and lead to customer litigation against us. If our supplier is unable or unwilling to recall products failing to meet our quality standards, we may be required to remove merchandise or recall those products at a substantial cost to us. We may be unable to recover costs related to product recalls.

**We may not be able to enter into license agreements with suppliers to manufacture K-Cups or maintain our current license agreements, or it may be expensive to do so.**

We license the right to manufacture and market K-Cups on an exclusive or non-exclusive basis to gourmet coffee roasters and tea packers in return for royalty payments from the licensees when they ship the K-Cups. Although many licensees are willing to enter into such licensing agreements, we cannot assure you that such agreements will be negotiated on terms acceptable to us, or at all. The failure to enter into similar licensing agreements in the future could limit our ability to develop and market new products and could cause our business to suffer.

We also have an exclusive licensing agreement with Newman's Own Organics. We produce a line of several co-branded Newman's Own Organics coffees under the Newman's Own Organics and Green Mountain Coffee Roasters brand names. The failure to maintain this license agreement could cause our business to suffer.

**Increases in the cost of materials used to produce our brewers or the cost of high-quality Arabica coffee beans or could reduce GMC's gross margin and profit.**

Cyclical swings in commodity markets are common and 2008 was an especially volatile year, with the *c* price of coffee climbing to record levels until mid-year, then declining with most other commodity markets in the second half of calendar 2008. It is expected that coffee prices will remain volatile in the coming years. In addition to the *c* price, coffee of the quality sought by GMC tends to trade on a negotiated basis at a substantial premium or differential above the *c* price. These differentials also are subject to significant variations and have generally been on the rise.

We generally try to pass on coffee price increases and decreases to our customers. There can be no assurance that we will be successful in passing on these cost increases to customers without losses in sales volume or gross margin. Additionally, if higher green coffee costs can be offset on a dollar-for-dollar basis by price increases, this trend still lowers our gross margin on a percentage of sales basis. Similarly, rapid, sharp decreases in the cost of green coffee could also force us to lower sales prices before realizing cost reductions in our green coffee inventory and purchase commitments.

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Significant fluctuations in the cost of other commodities such as steel, petroleum and copper also influence prices of plastic and other components used in the manufacturing of our coffee brewers. Approximately 90% of Keurig brewers shipped in fiscal 2008 were sold to the At Home channel at our cost with essentially no gross margin. With respect to the Keurig single-cup At Home system, we are continuing to pursue a market penetration model and are focused on driving new customers into the single serve segment. Any rapid, sharp increases in the cost of At Home brewers would likely lead us to not raise sales prices to offset such gross margin dollar declines as our current strategy is to drive penetration and not risk slowing down the rate of sales growth to competitors or before realizing cost reductions in our green coffee inventory and purchase commitments. There can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain our gross margin when such fluctuations occur.

### **Decreased availability of high-quality Arabica coffee beans could jeopardize our Company's ability to maintain or expand our business.**

We roast over 40 different types of green coffee beans to produce more than 100 coffee selections. If one type of green coffee bean were to become unavailable or prohibitively expensive, we believe we could substitute another type of coffee of equal or better quality meeting a similar taste profile. However, a worldwide supply shortage of the high-quality Arabica coffees we purchase could have an adverse impact on our Company.

The political situation in many of the Arabica coffee growing regions, including Africa, Indonesia, and Central and South America, can be unstable, and such instability could affect our ability to purchase coffee from those regions. If Arabica coffee beans from a region become unavailable or prohibitively expensive, we could be forced to discontinue particular coffee types and blends or substitute coffee beans from other regions in our blends. Frequent substitutions and changes in our coffee product lines could lead to cost increases, customer alienation and fluctuations in our gross margins.

While production of commercial grade coffee is generally on the rise, many industry experts are concerned about the ability of specialty coffee production to keep pace with demand. Arabica coffee beans of the quality we purchase are not readily available on the commodity markets. We depend on our relationships with coffee brokers, exporters and growers for the supply of our primary raw material, high-quality Arabica coffee beans. In particular, the supply of Fair Trade Certified coffees is limited. We may not be able to purchase enough Fair Trade Certified coffees to satisfy the rapidly increasing demand for such coffees, which could impact our revenue growth.

### **Our increasing reliance on a limited number of specialty farms could impair our ability to maintain or expand our business.**

Because an increasing amount of our supply of Arabica coffee beans comes from specifically identified specialty farms, estates, cooperatives, we are more dependent upon a limited amount of suppliers. In fiscal 2008, 40% of green coffee purchases were farm-identified. The timing of these purchases is dictated by when the coffee becomes available (after the annual crop), which does not always coincide with the period we need green coffee to fulfill customer demand. This can lead to higher and more variable inventory levels. Any deterioration of our relationship with these suppliers could lead to inventory shortages. In such case, we may not be able to fulfill the demand of existing customers, supply new customers or expand other channels of distribution. A raw material shortage could result in decreased revenue or could impair our ability to maintain or expand our business.

### **The Company depends on the expertise of key personnel. If these individuals leave or change their role within the Company without effective replacements, our operations could suffer.**

The success of our Company's business is dependent to a large degree on our President and Chief Executive Officer, Lawrence J. Blanford and the other members of our management team and our coffee roasters and purchasers. We have an employment agreement with our President and Chief Executive Officer that expires on May 3, 2012. If our President and Chief Executive Officer or the other members of the Company's management team leave without effective replacements, our ability to implement our business strategy could be impaired.

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**Because a substantial portion of the Company's revenue is related to sales to certain major customers and retailers, the loss of one or more of these customers or retailers could materially harm our business.**

Our Company sells a significant portion of Keurig brewing systems for the home to a relatively limited number of key retailers and department stores. The loss of one or more of these major retailers or a decrease in orders from one of these retailers could materially affect our sales of brewer systems and our business. In addition, the Company receives a significant portion of revenue in each fiscal period from a relatively limited number of customers, and that trend is likely to continue. The loss of one or more of these major customers or a decrease in orders from one of these customers could materially affect our business.

**Our credit facility allows us to increase our outstanding indebtedness, which could restrict our ability to operate our business.**

The Company has a \$225 million revolving credit facility which we have the ability to increase from time to time by up to an additional \$50 million, subject to receipt of lender commitments and other conditions precedent. As of September 29, 2008 approximately \$123.5 million was outstanding under this credit facility. We intend to fund the \$40.3 million purchase price for the Tully's acquisition from our revolving credit facility. The incurrence of debt under our credit facility could adversely affect our business and limit our ability to plan for or respond to changes in our business. Our debt obligations could also:

Increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;

Require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to payments on our indebtedness, thereby reducing the availability of our cash flow for other purposes;

Limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate thereby placing us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that may have less debt;

Limit, by the financial and other restrictive covenants in our debt agreements, our ability to borrow additional funds; and have a material adverse effect on us if we fail to comply with the covenants in our debt agreements because such failure could result in an event of default which, if not cured or waived, could result in a substantial amount of our indebtedness becoming immediately due and payable.

**A significant interruption in the operation of our roasting facilities, manufacturing capabilities or distribution facilities could potentially disrupt our operations.**

We currently have only one coffee roasting facility. We will have additional roasting facilities when we are able to begin roasting at our Knoxville, Tennessee facility and at such time as when the Tully's acquisition closes. A significant interruption in the operation of our current roasting facility, whether as a result of a natural disaster or other causes, could significantly impair our ability to operate our business on a day-to-day basis.

In addition, we and other licensed coffee roasters manufacture the K-Cups sold for use with our single-cup brewer systems. We manufacture K-Cups at our Vermont facilities and at our Knoxville, Tennessee facility and any significant disruption in our or our licensees ability to manufacture adequate quantities of K-Cups to meet our needs, whether as a result of a natural disaster or other causes, could adversely affect the Company's business and financial results. We currently have three distribution facilities, one located adjacent to our roasting facility in Waterbury, Vermont, an additional distribution facility located in Essex, Vermont and our facility in Knoxville, Tennessee. Any disruption to our distribution facilities could significantly impair our ability to operate our business. In addition, because our coffee roasting and primary distribution facilities are located in Vermont, our ability to ship coffee and receive shipments or raw materials could be adversely affected during winter months as a result of severe winter conditions and storms.

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**GMC's roasting methods are not proprietary, so competitors may be able to duplicate them, which could harm our competitive position.**

We consider our roasting methods essential to the flavor and richness of our coffee and, therefore, essential to our brand. Because our roasting methods cannot be patented, we would be unable to prevent competitors from copying our roasting methods if such methods became known. If the Company's competitors copy our roasting methods, the value of our brand could be diminished, and we could lose customers to our competitors. In addition, competitors could be able to develop roasting methods that are more advanced than GMC's roasting methods, which could also harm our competitive position.

**Our order processing and fulfillment systems may fail or limit user traffic, which could cause us to lose sales. Additionally, our reliance on a single order fulfillment company for our Keurig subsidiary's home market exposes our Company to significant credit risk.**

GMC processes all customer orders for our products through our order fulfillment facility in Waterbury, Vermont. We are dependent on our ability to maintain our computer and telecommunications equipment in this facility in effective working order and to protect against damage from fire, natural disaster, power loss, telecommunications failure or similar events. In addition, growth of our customer base may strain or exceed the capacity of our systems and lead to degradations in performance or systems failure. We have experienced capacity constraints in the past that have resulted in decreased levels of service delivery such as increased customer call center wait times and delays in service to customers for limited periods of time. Although we continually review and consider upgrades to our order fulfillment infrastructure and provide for system redundancies to limit the likelihood of systems overload or failure, substantial damage to our systems or a systems failure that causes interruptions for a number of days could adversely affect our business. Additionally, if we are unsuccessful in updating and expanding our order fulfillment infrastructure our ability to grow may be constrained.

Keurig relies on an order fulfillment company to process the majority of its orders for the home market sold through retailers, including collection of all accounts receivable. Receivables from this order fulfillment company were approximately 36% of our consolidated accounts receivable balance at year end. Any material disruption in the operation of this third party company could adversely affect our business.

**Because the Company relies heavily on common carriers to deliver our coffee and brewers, any disruption in their services or increase in shipping costs could adversely affect our business.**

The Company relies on a number of common carriers to deliver coffee and brewers to our customers and distribution centers. We have no control over these common carriers and the services provided by them may be interrupted as a result of labor shortages, contract disputes or other factors. If we experience an interruption in these services, we may be unable to ship our coffee and brewers in a timely manner. A delay in shipping could:

Have an adverse impact on the quality of the coffee shipped, and thereby adversely affect our brand and reputation;

Result in the disposal of an amount of coffee that could not be shipped in a timely manner; and

Require us to contract with alternative, and possibly more expensive, common carriers.

Any significant increase in shipping costs could lower our profit margins or force us to raise prices, which could cause the Company's revenue and profits to suffer.

**Our proposed acquisition of the Tully's coffee brand from Tully's Coffee Corporation may fail to close or there could be substantial delays before the acquisition is completed.**

On September 15, 2008, we entered into an asset purchase agreement with Tully's Coffee Corporation to acquire the Tully's coffee brand and the Tully's wholesale business for a total purchase price of \$40.3 million, subject to adjustment at closing. The Company will finance the cash purchase through its existing \$225 million senior revolving credit facility and has received the required bank consent. This transaction is subject to customary





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closing conditions including approval of the Tully's shareholders, and is expected to close in the next few months. If we are unable to complete the acquisition, we will not be able to realize the anticipated benefits of the acquisition and would have devoted substantial resources and management attention without realizing any accompanying benefit.

**Assuming we close the acquisition of the Tully's wholesale business, our failure to successfully integrate the Tully's wholesale business into our business may cause us to fail to realize the expected synergies and other benefits of the acquisition, which could adversely affect our future results.**

The integration of the Tully's wholesale business into our business presents significant challenges and risks to our business, including:

distraction of management from regular business concerns;

assimilation and retention of employees and customers of Tully's;

managing the West Coast based Tully's wholesale operations and employees, both of which are distant from our current headquarters and operation locations;

expansion into new geographical markets;

integration of technologies, services and products; and

achievement of appropriate internal control over financial reporting.

We may fail to successfully complete the integration of Tully's into our business and, as a result, may fail to realize the synergies, cost savings and other benefits expected from the acquisition. We may fail to grow and build profits in the Tully's business line or achieve sufficient cost savings through the integration of customers or administrative and other operational activities. Furthermore, we must achieve these objectives without adversely affecting our revenues. If we are not able to successfully achieve these objectives, the anticipated benefits of the acquisition may not be realized fully or at all, or it may take longer to realize them than expected, and our results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

Tully's has a history of operating losses, and our ability to achieve and maintain profitability of its business lines will depend on our ability to manage and control operating expenses and to generate and sustain increased levels of revenue. Our expectations to increase its profitability may not be realized, and Tully's losses may continue as we integrate its operations into our business. If Tully's revenue grows more slowly than we anticipate, or if its operating expenses are higher than we expect, we may not be able to achieve, sustain or increase its profitability, in which case our financial condition will suffer and our stock price could decline.

### **Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments**

None.

### **Item 2. Properties**

GMC leases its principal manufacturing facility located at Pilgrim Park in Waterbury, Vermont. The facility has in total approximately 98,000 square feet of usable space. The lease on this building expires in 2017.

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GMC owns a new 72,000 square foot warehousing and distribution facility adjacent to our manufacturing plant in Waterbury, Vermont. The land underneath this facility is leased from Pilgrim Partnership, LLC. The lease for the land expires in 2024.

In 2007, GMC leased a packaging and warehousing facility located in Essex, Vermont. The facility has approximately 99,000 square feet of usable space. The lease expires in 2012.

In 2007, the Company purchased a second manufacturing and warehousing facility located in Knoxville, Tennessee. The facility has in total approximately 334,500 square feet of usable space.

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Our other facilities, all of which are leased, are as follows:

Type	Location	Approximate Square Feet	Expiration of Lease
GMC Warehouse/ Distribution/ Service/Retail Space	Wilmington, MA	17,500	
	Southington, CT	11,200	2013
	Demeritt Place (I), Waterbury, VT	12,000	2011
		3,000	2009
	112 Main Street, Waterbury, VT Boyer Street, Williston, VT	5,200	2010
		20,000	2009
	Avenue Extension, Williston, VT		
	Waterbury, VT (Factory Outlet)	2,000	2009
			2026
	Waterbury, VT (Visitor Center) Biddeford, ME	2,900	2011
		10,000	
	Latham, NY	7,500	2013
GMC Administrative and Corporate Offices		4,000	
		10,000	
	Coffee Lane, Waterbury, VT		2009
	Demeritt Place (II), Waterbury, VT 46	10,900	2009
	Main Street, Waterbury, VT		2011
		9,600	2018
	152 Main Street, Waterbury, VT Pilgrim Park II, Waterbury, VT	22,900	2011
	Pilgrim Park V, Waterbury VT	12,000	2016
Keurig facilities	5 New England, Essex, VT	10,000	2013
	Reading, MA	37,000	2015
	Woburn, MA	7,600	2008

In addition to the locations listed above, the Company has inventory at various locations managed by third party warehouses and order fulfillment companies.

We believe our facilities are generally adequate for our current needs and for the remainder of fiscal 2009.

**Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

On January 10, 2007, Keurig filed a patent infringement lawsuit against Kraft Foods Inc., Kraft Foods Global, Inc. and Tassimo Corporation (collectively "Kraft") in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware (Case No. 07-cv-17 GMS) (the "Lawsuit") asserting that Kraft's T DISC single-serve beverage cartridges infringe upon Keurig's United States Patent Number 6,607,762.

On October 23, 2008, Keurig entered into a Settlement and License Agreement with Kraft providing for a complete settlement of the Lawsuit. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement and License Agreement, Kraft agreed to pay to Keurig a lump sum of \$17,000,000 and Keurig granted to Kraft and its affiliates a limited, non-exclusive, perpetual, worldwide, fully paid up license of Keurig's United States Patents Numbered 6,607,762 (the "762 Patent"), and 7,377,162 (the "162 Patent"), and United States and foreign counterpart patents connected to the 762

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Patent or 162 Patent, for use in connection with the manufacture, distribution and sale of beverage brewing machines and certain beverage filter cartridges. The Settlement Agreement also provides for the parties to dismiss the Lawsuit and includes a mutual general release of claims between the parties related thereto.

### **Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

No matters were submitted to a vote of security holders during the fiscal quarter ended September 27, 2008.

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Certain biographical information regarding each executive officer of our Company is set forth below:

Name	Age	Position	Officer since
Lawrence J. Blanford	55	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	2007
Kathryn S. Brooks	53	Vice President, Human Resources and Organizational Development	2001
R. Scott McCreary	49	Chief Operating Officer	2004
Frances G. Rathke	48	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer	2003
Stephen J. Sabol	47	Vice President of Development	1993
Michelle V. Stacy	52	President of Keurig, Incorporated	2008
Robert P. Stiller	65	Chairman of the Board and Founder	1993

**Lawrence J. Blanford** has served as President, Chief Executive Officer and Director since May 2007. From May 2005 to October 2006, Mr. Blanford held the position of Chief Executive Officer at Royal Group Technologies Ltd., a Canadian building products and home improvements company. Prior to the Royal Group, from January 2004 to May 2005, Mr. Blanford was Founder and President of Strategic Value Consulting, LLC, a consultancy. Prior to this, from April 2001 to December 2003, Mr. Blanford was President and Chief Executive Officer of Philips Consumer Electronics North America, a division of Royal Philips Electronics NV. Previous to Philips, he held positions that included President of Maytag Appliances, President of Maytag International and Vice President of Marketing and National Account Sales for the Building Insulation Division of Johns Manville as well as various management positions earlier in his career at PPG Industries and Procter & Gamble.

**Kathryn S. Brooks** has served as Vice President of Human Resources and Organizational Development since April 2001. She was also a Director of the Company from March 2002 to September 2006. From April 1998 to April 2001, Ms. Brooks was Senior Vice President of Human Resources at Webster Bank, a financial services company. Prior to that, Ms. Brooks served as Vice President of Human Resources at Bombardier Capital from May 1992 to May 1997.

**R. Scott McCreary** was hired as Chief Operating Officer in September 2004. Prior to this and since 1993, Mr. McCreary was employed by Unilever North America and its subsidiaries. Most recently, Mr. McCreary served as the Senior Director of Operations at Unilever's subsidiary, Ben & Jerry's Homemade, Inc. Prior to joining Unilever, Mr. McCreary's previous experience included positions with Kraft General Foods, M&M Mars and Pillsbury in operations, new product development, and research and development.

**Frances G. Rathke** has served as Chief Financial Officer of the Company since October 2003, and as Interim Chief Financial Officer of our Company since April 2003. Prior to that, Ms. Rathke worked as a financial consultant with various food manufacturers and food retailers from September 2000 to April 2003. One of these consulting assignments included the position of Interim Chief Financial Officer for Wild Oats Markets, Inc., a supermarket chain, from July 2001 to December 2001. Prior to this, Ms. Rathke served as Chief Financial Officer for Ben & Jerry's Homemade, Inc., an ice cream manufacturer, from April 1989 to August 2000. From September 1982 to March 1989, Ms. Rathke practiced public accounting and auditing with Coopers & Lybrand LLC, and is a certified public accountant.

**Stephen J. Sabol** has served as Vice President of Development of the Company since October 2001. Mr. Sabol was Vice President of Sales of our Company from September 1996 to September 2001. Prior to that, Mr. Sabol served as Vice President of Branded Sales of the Company from August 1992 to September 1996.

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**Michelle V. Stacy** was hired as President of Keurig, Incorporated in November 2008. Prior to this, Ms. Stacy served as Managing Partner of Archpoint Consulting, a professional services firm, from October 2007 to October 2008. From October 2005 through October 2007, Ms. Stacy was Vice President and General Manager of Global Professional Oral Care with Procter & Gamble. Prior to this, Ms. Stacy was employed by The Gillette Company from December 1983 to October 2005 and most recently served as Vice President, Global Business Management for Oral-Care. Additionally, Ms. Stacy previously held marketing positions at Parker Brothers, Clairol, and Richardson-Vicks.

**Robert P. Stiller**, founder of the Company, served as its President and Chief Executive Officer since its inception in July 1981 until May 2007. Since May 2007, Mr. Stiller has served the Company as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Founder.

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The Company's common stock trades on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol GMCR. The following table sets forth the high and low closing prices as reported by NASDAQ for the periods indicated as adjusted to reflect the three-for-one stock split effected on July 27, 2007.

		High	Low
<b>Fiscal 2007</b>	13 weeks ended December 30, 2006		
	13 weeks ended March 30, 2007		
	13 weeks ended June 30, 2007	\$17.74	\$12.32
	13 weeks ended September 29, 2007	\$21.64	\$16.70
	13 weeks ended December 29, 2007	\$26.87	\$20.37
<b>Fiscal 2008</b>	13 weeks ended March 29, 2008	\$40.75	\$27.11
	13 weeks ended June 28, 2008		
	13 weeks ended September 27, 2008	\$41.48	\$29.89
		\$41.63	\$25.25
		\$44.09	\$31.65
		\$40.25	\$32.47

*(b) Number of Equity Security Holders*

As of December 1, 2008, the number of record holders of the Company's common stock was 542.

*(c) Dividends*

The Company has never paid a cash dividend on its common stock and anticipates that for the foreseeable future any earnings will be retained for use in its business and, accordingly, does not anticipate the payment of cash dividends.

*(d) Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans*

Plan category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	2,716,291	\$ 13.60	1,240,391
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders <sup>(1)</sup>	440,995	\$ 15.23	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,157,286</b>	<b>\$ 13.83</b>	<b>1,240,391</b>



- <sup>(1)</sup> Includes compensation plans assumed in the Keurig acquisition and inducement grants to Lawrence Blanford and Nicholas Lazaris. See Note 13 of the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K.

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The table below shows selected financial data for our last five fiscal years. Our fiscal year is based on a 52-week year for all years presented, except fiscal 2006 which was comprised of 53 weeks. There were no cash dividends paid during the past five fiscal years.

	Sept. 27, 2008 <sup>(1)</sup>	Sept. 29, 2007 <sup>(1)</sup>	Fiscal Years Ended Sept. 30, 2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	Sept. 24, 2005	Sept. 25, 2004
	In thousands, except per share data				
Net sales	\$ 500,277	\$ 341,651	\$ 225,323	\$ 161,536	\$ 137,444
Income before equity in loss of Keurig, Incorporated	\$ 22,299	\$ 12,843	\$ 9,406	\$ 9,448	\$ 8,901
Net income	\$ 22,299	\$ 12,843	\$ 8,443	\$ 8,956	\$ 7,825
Net income per share diluted	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.35
Total assets	\$ 357,648	\$ 264,527	\$ 234,006	\$ 91,147	\$ 78,332
Long-term obligations	\$ 123,517	\$ 90,050	\$ 102,871	\$ 5,218	\$ 14,039
Stockholders equity	\$ 139,520	\$ 99,099	\$ 74,940	\$ 60,392	\$ 44,415

<sup>1</sup> Fiscal 2008, 2007 and 2006 information presented reflects the acquisition of Keurig, Incorporated on June 15, 2006.

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### **Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

The following discussion and analysis is intended to help you understand the results of operations and financial condition of the Company. You should read the following discussion and analysis in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this report.

#### **Overview**

We are a leader in the specialty coffee industry. We roast high-quality Arabica coffees and offer over 100 coffee selections, including single-origins, estates, certified organics, Fair Trade Certified®, proprietary blends, and flavored coffees that we sell under the Green Mountain Coffee Roasters® and Newman's Own® Organics brands. We also sell hot cocoa, teas and coffees in K-Cup® portion packs, Keurig® single-cup brewers and other accessories. In recent years, a significant driver of the Company's growth has been the sale of K-Cups and K-Cup brewing systems.

#### **Business Segments**

The Company manages its operations through two operating segments, Green Mountain Coffee (GMC) and Keurig, Incorporated (Keurig). We evaluate performance primarily based on segment operating income. Expenses not specifically related to either operating segment are recorded as Corporate.

GMC sells whole bean and ground coffee, hot cocoa, teas and coffees in K-Cups, and to a lesser extent, Keurig single-cup brewers and other accessories mainly in domestic wholesale and retail markets, and directly to consumers. The majority of GMC's revenue is derived from its North American wholesale markets.

Keurig is a pioneer and leading manufacturer of gourmet single-cup brewing systems and markets its premium patented single-cup brewing systems for consumers at home (AH) or away-from-home (AFH) mainly in North America. Keurig sells its AFH single-cup brewers to distributors for offices and hotels and its AH single-cup brewers to select retailers such as department stores and club stores. Keurig sells coffee, tea and hot cocoa in K-Cups produced by a variety of roasters, including GMC, and related accessories to select retailers such as department stores and club stores and also directly to consumers. Keurig earns royalty income from the sale of K-Cups from all licensed vendors to sell K-Cups.

Cost of sales for the Company consists of the cost of raw materials including coffee beans, flavorings and packaging materials; a portion of our rental expense; the salaries and related expenses of production; distribution and merchandising personnel; depreciation on production equipment; the cost of brewers manufactured by suppliers, and freight, duties and delivery expenses. Selling and operating expenses consist of expenses that directly support sales, including media and advertising expenses; a portion of the rental expense; and the salaries and related expenses of employees directly supporting sales and marketing as well as research and development. General and administrative expenses consist of expenses incurred for corporate support and administration, including a portion of the rental expense and the salaries and related expenses of personnel not elsewhere categorized.

Historically, the GMC and Keurig operating segments have not shared manufacturing or distribution facilities, and administrative functions such as accounting and information services have been decentralized. Throughout this presentation, we refer to the consolidated company as the Company or GMCR, Inc., and we refer to our operating segments as GMC and Keurig. Expenses not specifically related to either operating segment are shown separately as Corporate. Our Corporate expenses include costs such as the costs associated with some members of senior management, board of directors expenses, certain legal expenses, interest expense, and amortization costs related to the intangible assets acquired in the Keurig purchase.

**Table of Contents****Basis of Presentation**

Included in this presentation are discussions and reconciliations of net income and diluted earnings per share ( EPS ) in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ( GAAP ) to net income and diluted EPS excluding certain expenses and losses, which we refer to as non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP diluted EPS. These non-GAAP measures exclude amortization of identifiable intangibles related to the Keurig acquisition completed on June 15, 2006 and non-cash gains or losses from the Company's equity investment in Keurig prior to the acquisition. Non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP diluted EPS are not in accordance with, or an alternative to, GAAP. The Company's management uses these non-GAAP measures in discussing and analyzing its results of operations because it believes the non-GAAP measures provide investors with greater transparency by helping to illustrate the underlying financial and business trends relating to the Company's results of operations and financial condition and comparability between current and prior periods. Management uses the non-GAAP measures to establish and monitor budgets and operational goals and to evaluate the performance of the Company.

Prior to the acquisition of Keurig in June 2006, the Company owned 33.2% of Keurig on a fully diluted basis and accounted for its investment in Keurig under the equity method of accounting. Since the date of the acquisition, Keurig's results from operations have been included in the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Our fiscal year ends on the last Saturday in September. In fiscal 2006, there were 53 weeks as compared to 52 weeks in fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007. The extra week occurred in the fourth fiscal quarter of 2006.

**Results of Operations**

The following discussion of results of operations should be read in conjunction with Item 6. Selected Financial Data, the Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying Notes thereto and the other financial data included elsewhere in this report.

**Summary financial data of the Company**

The following table presents certain financial data of the Company expressed as a percentage of net sales for the periods denoted below:

	Sept. 27, 2008	Fiscal years ended Sept. 29, 2007	Sept. 30, 2006
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales	64.6%	61.6%	63.6%
Gross profit	35.4%	38.4%	36.4%
Selling and operating expenses	18.4%	21.3%	20.8%
General and administrative expenses	8.5%	9.0%	7.6%
Operating income	8.5%	8.1%	8.0%
Other (expense) income	(0.1)%	0.0%	0.1%
Interest expense	(1.1)%	(1.8)%	(1.0)%
Income before income taxes	7.3%	6.3%	7.1%
Income tax expense	(2.8)%	(2.5)%	(3.0)%
Income before equity in losses of Keurig, Incorporated, net of tax benefit	4.5%	3.8%	4.1%
Equity in losses of Keurig, Incorporated, net of tax benefit	%	%	(0.4)%
Net income	4.5%	3.8%	3.7%



**Table of Contents****Segment Summary**

Net sales and income before taxes for GMC and Keurig are summarized in the tables below. Fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2006 amounts have been reclassified to conform with fiscal 2008 presentation.

	Net sales (in millions)			Percent sales growth	
	2008	2007	2006	2008	2007
GMC	\$ 320.1	\$ 242.0	\$ 207.6	32%	17%
Keurig	253.6	134.8	24.1	88%	459%
Corporate					
Inter-company eliminations	(73.3)	(35.1)	(6.4)	109%	448%
Total Company	\$ 500.3	\$ 341.7	\$ 225.3	46%	52%

	Income before taxes (in millions)			Percent growth	
	2008	2007	2006	2008	2007
GMC Segment Income	\$ 27.8	\$ 22.5	\$ 18.7	24%	20%
Keurig Segment Income	32.6	16.8	1.1	94%	1427%
Corporate Segment Expense	(23.5)	(17.4)	(3.6)	35%	383%
Inter-company eliminations	(0.4)	(0.3)	(0.1)	33%	200%
Total Company Income before Taxes	\$ 36.5	\$ 21.6	\$ 16.1	69%	34%

**Revenue****Company Summary**

For fiscal 2008, Company net sales increased by \$158.6 million or 46% as compared to fiscal 2007. For fiscal 2007, Company net sales increased by \$116.4 million or 52% as compared with fiscal 2006. The increases in fiscal years 2008 and 2007 were primarily due to growth in sales of K-Cups and AH single-cup brewers.

**GMC Segment***Fiscal 2008*

Net sales for the GMC segment for fiscal 2008 were \$320.1 million (including \$34.2 million of inter-company K-Cup sales), up 32% from \$242.0 million (including \$11.5 million of inter-company sales) reported in the 2007 fiscal period. The primary driver for the increase in sales is the continued growth in K-Cup sales. The GMC segment K-Cup shipments of coffee, hot cocoa and tea increased 61% in 2008 over the fiscal 2007 period. Coffee, tea and hot cocoa pounds shipped by the GMC segment increased 16% in 2008 as compared to fiscal 2007.

The difference between the sales growth rate and pounds shipped growth rate is primarily due to the increase in K-Cups as a percentage of sales, which sell at a higher price per pound than our other products. In May 2008, a price increase was implemented that averaged 8 to 12 percent across all product types. This increase contributed \$9.3 million, or an approximate 4% increase in GMC net sales in fiscal 2008 over the prior year.

*Fiscal 2007*

Net sales for the GMC segment for fiscal 2007 were \$242.0 million (including \$11.5 million of inter-company K-Cup sales), up 17% from \$207.6 million (including \$1.5 million of inter-company sales) reported in the prior year period. The primary driver for the increase in sales was the growth in K-Cup sales. The GMC segment K-Cup shipments of coffee, hot cocoa and tea increased 41% in 2007 over the fiscal 2006 period. Coffee, tea and hot cocoa pounds shipped by the GMC segment during fiscal 2007 increased 10% as compared the prior year period.

The difference between the sales growth rate and pounds shipped growth rate is primarily due to the increase in K-Cups as a percentage of sales, which sell at a higher price per pound than our other products.



**Table of Contents****Keurig***Fiscal 2008*

Net sales for the Keurig segment were \$253.6 million in fiscal 2008 (including \$39.2 million of inter-company brewer sales and royalty revenue), an increase of over 88% compared to fiscal 2007. The increase in sales was primarily due to higher K-Cup and brewer sales, and royalty income from the sale of K-Cups from all licensed roasters. Keurig announced a royalty rate increase of a penny on all system-wide K-Cup portion packs that went into effect on August 1, 2008. The impact of the royalty increase was to increase Keurig's net sales by \$1.7 million or 1.3% over the prior year.

Total brewers shipped during fiscal 2008 increased 105% over the 2007 fiscal year. The majority of this growth is due to the AH single-cup brewer shipments which grew 109% in 2008 over the prior period. AFH single-cup brewer shipments grew 75% in fiscal 2008 as compared to fiscal 2007, due to strong sales in the AFH market in the first three quarters of fiscal 2008. Shipments of AFH brewers were essentially flat in the fourth quarter of 2008 as compared to the prior period due to the downturn in the economy as well as a higher 2007 installed base of brewers caused by sales of our new line of office brewers introduced in late fiscal 2007.

*Fiscal 2007*

The Keurig segment net sales during fiscal 2007 were \$134.8 million (including \$23.6 million of inter-company brewer sales and royalty revenue), an increase of 400% over the prior period, when Keurig was not fully consolidated into the Company's sales. Comparing complete fiscal years, including the period when Keurig sales were not consolidated into the Company's sales, the growth was 78%.

**Company-wide Keurig brewer and K-Cup portion pack shipments**

(Unaudited data and in thousands)

	<b>Fifty-two weeks ended September 27, 2008</b>	<b>Fifty-two weeks ended September 29, 2007</b>	<b>Fifty-three weeks ended September 30, 2006</b>	<b>Percent growth</b>	
				<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
At Home Brewers (Consumer)	883	422	219	109%	93%
Away from Home Brewers (Commercial)	100	57	28	75%	104%
Total Keurig brewers shipped <sup>(1)</sup>	983	479	247	105%	94%
Total K-Cups shipped(system-wide) <sup>(2)</sup>	1,012,356	637,823	448,880	59%	42%
Total K-Cups sold by GMC <sup>(3)</sup>	578,939	359,056	255,412	61%	41%

<sup>(1)</sup> Total Keurig brewers shipped means brewers shipped by Keurig to customers in the U.S./Canada.

<sup>(2)</sup> Total K-Cups shipped (system-wide) means K-Cup shipments by all Keurig licensed roasters to customers in the U.S./Canada. These shipments form the basis upon which royalties are calculated by licensees for payments to Keurig.

<sup>(3)</sup> Total K-Cups sold by the Green Mountain Coffee (GMC) segment are under the brands Green Mountain Coffee, Newman's Own Organics coffee and Celestial Seasonings Teas.

**Gross Profit***Fiscal 2008*

Company gross profit for fiscal 2008 totaled \$176.9 million, or 35% of net sales, as compared to \$131.1 million, or 38% of net sales, in fiscal 2007. The decline in gross margin is primarily attributable to increased sales of AH single-cup brewers which are sold approximately at cost as part of the Company's strategy to increase the installed base of Keurig brewers. In addition, higher green coffee and other commodity costs contributed to the increase in cost of sales over the prior fiscal year.





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### *Fiscal 2007*

Company gross profit for fiscal 2007 totaled \$131.1 million, or 38% of net sales, as compared to \$82.0 million, or 36% of net sales, in the prior period. This improvement in gross profit margin was primarily due to the impact of consolidating Keurig's higher gross profit margin results into the Company's financial results and the elimination of inter-company royalties for K-Cups from cost of sales.

### **Selling, General and Administrative Expenses**

#### *Fiscal 2008*

Company selling, general and administrative expenses (S,G&A) increased by \$31.1 million, or 30%, to \$134.5 million in fiscal 2008 from \$103.4 million in fiscal 2007. As a percent of net sales, S,G&A improved from 30% during fiscal 2007 to 27% during fiscal 2008. The improvement in S,G&A is mainly due to leveraging selling and organizational resources on a higher sales base.

Included in Corporate S,G&A in fiscal 2008 is \$3.3 million of litigation expenses related to the Kraft Foods Inc., Kraft Food Global, Inc., and Tassimo Corporation, (collectively "Kraft") patent infringement suit, up from \$0.5 million recorded in fiscal 2007. The Company announced on October 23, 2008 that it had entered into a settlement and license agreement to settle its patent litigation with Kraft. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the Company received \$17 million (gross of tax) in October 2008, which will be recorded as a non-recurring item in operating income in the first fiscal quarter of 2009.

#### *Fiscal 2007*

Company selling, general and administrative expenses (S,G&A) increased by \$39.5 million, or 62%, to \$103.4 million in fiscal 2007 from \$63.9 million in the prior period. The increase in S,G&A was mainly due to the impact of consolidating a full year of Keurig's S,G&A expenses into the Company's financial results as compared to the 15 week period in the prior year and increased salary and promotional expenses to drive continued growth.

In fiscal 2007, total Company S,G&A expenses as a percentage of net sales increased 2% to 30% of net sales from 28% of net sales in the prior period. The increase in S,G&A as a percentage of net sales was primarily due to the increase in non-cash based compensation charges, the inclusion of non-cash amortization expenses related to identifiable intangibles as a result of the Keurig merger and increased salary and promotional expenses to support the rapid growth of our business.

### **Interest Expense**

Company interest expense decreased by \$0.5 million to \$5.7 million in fiscal 2008 from \$6.2 million in fiscal 2007. The decrease in fiscal 2008 was primarily due to lower interest rates on the Company's outstanding balance under its credit facility.

Interest expense was \$2.3 million in fiscal 2006. The increase in 2007 as compared to fiscal 2006 was due to increased borrowings under our revolving credit facility to fund the acquisition of Keurig.

In fiscal 2008, fiscal 2007, and fiscal 2006, the Company capitalized \$0.6 million, \$0.4 million, and \$0.2 million of interest expense, respectively.

### **Income before taxes**

Company income before taxes was \$36.5 million in fiscal 2008, \$21.6 million in fiscal 2007 and \$16.1 million in fiscal 2006, and, as a percentage of net sales, 7%, 6% and 7%, respectively. Excluding the non-cash amortization expenses related to the identifiable intangibles acquired in prior years, the Company's income before taxes was 8% of net sales in fiscal 2008, which is consistent with fiscal 2007.

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The GMC segment contributed \$27.8 million in income before taxes in fiscal 2008, up from \$22.5 million in fiscal 2007 and \$18.7 million in fiscal 2006.

The Keurig segment contributed \$32.6 million in income before taxes in fiscal 2008, up from \$16.8 million in fiscal 2007. Income before taxes in fiscal 2006 was \$1.1 million for the 15 weeks ended September 30, 2006.

## Taxes

The effective income tax rate for the Company was 38.9% in fiscal 2008, down from 40.5% in fiscal 2007, due primarily to foreign tax credits associated with royalties earned on K-Cup portion packs from Canadian licensed roasters. Prior to 2008, the Company recognized foreign royalty revenues net of foreign tax withholdings.

The effective income tax rate was 41.4% in fiscal 2006. The decrease in fiscal 2007 compared to fiscal 2006 was due to the impact of research and development tax credits and a decrease in the Vermont state tax rate.

## Net Income and Diluted EPS

Company net income in fiscal 2008 was \$22.3 million, an increase of \$9.5 million, or 74%, as compared to \$12.8 million in fiscal 2007. Company net income in fiscal 2006 was \$8.4 million.

Company diluted EPS increased 67% to \$0.87 per share in fiscal 2008, as compared to \$0.52 per share in fiscal 2007 and \$0.36 per share in fiscal 2006.

Excluding the impact of certain non-cash expenses illustrated in the financial table provided below, non-GAAP net income grew approximately 61% in fiscal 2008 totaling \$25.2 million, or \$0.99 per share, as compared to non-GAAP net income of \$15.7 million, or \$0.63 per share, in fiscal 2007. Non-GAAP net income was \$10.2 million, or \$0.43 per share in fiscal 2006.

The following tables show a reconciliation of net income and diluted EPS to non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP diluted EPS for fiscal 2008, 2007 and 2006.

	Fifty-two weeks ended September 27, 2008			
	GAAP	Amortization of Identifiable Intangibles	Loss related to investment in Keurig, Inc.	Non-GAAP
Net Sales	\$ 500,277	\$	\$	\$ 500,277
Cost of Sales	323,372			323,372
Gross Profit	176,905			176,905
Selling and operating expenses	92,182			92,182
General and administrative expenses	42,311	(4,812)		37,499
Operating Income	42,412	4,812		47,224
Other income	(235)			(235)
Interest expense	(5,705)			(5,705)
Income before income taxes	36,472	4,812		41,284
Income tax expense	(14,173)	(1,872)		(16,045)
Net Income	\$ 22,299	\$ 2,940	\$	\$ 25,239
Basic income per share:				
Weighted average shares outstanding	23,949,798	23,949,798	23,949,798	23,949,798
Net Income	\$ 0.93	\$ 0.12		\$ 1.05
Diluted income per share:				
Weighted average shares outstanding	25,564,780	25,564,780	25,564,780	25,564,780

Net income	\$	0.87	\$	0.12	\$	0.99
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Fifty-two weeks ended September 29, 2007				
	GAAP	Amortization of Identifiable Intangibles	Loss related to investment in Keurig, Inc.	Non-GAAP
Net Sales	\$ 341,651	\$	\$	\$ 341,651
Cost of Sales	210,530			210,530
Gross Profit	131,121			131,121
Selling and operating expenses	72,641			72,641
General and administrative expenses	30,781	(4,811)		25,970
Operating Income	27,699	4,811		32,510
Other income	54			54
Interest expense	(6,176)			(6,176)
Income before income taxes	21,577	4,811		26,388
Income tax expense	(8,734)	(1,947)		(10,681)
Income before loss related to investment in Keurig, Inc., net of tax	12,843	2,864		15,707
Loss related to investment in Keurig, Incorporated, net of tax benefit				
Net Income	\$ 12,843	\$ 2,864	\$	\$ 15,707

## Basic income per share:

Weighted average shares outstanding	23,250,431	23,250,431	23,250,431	23,250,431
Net Income	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.12	\$	\$ 0.68

## Diluted income per share:

Weighted average shares outstanding	24,773,373	24,773,373	24,773,373	24,773,373
Net income	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.12	\$	\$ 0.63

Fifty-three weeks ended September 30, 2006				
	GAAP	Amortization of Identifiable Intangibles	Loss related to investment in Keurig, Inc.	Non-GAAP
Net Sales	\$ 225,323	\$		\$ 225,323
Cost of Sales	143,289			143,289
Gross Profit	82,034			82,034
Selling and operating expenses	46,808			46,808
General and administrative expenses	17,112	(1,402)		15,710
Operating Income	18,114	1,402		19,516
Other income	202			202
Interest expense	(2,261)			(2,261)
Income before income taxes	16,055	1,402		17,457
Income tax expense	(6,649)	(581)		(7,230)
Income before loss related to investment in Keurig, Inc., net of tax	9,406	821		10,227
Loss related to investment in Keurig, Incorporated, net of tax benefit	(963)		963	
Net Income	\$ 8,443	\$ 821	\$ 963	\$ 10,227

## Basic income per share:

Weighted average shares outstanding	22,516,701	22,516,701	22,516,701	22,516,701
Net Income	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.45

## Diluted income per share:

	23,727,348	23,727,348	23,727,348	23,727,348
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Weighted average shares  
outstanding

Net income	\$	0.36	\$	0.03	\$	0.04	\$	0.43
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**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our working capital increased \$48.4 million or 157% to \$79.2 million at September 27, 2008, from \$30.8 million at September 29, 2007. The increase in fiscal 2008 is primarily due to increased inventory levels of Keurig At Home brewers and K-Cups in anticipation of higher holiday season sales, as well as increased accounts receivable, partially offset by increased accounts payable and accrued expenses.

Net cash provided by operating activities decreased by \$27.9 million, or 94%, to \$1.9 million in fiscal 2008, from \$29.8 million in fiscal 2007. This decrease is primarily due to increased inventories as noted above.

During fiscal 2008, we had capital expenditures of \$48.7 million, an increase of \$26.9 million or 123% over fiscal 2007. This increase is mainly attributable to investments in K-Cup packaging equipment of \$18.9 million, primarily installed at our new Essex, Vermont packaging facility, and \$10.4 million for the purchase of our Knoxville, Tennessee manufacturing facility in August 2008.

In fiscal 2008, cash flows from financing activities included \$5.7 million generated from the exercise of employee stock options and issuance of shares under the employee stock purchase plan, as compared to \$3.1 million in fiscal 2007. In addition, in fiscal 2008, cash flows from financing and operating activities included a \$5.8 million tax benefit from the exercise of non-qualified options and disqualifying dispositions of incentive stock options, as compared to \$3.4 million in fiscal 2007. As options granted under our stock option plans are exercised, we will continue to receive proceeds and a tax deduction for disqualifying dispositions; however, we cannot predict either the amounts or the timing of these disqualifying dispositions.

The Company maintains a Revolving Credit Agreement (the "Credit Facility") with Bank of America, N.A. ("Bank of America") and other lenders. On December 3, 2007, the Company amended its Credit Facility to increase the facility from \$125.0 million to \$225.0 million, extend the expiration date of the Credit Facility from June 15, 2011 to December 3, 2012, and amend certain financial covenants. The Company has the ability from time to time to increase the size of the Credit Facility by up to an additional \$50.0 million, subject to receipt of lender commitments and other conditions precedent. The Credit Facility is secured by all assets of the Company. At September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007, \$123.5 million and \$90.0 million were outstanding under the Credit Facility, respectively.

The Credit Facility is subject to the following financial covenants: a funded debt to adjusted EBITDA covenant, a fixed charge coverage ratio covenant, and a capital expenditures covenant. Effective on July 18, 2008, the Credit Facility was amended to increase the maximum amount of capital expenditures permitted to \$60 million in fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter. In addition, the Company is allowed a carry-over of the unused amount available for capital expenditures for the preceding fiscal year. The Company was in compliance with these covenants at September 27, 2008.

The borrowings under the Credit Facility bear interest at prime or Libor rates, plus a margin based on a performance price structure. The average effective interest rate at September 27, 2008 was 4.91%, down from 6.70% at September 29, 2007.

The Company is party to interest rate swap agreements. The total notional amounts of these swaps at September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007 was \$78.5 million and \$65.5 million, respectively. On September 27, 2008, the effect of these swaps was to limit the interest rate exposure on the outstanding balance of the Credit Facility to a fixed rate versus the 30-day Libor rate as follows: 5.4% on \$28.5 million; 2.4% on \$30 million; and 3.9% on \$20 million. The total notional amount covered by these swaps will decrease progressively in future periods and terminates on various dates from June 2010 through December 2012.

The fair market value of the interest rate swaps are the estimated amount that we would receive or pay to terminate the agreements at the reporting date, taking into account current interest rates and the credit worthiness of the counterparty. At September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007 we estimate we would have paid \$0.6 million and \$0.9 million (gross of tax), respectively, if we terminated the agreements.

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In fiscal year 2008, the Company paid \$1.1 million in additional interest expense pursuant to the swap agreements, up from \$66,000 in the prior year period.

On September 15, 2008, we entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Tully's Coffee Corporation (Tully's) and Tully's Bellacino, LLC, their wholly-owned subsidiary, pursuant to which we agreed to acquire Tully's coffee brand and certain assets related to the Tully's wholesale business for a total purchase price of \$40.3 million, paid in cash. The Company intends to finance the consideration paid through its existing \$225.0 million senior revolving credit facility. On October 24, 2008, we received consent from our lenders to waive the provision of the credit agreement which prohibits borrowings in excess of \$25.0 million for acquisitions in a fiscal year for the limited purpose of allowing the Company to consummate the Tully's acquisition.

On October 31, 2008, we received a lump sum payment of \$17 million (gross of tax), related to the settlement of a lawsuit with Kraft. We used the majority of these funds to pay down debt outstanding under our Credit Facility.

We expect to spend between \$50.0 million and \$57.0 million in capital expenditures in fiscal 2009, primarily related to the addition of roasting and K-Cup packaging in our new Tennessee facility.

We believe that our cash flows from operating activities, existing cash and the Credit Facility will provide sufficient liquidity to pay all liabilities in the normal course of business, fund anticipated capital expenditures, finance the Tully's transaction, and service debt requirements through the next 12 months. However, as discussed in Item 1A, Risk Factors, several risks and uncertainties could cause the Company to need to raise additional capital through equity and/or debt financing. From time to time the Company considers acquisition opportunities which, if pursued, could also result in the need for additional financing. The Company also may consider from time to time engaging in stock buyback plans or programs. The availability and terms of any such financing would be subject to prevailing market conditions and other factors at that time.

A summary of our cash requirements related to our outstanding long-term debt, future minimum lease payments and inventory purchase commitments is as follows:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Long-Term Debt<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Operating Lease Obligations</b>	<b>Purchase Obligations</b>	<b>Total</b>
2009	\$ 33,000	\$ 4,497,000	\$ 112,315,000	\$ 116,845,000
2010	17,000	4,200,000	18,472,000	22,689,000
2011		3,937,000	4,458,000	8,395,000
2012		3,244,000		3,244,000
2013	123,500,000	2,414,000		125,914,000
Thereafter		7,129,000		7,129,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 123,550,000</b>	<b>\$ 25,421,000</b>	<b>\$ 135,245,000</b>	<b>\$ 284,216,000</b>

(1) Fiscal 2009 and fiscal 2010 long-term debt obligations are comprised of capital lease obligations.

In addition, we have \$0.6 million in unrecognized tax benefits. The unrecognized tax benefits relate entirely to research and development credits at the federal and state level.

**Factors Affecting Quarterly Performance**

Historically, we have experienced variations in sales from quarter-to-quarter due to the holiday season and a variety of other factors, including, but not limited to, general economic trends, the cost of green coffee, competition, marketing programs, and weather. Because of the seasonality of our business, results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be achieved for the full fiscal year.



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### **Critical Accounting Policies**

This discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based upon our consolidated financial statements, which we prepare in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period (see Note 2 to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K). Actual results could differ from those estimates. We believe the following accounting policies and estimates require us to make the most difficult judgments in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements and accordingly are critical.

#### *Cash and cash equivalents*

The Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents include money market funds which are carried at cost, plus accrued interest, which approximates market. The Company does not believe that it is subject to any unusual credit or market risk.

#### *Inventories*

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is being measured using an adjusted standard cost method which approximates FIFO (first-in first-out). We regularly review whether the realizable value of our inventory is lower than its book value. If our valuation shows that the realizable value is lower than book value, we take a charge to expense and directly reduce the value of the inventory.

The Company estimates its reserves for inventory obsolescence by examining its inventories on a quarterly basis to determine if there are indicators that the carrying values exceed net realizable value. Indicators that could result in additional inventory write downs include age of inventory, damaged inventory, slow moving products and products at the end of their life cycles. While management believes that the reserve for obsolete inventory is adequate, significant judgment is involved in determining the adequacy of this reserve.

Inventories consist primarily of green and roasted coffee, including coffee in portion packs, purchased finished goods such as coffee brewers and packaging materials.

#### *Hedging*

We enter into coffee futures contracts to hedge against price increases in price-to-be-fixed coffee purchase commitments and anticipated coffee purchases. The Company also enters into interest rate swaps to hedge against unfavorable changes in interest rates. These derivative instruments qualify for hedge accounting under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* (SFAS 133). Hedge accounting is permitted if the hedging relationship is expected to be highly effective. Effectiveness is determined by how closely the changes in the fair value of the derivative instrument offset the changes in the fair value of the hedged item. If the derivative is determined to qualify for hedge accounting, the effective portion of the change in the fair value of the derivative instrument is recorded in other comprehensive income and recognized in earnings when the related hedged item is sold. The ineffective portion of the change in the fair value of the derivative instrument is recorded directly to earnings. If these derivative instruments do not qualify for hedge accounting, we would record the changes in the fair value of the derivative instruments directly to earnings. See Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk and Notes 10 and 12 in the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K.

The Company formally documents hedging instruments and hedged items, and measures at each balance sheet date the effectiveness of its hedges. When it is determined that a derivative is not highly effective, the

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derivative expires, or is sold or terminated, or the derivative is discontinued because it is unlikely that a forecasted transaction will occur, the Company discontinues hedge accounting prospectively for that specific hedge instrument.

The Company does not engage in speculative transactions, nor does it hold derivative instruments for trading purposes.

### *Other long-term assets*

Other long-term assets consist of deposits and debt issuance costs. Debt issuance costs are being amortized over the respective life of the applicable debt. Debt issuance costs included in other long-term assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet at September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007 were \$1.7 million and \$1.2 million, respectively.

### *Goodwill and intangibles*

In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets (SFAS 142), goodwill and indefinite-lived intangibles are tested for impairment annually using a market capitalization approach, and more frequently if indication of impairment arises.

On June 15, 2006, the Company acquired Keurig, Inc. and recorded \$73.9 million of goodwill. Goodwill from the Keurig acquisition was decreased by \$1.4 million in the third fiscal quarter of 2007 primarily to reflect updated estimates of R&D tax credits earned by Keurig in the years prior to the Company's merger with Keurig. Goodwill was also increased by \$113,000 in the third quarter of fiscal 2008 and decreased by \$97,000 in the second quarter of fiscal 2007 due to the final settlements of contingencies related to the merger. This goodwill was tested for impairment in accordance with SFAS 142 at the end of fiscal 2008. To complete this impairment test, the Company evaluated the fair value of its Keurig segment using a number of factors including the market capitalization of the Company and estimates of projected cash flows for the Keurig segment and the whole Company.

On June 5, 2001, the Company purchased the coffee business of Frontier Natural Products Co-op (Frontier) and recorded \$1.4 million of goodwill related to this acquisition. There have been no changes in this carrying amount since September 29, 2001. On an annual basis, the Company evaluates the fair value of the reporting unit associated with the Frontier acquisition and compares it to the carrying amount of goodwill. Estimation of fair value is dependent on a number of factors, including the market capitalization of the Company and estimates of the Company's sales of its fair trade and organics products.

Based on the impairment tests performed, there was no impairment of goodwill in fiscal 2008, 2007 and 2006. All intangible assets are being amortized using the straight-line method over their useful lives. For further information on goodwill and other intangible assets, see Note 7 in the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K.

### *Impairment of Long-Lived Assets*

When facts and circumstances indicate that the carrying values of long-lived assets, including fixed assets, may be impaired, an evaluation of recoverability is performed by comparing the carrying value of the assets to projected future cash flows in addition to other quantitative and qualitative analyses. Upon indication that the carrying value of such assets may not be recoverable, the Company recognizes an impairment loss as a charge against current operations. Long-lived assets to be disposed of are reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value, less estimated costs to sell. The Company makes judgments related to the expected useful lives of long-lived assets and its ability to realize undiscounted cash flows in excess of the carrying amounts of such assets which are affected by factors such as the ongoing maintenance and

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improvements of the assets, changes in economic conditions and changes in operating performance. As the Company assesses the ongoing expected cash flows and carrying amounts of its long-lived assets, these factors could cause the Company to realize a material impairment charge.

### *Provision for Doubtful Accounts*

Periodically, management reviews the adequacy of its provision for doubtful accounts based on historical bad debt expense results and current economic conditions using factors based on the aging of its accounts receivable. Additionally, the Company may identify additional allowance requirements based on indications that a specific customer may be experiencing financial difficulties. Actual bad debts could differ materially from the recorded estimates.

### *Advertising costs*

The Company expenses the costs of advertising the first time the advertising takes place, except for direct mail campaigns targeted directly at consumers, which are expensed over the period during which they are expected to generate sales. At September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007, deferred and prepaid advertising costs of \$673,000 and \$200,000, respectively, were recorded in other current assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. Advertising expense totaled \$17.0 million, \$11.2 million, and \$9.1 million, for the years ended September 27, 2008, September 29, 2007, and September 30, 2006, respectively.

### *Fixed assets*

Fixed assets are carried at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Expenditures for maintenance, repairs and renewals of minor items are expensed as incurred. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the assets' estimated useful lives. The cost and accumulated depreciation for fixed assets sold, retired, or otherwise disposed of are relieved from the accounts, and the resultant gains and losses are reflected in income.

The Company follows an industry-wide practice of purchasing and loaning coffee brewing and related equipment to wholesale customers. These assets are also carried at cost, net of accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation costs of manufacturing and distribution assets are included in cost of sales. Depreciation costs of other assets, including equipment on loan to customers, are included in selling and operating expenses.

### *Revenue recognition*

Revenue from wholesale and consumer direct sales is recognized upon product delivery, and in some cases upon product shipment. The Company has no contractual obligation to accept returns for damaged product nor does it guarantee product sales. Title, risk of loss, damage and insurance responsibility for the products pass from the Company to the buyer upon accepted delivery of the products from the Company's contracted carrier. The Company will at times agree to accept returns or issue credits for products that are clearly damaged in transit.

Sales of single-cup coffee brewers are recognized net of an estimated allowance for returns. Royalty revenue is recognized upon shipment of K-Cups by roasters as set forth under the terms and conditions of various licensing agreements.

In addition, the Company's customers can earn certain incentives, which are netted against sales or recorded in operating and selling expenses in the consolidated income statements. These incentives include, but are not limited to, cash discounts, funds for promotional and marketing activities, and performance based incentive programs.

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### *Warranty*

We provide for the estimated cost of product warranties, primarily using historical information and repair or replacement costs, at the time product revenue is recognized.

### *Cost of Sales*

The Company records external shipping and handling expenses in cost of sales.

### *Income taxes*

The Company utilizes the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes, as set forth in Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, *Accounting for Income Taxes* ( SFAS 109 ). SFAS 109 requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities, and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled.

In July, 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*, an interpretation of FASB Statement 109 ( FIN 48 ). This statement clarifies the criteria that an individual tax position must satisfy for some or all of the benefits of that position to be recognized in a company's financial statements. FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold of more-likely-than-not, and a measurement attribute for all tax positions taken or expected to be taken on a tax return in order for those tax positions to be recognized in the financial statements. The Company adopted the provisions of FIN 48 in its first quarter of fiscal 2008.

### *Financial instruments*

The Company enters into various types of financial instruments in the normal course of business. Fair values are estimated based on assumptions concerning the amount and timing of estimated future cash flows and assumed discount rates reflecting varying degrees of perceived risk. The fair values of cash, cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued expenses and debt approximate their carrying value at September 27, 2008. See Notes 10 and 12 in the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K.

### *Stock-based compensation*

The Company accounts for transactions in which it exchanges its equity instruments for goods or services in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004) *Share-Based Payments* ( FAS123(R) ). FAS123(R) requires us to measure the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments (usually stock options) based on the grant-date fair value of the award. That cost is recognized over the period during which an employee is required to provide service in exchange for the award.

The Company measures the fair value of stock options using the Black-Scholes model and certain assumptions, including the expected life of the stock options, an expected forfeiture rate and the expected volatility of its common stock. The expected life of options is estimated based on options vesting periods, contractual lives and an analysis of the Company's historical experience. The expected forfeiture rate is based on the Company's historical experience. The Company uses a blended historical volatility to estimate expected volatility at the measurement date.

### *Significant customer credit risk and supply risk*

The majority of the Company's customers are located in the northeastern part of the United States. Concentration of credit risk with respect to accounts receivable is limited due to the large number of

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customers in various channels comprising the Company's customer base. The Company does not require collateral from customers as ongoing credit evaluations of customers' payment histories are performed. The Company maintains reserves for potential credit losses and such losses, in the aggregate, have not exceeded management's expectations.

Keurig procures the brewers it sells from a third-party brewer manufacturer. Purchases from this brewer manufacturer amounted to approximately \$91.7 million and \$41.2 million in fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007, respectively. Keurig processes the majority of its orders for the home market sold through retailers through a fulfillment company. Revenue processed by this fulfillment company amounted to \$88.6 million at during fiscal year 2008 and receivables amounted to \$19.6 million at fiscal 2008 year-end and \$7.0 million at fiscal 2007 year-end.

### *Research & Development*

Research and development expenses are charged to income as incurred. These expenses amounted to \$4.1 million in fiscal 2008, \$3.3 million in fiscal 2007 and \$1.1 million in fiscal 2006. These costs primarily consist of salary and consulting expenses and are recorded in selling and operating expenses in each respective segment of the Company.

### **Recent accounting pronouncements**

In September 2006 the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (SFAS 157). This new standard provides guidance for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities. SFAS 157 applies whenever other standards require (or permit) assets or liabilities to be measured at fair value but does not expand the use of fair value in any new circumstances. Under SFAS 157, fair value refers to the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. The FASB clarifies the principle that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability. The provisions of this statement must be implemented in the first quarter of the Company's fiscal year 2009. The Company is currently reviewing this new accounting standard but does not expect it to have a material impact on its financial statements.

In February 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position No. FAS 157-2 (FSP 157-2). FSP 157-2 delays the implementation of SFAS 157 for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, except for items that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis. This statement defers the effective date to fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008 and interim periods within those fiscal years, which is fiscal year 2010 for the Company.

In February 2007, FASB issued SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 (SFAS 159). SFAS 159 permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. The objective is to improve financial reporting by providing entities with the opportunity to mitigate volatility in reported earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently without having to apply complex hedge accounting provisions. This statement is expected to expand the use of fair value measurement, which is consistent with the FASB's long-term measurement objectives for accounting for financial instruments. The fair value option established will permit all entities to choose to measure eligible items at fair value at specified election dates. An entity shall record unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected through net income in the statement of operations at each subsequent reporting date. This statement is effective as of the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007, which is fiscal year 2009 for the Company. The Company is currently reviewing this new accounting standard but does not expect it to have a material impact on its financial statements.

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In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141 (Revised 2007), *Business Combinations* (SFAS 141R). This Statement retains the fundamental requirements in Statement 141 that the acquisition method of accounting (which Statement 141 called the purchase method) be used for all business combinations and for an acquirer to be identified for each business combination. SFAS 141R requires an acquirer to recognize the assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree at the acquisition date, measured at their fair values as of that date, with limited exceptions specified in the Statement. That replaces Statement 141's cost-allocation process, which required the cost of an acquisition to be allocated to the individual assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values. The Statement retains the guidance in Statement 141 for identifying and recognizing intangible assets separately from goodwill. SFAS 141R will now require acquisition costs to be expensed as incurred, restructuring costs associated with a business combination must generally be expensed prior to the acquisition date and changes in deferred tax asset valuation allowances and income tax uncertainties after the acquisition date generally will affect income tax expense. Statement 141R applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008, which is fiscal year 2010 for the Company. The effect of adoption on the Company's financial statements will depend primarily on specific transactions completed after the effective date.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS 160, *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements*. An amendment of ARB No. 51. SFAS 160 amends ARB 51 to establish accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. It clarifies that a noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary is an ownership interest in the consolidated entity that should be reported as equity in the consolidated financial statements. The amount of net income attributable to the noncontrolling interest will be included in consolidated net income on the face of the income statement. Statement 160 clarifies that changes in a parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in deconsolidation are equity transactions if the parent retains its controlling financial interest. In addition, this Statement requires that a parent recognize a gain or loss in net income when a subsidiary is deconsolidated. SFAS 160 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning on or after December 15, 2008, which is fiscal 2010 for this Company. The effect of adoption on the Company's financial statements will depend primarily on the materiality of non-controlling interests arising in future transactions.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*—an Amendment of FASB 133. This statement is intended to enhance the current disclosure framework in Statement 133. The Statement requires that objectives for using derivative instruments be disclosed in terms of underlying risks and accounting designation. This disclosure better conveys the purpose of derivative use in terms of the risk that the entity is intending to manage and amends and expands the disclosure requirements of Statement 133 with the intent to provide users of financial statements with an enhanced understanding of: a) How and why an entity uses financial instruments; b) How derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under Statement 133 and its related interpretations; and, c) How derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. This Statement requires qualitative disclosures about objectives and strategies for using derivatives, quantitative disclosures about fair value amounts of gains and losses on derivative instruments, and disclosures about credit-risk-related contingent features in derivative agreements. SFAS 161 is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008, which is Fiscal 2010 for this Company.

In May 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 162, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*. This Statement identifies the sources of accounting principles and the framework for selecting the principles to be used in the preparation of financial statements of nongovernmental entities that are presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States. The FASB believes that the GAAP hierarchy should be directed to entities because it is the entity (not its auditor) that is responsible for selecting accounting principles for financial statements that are presented in

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conformity with GAAP. The FASB does not believe this Statement will result in a change in current practice. SFAS 162 is effective 60 days following the Securities and Exchange Commission's approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board amendments to AU Section 411, The Meaning of Fairly in Conformity With Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements, and we do not have, nor do we engage in, transactions with any special purpose entities.

**Forward-Looking Statements**

Except for historical information, the discussion in this Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Words such as anticipate, believe, expect, will, feel, estimate, intend, plan, project, forecast, and similar expressions, may identify such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain and actual results could differ materially from those set forth in forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the impact on sales and profitability of consumer sentiment in this difficult economic environment, the Company's success in efficiently expanding operations and capacity to meet growth, the Company's success in receiving required approvals for the acquisition of Tully's wholesale business and then in efficiently and effectively integrating Tully's wholesale operations and capacity into its Green Mountain Coffee segment, competition and other business conditions in the coffee industry and food industry in general, fluctuations in availability and cost of high-quality green coffee, any other increases in costs including fuel, the unknown impact of management changes, Keurig's ability to continue to grow and build profits with its roaster partners in the office and at home markets, the impact of the loss of one or more major customers for Green Mountain Coffee or reduction in the volume of purchases by one or more major customers, delays in the timing of adding new locations with existing customers, Green Mountain Coffee's level of success in continuing to attract new customers, sales mix variances, weather and special or unusual events, as well as other risks described in this report and other factors described from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Forward-looking statements reflect management's analysis as of the date of this filing and we undertake no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

**Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk**

Market risks relating to our operations result primarily from changes in interest rates and the commodity price of coffee (the price per pound quoted by the Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange). To address these risks, we enter into hedging transactions as described below. We do not use financial instruments for trading purposes.

For purposes of specific risk analysis, we use sensitivity analysis to determine the impacts that market risk exposures may have on our financial position or earnings.

**Interest rate risks**

The table below provides information about our debt obligations that are sensitive to changes in interest rates. The table presents principal cash flows and related weighted average interest rates by expected maturity dates.

Expected maturity dates	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Long-term debt:						
Variable rate (in thousands)					\$ 45,033	\$ 45,033
Average interest rate					4.6%	4.6%
Fixed rate (in thousands)	\$ 33	\$ 17			\$ 78,467	\$ 78,517
Average interest rate	5.3%	5.3%			5.1%	5.1%

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At September 27, 2008, we had \$45.0 million outstanding under our Credit Facility subject to variable interest rates. Should interest rates (LIBOR and Prime rates) increase by 100 basis points, we would incur additional interest expense of \$450,000 annually. At September 29, 2007 we had \$24.5 million subject to variable interest rates. As discussed further under the heading **Liquidity and Capital Resources** the Company is party to interest rate swap agreements.

The total notional amounts of these swaps at September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007 was \$78.5 million and \$65.5 million, respectively. On September 27, 2008, the effect of these swaps was to limit the interest rate exposure on the outstanding balance of the Credit Facility to a fixed rate versus the 30-day Libor rate as follows: 5.4% on \$28.5 million; 2.4% on \$30 million; and 3.9% on \$20 million. The total notional amount covered by these swaps will decrease progressively in future periods and terminates on various dates from June 2010 through December 2012.

### **Commodity price risks**

The price of coffee is subject to substantial price fluctuations caused by multiple factors, including weather and political and economic conditions in coffee-producing countries. Our gross profit margins can be significantly impacted by changes in the price of coffee. We enter into fixed coffee purchase commitments in an attempt to secure an adequate supply of coffee. These agreements are tied to specific market prices (defined by both the origin of the coffee and the time of delivery) but we have significant flexibility in selecting the date of the market price to be used in each contract. We generally fix the price of our coffee contracts three to nine months prior to delivery, so that we can adjust our sales prices to the market. In addition, we maintain an on-hand inventory of approximately 1.5 to 2 months worth of green coffee requirements. At September 27, 2008, the Company had approximately \$73.2 million in green coffee purchase commitments, of which approximately 59% had a fixed price. At September 29, 2007, the Company had approximately \$43.7 million in green coffee purchase commitments, of which approximately 36% had a fixed price.

In addition, we regularly use commodity-based financial instruments to hedge price-to-be-established coffee purchase commitments with the objective of minimizing cost risk due to market fluctuations. These hedges generally qualify as cash flow hedges. Gains and losses are deferred in other comprehensive income until the hedged inventory sale is recognized in earnings, at which point they are added to cost of sales. At September 27, 2008 we held outstanding futures contracts covering 1,162,500 pounds of coffee with a fair market value of (\$39,000), gross of tax. At September 29, 2007, we held no futures contracts.

### **Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data**

The consolidated financial statements and supplementary data of the Company required in this item are set forth beginning on page F-1 of this Form 10-K.

### **Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure**

None.

### **Item 9A. Controls and Procedures**

#### **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

The Company's management, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of September 27, 2008. Based upon this evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures [as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e)] are effective.



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### **Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed under the supervision of its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the Company's financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Management evaluates the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting using the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in Internal Control - Integrated Framework.

Management, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of September 27, 2008 and concluded that it is effective.

### **Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

There was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Company's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting. The attestation report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is set forth under the heading "Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm," which is included in the Consolidated Financial Statements filed herewith.

### **Item 9B. Other Information**

On December 11, 2008, the Board of Directors of Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. (the "Company") amended and restated the Company's Bylaws, effective immediately.

The Bylaws were amended to add advance notice provisions governing the submission to the Company of notice of a stockholder's intention to propose director nominations and other business in connection with a meeting of stockholders. The advance notice provisions are set forth in new Section 7 and Section 8 of Article II of the Company's Bylaws and, among other things, specify deadlines for stockholders to submit notice of director nominations and other business and require stockholders to provide specified information about the stockholder the director nominee, if applicable, and the business proposed by the stockholder to be conducted at the meeting. The advance notice provisions provide that for an annual meeting, a shareholder must deliver notice of the intention to nominate a director or of the proposed business to the Company's Secretary no less than 60 days, nor more than 90 days prior to the date of the meeting of stockholders.

The Bylaws were also amended to make certain changes to the Article VI provisions relating to indemnification of directors and officers. These amendments include provisions that (i) clarify the directors and officers (each, an "Indemnitee") of the Company will be entitled to indemnification to the fullest extent allowable under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, (ii) require the advancement of expenses to an Indemnitee upon receipt of an undertaking by the Indemnitee to repay if it is ultimately determined that the Indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified by the Company, unless the non interested directors affirmatively determine such person acted in bad faith and in a manner that such person did not believe to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation (iii) provide that the Company is not required to indemnify an Indemnitee in connection with any legal proceeding initiated by the Indemnitee, unless such initiation was approved by the Company's Board of Directors, and (iv) provide that the rights of Indemnitees under the indemnification provisions of the By-laws cannot be retroactively impaired. The remaining amendments to the Bylaws related to clarifications or conforming changes.

This summary is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Amended and Restated Bylaws, which is included as Exhibit 3.2 to this filing and incorporated in this Item 9B by reference.

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**PART III**

**Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance**

Except for the information regarding the Company's executive officers, the information called for by this Item is incorporated by reference in this report to our definitive Proxy Statement for the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on March 12, 2009, which will be filed not later than 120 days after the close of our fiscal year ended September 27, 2008 (the "Definitive Proxy Statement").

For information concerning the executive officers of the Company, see "Executive Officers of the Registrant" in Part I of this Form 10-K.

**Item 11. Executive Compensation**

The information required by this item will be incorporated by reference to the information contained in the Definitive Proxy Statement.

**Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters**

The information required by this item will be incorporated by reference to the information contained in the Definitive Proxy Statement.

**Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence**

The information required by this item will be incorporated by reference to the information contained in the Definitive Proxy Statement.

**Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services**

The information required by this item will be incorporated by reference to the information contained in the Definitive Proxy Statement.

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**PART IV**

**Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Exhibit Title</b>
3.1	Certificate of Incorporation, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the 12 weeks ended April 13, 2002).
3.1.1	Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, dated April 6, 2007 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the 12 weeks ended March 31, 2007).
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company.
3.3	Certificate of Merger (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the 16 weeks ended January 18, 2003).
4.1	Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of December 3, 2007 among Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc., its guarantor subsidiaries, Bank of America, N.A., Banc of America Securities LLC and the other lender parties thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 28, 2007).
4.2	Amendment No. 1 dated July 18, 2008 to Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of December 3, 2007 among Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc., its guarantor subsidiaries, Bank of America, N.A., Banc of America Securities LLC and the other lender parties thereto.
10.1	Amended and Restated Lease Agreement, dated November 6, 2007 between Pilgrim Partnership L.L.C. and Green Mountain Coffee, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 28, 2007).
10.2	Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. Amended and Restated Employee Stock Purchase Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 29, 2008).*
10.3	1999 Stock Option Plan of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.38 in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the 16 weeks ended January 18, 1999).*
	(a) Form of Stock Option Agreement.*
10.4	Employment Agreement of Stephen J. Sabol dated as of July 1, 1993 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.41 in the Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (Registration No. 33-66646) filed on July 28, 1993, and declared effective on September 21, 1993).*
10.5	2000 Stock Option Plan of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.105 in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2000).*
	(a) Form of Stock Option Agreement*
10.6	Green Mountain Coffee, Inc., Employee Stock Ownership Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.113 in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2000).
10.7	Green Mountain Coffee, Inc., Employee Stock Ownership Trust (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.114 in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2000).
10.8	Loan Agreement by and between the Green Mountain Coffee, Inc., Employee Stock Ownership Trust and Green Mountain Coffee, Inc., made and entered into as of April 16, 2001 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.118 in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the 12 weeks ended April 14, 2001).
10.9	2002 Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended.*

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10.10	Employment Agreement between Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. and Frances G. Rathke dated as of October 31, 2003 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.26 in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 27, 2003).*
10.11	Letter from Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. to Frances G. Rathke re: Deferred Compensation Agreement dated as December 7, 2006.*
10.12	Ground Lease Agreement dated April 14, 2005 between Pilgrim Partnership, LLC and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended April 9, 2005)  (a) Amendment to Ground Lease Agreement dated November 15, 2005 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 in Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 24, 2005).
10.13	Lease Agreement dated November 15, 2005 between Pilgrim Partnership, LLC and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 in Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 24, 2005).
10.14	Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. 2006 Incentive Plan, as amended (incorporated by reference to Appendix A of the Definitive Proxy Statement for the March 16, 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders). *
10.15	Merger Agreement dated May 2, 2006 between Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc., Karma Merger Sub, Inc., Keurig Incorporated, and a representative of the security holders of Keurig, Incorporated (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 20, 2006).
10.16	Keurig, Incorporated Fifth Amended and Restated 1995 Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed on June 22, 2006). *
10.17	Keurig, Incorporated 2005 Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed on June 22, 2006). *
10.18	Separation and Transition Agreement by and between Keurig, Incorporated and Nicholas Lazaris (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 29, 2008). *
10.19	Agreement for Consulting Services by and between Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. and Nicholas Lazaris (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 29, 2008). *
10.20	Amendment No. 1 dated June 15, 2006 to Merger Agreement dated May 2, 2006 between Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc., Karma Merger Sub Inc., Keurig, Incorporated and a representative of the security holders of Keurig, Incorporated. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 1, 2006).
10.21	Employment Agreement dated May 3, 2007 between Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. and Lawrence J. Blanford (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.28 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 28, 2007). *
10.22	Lease Agreement dated August 16, 2007 between Keurig, Incorporated and Brookview Investments, LLC. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.29 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 28, 2007).
10.23	2008 Change-In-Control Severance Benefit Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 29, 2008).
10.24	Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. Senior Executive Officer Short Term Incentive Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix D of the Definitive Proxy Statement for the March 13, 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders).*

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10.25	Agreement of Sale dated June 2, 2008 by and between MS Plant, LLC and Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 28, 2008).
10.26	Asset Purchase Agreement dated September 15, 2008 by and between Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc., Tully's Coffee Corporation and Tully's Bellaccino, LLC.
10.27	Settlement and License Agreement dated October 23, 2008 by and between Keurig, Incorporated and Kraft Foods Inc., Kraft Foods Global Inc., and Tassimo Corporation.
10.28	Amendment No. 1 dated November 12, 2008 to Asset Purchase Agreement by and between Tully's Coffee Corporation, Tully's Bellaccino, LLC and Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. dated September 15, 2008.
10.29	Amendment No. 1 dated December 9, 2008 to the Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. 2006 Incentive Plan, as amended.*
14.	Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Finance Code of Professional Conduct (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 14 in Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 27, 2003).
21.	Subsidiary List (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 21 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 29, 2007).
23.	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
31.1	Principal Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14 as Adopted Pursuant to the Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2	Principal Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14 as Adopted Pursuant to the Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1	Principal Executive Officer Certification Pursuant 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2	Principal Financial Officer Certification Pursuant 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

\* Management contract or compensatory plan

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**GREEN MOUNTAIN COFFEE ROASTERS, INC.**

By: /s/ Frances G. Rathke  
FRANCES G. RATHKE

Chief Financial Officer,

Treasurer and Secretary

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
/s/ Lawrence J. Blanford LAWRENCE J. BLANFORD	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	December 11, 2008
/s/ Frances G. Rathke FRANCES G. RATHKE	Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, and Secretary (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	December 11, 2008
/s/ Robert P. Stiller ROBERT P. STILLER	Chairman of the Board of Directors and Founder	December 11, 2008
/s/ Barbara Carlini BARBARA CARLINI	Director	December 11, 2008
/s/ William D. Davis WILLIAM D. DAVIS	Director	December 11, 2008
/s/ Jules A. Del Vecchio JULES A. DEL VECCHIO	Director	December 11, 2008
/s/ Michael Mardy MICHAEL MARDY	Director	December 11, 2008
/s/ Hinda Miller HINDA MILLER	Director	December 11, 2008
/s/ David Moran DAVID E. MORAN	Director	December 11, 2008



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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Directors and the Stockholders of Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements listed in the accompanying index on page F-1 present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. and its subsidiary at September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 27, 2008 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statement schedule listed in the accompanying index on page F-1 presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein when read in conjunction with the related consolidated financial statements. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of September 27, 2008, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for these financial statements and financial statement schedule, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting appearing under item 9A. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements, on the financial statement schedule, and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our integrated audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As discussed in note 6 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company adopted Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*, issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, effective September 30, 2007.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ PriceWaterhouseCoopers, LLP

Boston, Massachusetts

December 11, 2008

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**Table of Contents****GREEN MOUNTAIN COFFEE ROASTERS, INC.****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

(Dollars in thousands)

	September 27, 2008	September 29, 2007
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 804	\$ 2,818
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	161	354
Receivables, less allowances of \$3,002 and \$1,600 at September 27, 2008, and September 29, 2007, respectively	54,782	39,373
Inventories	85,311	38,909
Other current assets	4,886	2,811
Deferred income taxes, net	6,146	3,558
Total current assets	152,090	87,823
Fixed assets, net	97,678	65,692
Intangibles, net	29,396	34,208
Goodwill	73,953	73,840
Other long-term assets	4,531	2,964
Total assets	\$ 357,648	\$ 264,527
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 33	\$ 63
Accounts payable	43,821	37,778
Accrued compensation costs	11,669	7,027
Accrued expenses	14,645	9,866
Income tax payable	2,079	1,443
Other short-term liabilities	673	871
Total current liabilities	72,920	57,048
Long-term debt	123,517	90,050
Deferred income taxes, net	21,691	18,330
Commitments and contingencies (see Note 18)		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.10 par value: Authorized 1,000,000 shares; No shares issued or outstanding		
Common stock, \$0.10 par value: Authorized 60,000,000 shares; Issued 25,478,536 at September 27, 2008 and 24,697,008 shares at September 29, 2007, respectively	2,549	2,470
Additional paid-in capital	63,607	45,704
Retained earnings	81,280	58,981
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss)	(419)	(512)
ESOP unallocated shares, at cost 18,129 shares and 23,284 shares at September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007, respectively	(161)	(208)
Treasury shares, at cost 1,157,554 shares	(7,336)	(7,336)
Total stockholders' equity	139,520	99,099

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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 357,648	\$ 264,527
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**Table of Contents****GREEN MOUNTAIN COFFEE ROASTERS, INC.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

(Dollars in thousands except per share data)

	52 weeks ended September 27, 2008	52 weeks ended September 29, 2007	53 weeks ended September 30, 2006
Net sales	\$ 500,277	\$ 341,651	\$ 225,323
Cost of sales	323,372	210,530	143,289
Gross profit	176,905	131,121	82,034
Selling and operating expenses	92,182	72,641	46,808
General and administrative expenses	42,311	30,781	17,112
Operating income	42,412	27,699	18,114
Other income (expense)	(235)	54	202
Interest expense	(5,705)	(6,176)	(2,261)
Income before income taxes	36,472	21,577	16,055
Income tax expense	(14,173)	(8,734)	(6,649)
Income before equity in losses of Keurig, Incorporated, net of tax benefit	22,299	12,843	9,406
Equity in losses of Keurig, Incorporated, net of tax benefit			(963)
Net income	\$ 22,299	\$ 12,843	\$ 8,443
Basic income per share:			
Weighted average shares outstanding	23,949,798	23,250,431	22,516,701
Net income	\$ 0.93	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.37
Diluted income per share:			
Weighted average shares outstanding	25,564,780	24,773,373	23,727,348
Net income	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.36

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**Table of Contents****GREEN MOUNTAIN COFFEE ROASTERS, INC.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY****For the years ended September 27, 2008, September 29, 2007, and September 30, 2006 (Dollars in thousands)**

	Common stock			Accumulated other comprehensive		Treasury stock		ESOP unallocated		Stockholders' equity
	Shares	Amount	Additional paid-in capital	Retained earnings	hensive (loss)	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	
Balance at September 24, 2005	23,599,735	\$ 2,360	\$ 28,155	\$ 37,695	\$ (72)	(1,157,554)	\$ (7,336)	(45,615)	\$ (410)	\$ 60,392
Issuance of common stock under employee stock purchase plan	88,095	9	877							886
Options exercised	356,577	35	1,268							1,303
Deferred compensation and stock compensation expense			1,846							1,846
Allocation of ESOP shares			53					16,305	147	200
Tax expense from allocation of ESOP shares			(22)							(22)
Tax benefit from exercise of options			1,551							1,551
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax					(476)					(476)
Value of earned exchanged options			817							817
Net income				8,443						8,443
Balance at September 30, 2006	24,044,407	2,404	34,545	46,138	(548)	(1,157,554)	(7,336)	(29,310)	(263)	74,940
Issuance of common stock under employee stock purchase plan	85,095	9	1,118							1,127
Options exercised	567,506	57	1,940							1,997
Deferred compensation and stock compensation expense			4,603							4,603
Allocation of ESOP shares			145					6,026	55	200
Tax expense from allocation of ESOP shares			(59)							(59)
Tax benefit from exercise of options			3,412							3,412
Other comprehensive income, net of tax					36					36
Net income				12,843						12,843
Balance at September 29, 2007	24,697,008	2,470	45,704	58,981	(512)	(1,157,554)	(7,336)	(23,284)	(208)	99,099
Issuance of common stock under employee stock purchase plan	75,982	8	2,018							2,026
Options exercised	705,546	71	3,556							3,627
Deferred compensation and stock compensation expense			6,455							6,455
Allocation of ESOP shares			153					5,155	47	200
Tax expense from allocation of ESOP shares			(61)							(61)
Tax benefit from exercise of options			5,782							5,782
Other comprehensive income, net of tax					93					93
Net income				22,299						22,299
Balance at September 27, 2008	25,478,536	\$ 2,549	\$ 63,607	\$ 81,280	\$ (419)	(1,157,554)	\$ (7,336)	(18,129)	\$ (161)	\$ 139,520

The accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these financial statements.



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**GREEN MOUNTAIN COFFEE ROASTERS, INC.**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

(Dollars in thousands)

	52 weeks ended September 27, 2008	52 weeks ended September 29, 2007	53 weeks ended September 30, 2006
Net income	\$ 22,299	\$ 12,843	\$ 8,443
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:			
Deferred gains (losses) on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges	87	10	(408)
Losses (gains) on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges included in net income	6	26	(68)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	93	36	(476)
Comprehensive income	\$ 22,392	\$ 12,879	\$ 7,967

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**Table of Contents****GREEN MOUNTAIN COFFEE ROASTERS, INC.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(Dollars in thousands)

	52 weeks ended September 27, 2008	52 weeks ended September 29, 2007	53 weeks ended September 30, 2006
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 22,299	\$ 12,843	\$ 8,443
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	13,500	10,328	7,906
Amortization of intangibles	4,812	4,811	1,402
Loss (gain) on disposal of fixed assets	201	133	(31)
Provision for doubtful accounts	1,159	620	360
Loss (gain) on futures derivatives	6	26	(68)
Tax benefit (expense) from exercise of non-qualified stock options and disqualified dispositions of incentive stock options	(386)	105	362
Tax benefit (expense) from allocation of ESOP shares	(61)	(59)	(22)
Equity in loss of Keurig, Incorporated			1,648
Deferred income taxes	549	145	385
Deferred compensation and stock compensation	6,455	4,603	1,846
Contributions to the ESOP	200	200	200
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effect of acquisition:			
Receivables	(16,568)	(9,922)	(7,906)
Inventories	(46,402)	(6,983)	(8,626)
Other current assets	(1,882)	(141)	(886)
Income taxes payable (receivable)	636	2,061	(1,335)
Other long-term assets	(660)	(52)	(409)
Accounts payable	8,667	8,969	5,489
Accrued compensation costs	4,642	291	3,031
Accrued expenses	4,779	1,856	1,035
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,946	29,834	12,824
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Acquisition of Keurig, Incorporated, net of cash acquired			(101,052)
Expenditures for fixed assets	(48,718)	(21,844)	(13,613)
Proceeds from disposals of fixed assets	407	187	493
Net cash used for investing activities	(48,311)	(21,657)	(114,172)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Net change in revolving line of credit	33,500	(12,800)	102,800
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	5,653	3,123	2,189
Windfall tax benefits	6,168	3,307	1,189
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt		45	
Repayment of long-term debt	(63)	(100)	(8,580)
Deferred financing fees	(907)		(1,431)
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	44,351	(6,425)	96,167



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Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(2,014)	1,752	(5,181)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	2,818	1,066	6,247

Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 804	\$ 2,818	\$ 1,066
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## Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:

Cash paid for interest	\$ 6,087	\$ 6,654	\$ 2,235
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ 6,701	\$ 3,184	\$ 5,487
Fixed asset purchases included in accounts payable and not disbursed at the end of each year	\$ 5,203	\$ 7,827	\$ 2,142

The accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

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### **GREEN MOUNTAIN COFFEE ROASTERS, INC.**

#### **NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

##### **1. Nature of Business and Organization**

Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. (together with its subsidiary, the Company or GMCR, Inc. ) is a leader in the specialty coffee industry. Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. is a Delaware company.

On June 15, 2006, the Company purchased the remaining interest in Keurig, Incorporated ( Keurig ) and Keurig became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Since this merger, the Company manages its operations through two business segments, Keurig and Green Mountain Coffee ( GMC ).

GMC sells whole bean and ground coffee, hot cocoa, teas and coffees in K-Cups, Keurig single-cup brewers and other accessories mainly in domestic wholesale and retail markets, and directly to consumers. The majority of GMC's revenue is derived from its North American wholesale markets.

Keurig is a pioneer and leading manufacturer of gourmet single-cup brewing systems and markets its premium patented single-cup brewing systems for consumers at home ( AH ) or away-from-home ( AFH ). Keurig sells its single-cup brewers, coffee, tea and hot cocoa in K-Cups produced by a variety of roasters, including GMC, and related accessories mainly in domestic wholesale and retail markets, and also directly to consumers. Keurig earns royalty income from the sale of K-Cups from all licensed vendors to sell K-Cups.

The Company's fiscal year ends on the last Saturday in September. Fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007 represent the years ended September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007, respectively. Each of these fiscal years consists of 52 weeks. Fiscal 2006 represents the 53 week period ended September 30, 2006.

##### **2. Significant Accounting Policies**

###### *Use of estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

###### *Basis of Consolidation*

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries. All intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

###### *Cash and cash equivalents*

The Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents include money market funds which are carried at cost, plus accrued interest, which approximates market. The Company does not believe that it is subject to any unusual credit or market risk.

###### *Inventories*

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is measured using an adjusted standard cost method which approximates FIFO (first-in first-out). We regularly review whether the realizable value of our inventory is lower than its book value. If our valuation shows that the realizable value is lower than book value, we take a charge to expense and directly reduce the value of the inventory.



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**GREEN MOUNTAIN COFFEE ROASTERS, INC.**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

The Company estimates its reserves for inventory obsolescence by examining its inventories on a quarterly basis to determine if there are indicators that the carrying values exceed net realizable value. Indicators that could result in additional inventory write downs include age of inventory, damaged inventory, slow moving products and products at the end of their life cycles. While management believes that the reserve for obsolete inventory is adequate, significant judgment is involved in determining the adequacy of this reserve.

Inventories consist primarily of green and roasted coffee, including coffee in portion packs, purchased finished goods such as coffee brewers and packaging materials.

*Hedging*

We enter into coffee futures contracts to hedge against price increases in price-to-be-fixed coffee purchase commitments and anticipated coffee purchases. The Company also enters into interest rate swaps to hedge against unfavorable changes in interest rates. These derivative instruments qualify for hedge accounting under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* ( SFAS 133 ). Hedge accounting is permitted if the hedging relationship is expected to be highly effective. Effectiveness is determined by how closely the changes in the fair value of the derivative instrument offset the changes in the fair value of the hedged item. If the derivative is determined to qualify for hedge accounting, the effective portion of the change in the fair value of the derivative instrument is recorded in other comprehensive income and recognized in earnings when the related hedged item is sold. The ineffective portion of the change in the fair value of the derivative instrument is recorded directly to earnings. If these derivative instruments do not qualify for hedge accounting, we would record the changes in the fair value of the derivative instruments directly to earnings. See Notes 10 and 12 in the *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements*, included elsewhere in this report.

The Company formally documents hedging instruments and hedged items, and measures at each balance sheet date the effectiveness of its hedges. When it is determined that a derivative is not highly effective, the derivative expires, or is sold or terminated, or the derivative is discontinued because it is unlikely that a forecasted transaction will occur, the Company discontinues hedge accounting prospectively for that specific hedge instrument.

The Company does not engage in speculative transactions, nor does it hold derivative instruments for trading purposes.

*Other long-term assets*

Other long-term assets consist of deposits and debt issuance costs. Debt issuance costs are being amortized over the respective life of the applicable debt. Debt issuance costs included in other long-term assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet at September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007 were \$1,748,000 and \$1,229,000, respectively.

*Goodwill and intangibles*

In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets* ( SFAS 142 ), goodwill and indefinite-lived intangibles are tested for impairment annually, using a market capitalization approach, and more frequently if indication of impairment arises.

On June 15, 2006, the Company acquired Keurig and recorded \$73.9 million of goodwill. Goodwill from the Keurig acquisition was decreased by \$1.4 million in the third fiscal quarter of 2007 primarily to reflect

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### **GREEN MOUNTAIN COFFEE ROASTERS, INC.**

#### **NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

updated estimates of R&D tax credits earned by Keurig in the years prior to the Company's merger with Keurig. Goodwill was also increased by \$113,000 in the third quarter of fiscal 2008 and decreased by \$97,000 in the second quarter of fiscal 2007 due to the final settlements of contingencies related to the merger. This goodwill was tested for impairment in accordance with SFAS 142 at the end of fiscal 2008. To complete this impairment test, the Company evaluated the fair value of its Keurig reporting unit using a number of factors including the market capitalization of the Company and estimates of projected cash flows for the Keurig segment and the whole Company.

On June 5, 2001, the Company purchased the coffee business of Frontier Natural Products Co-op (Frontier) and recorded \$1,446,000 of goodwill related to this acquisition. There have been no changes in this carrying amount since September 29, 2001. On an annual basis, the Company evaluates the fair value of the reporting unit associated with the Frontier acquisition and compares it to the carrying amount of goodwill. Estimation of fair value is dependent on a number of factors, including the market capitalization of the Company and estimates of the Company's sales of its fair trade and organics products.

Based on the impairment tests performed, there was no impairment of goodwill in fiscal 2008, 2007 and 2006. All intangible assets are being amortized using the straight-line method over their useful lives. For further information on goodwill and other intangible assets, see Note 7.

#### *Impairment of Long-Lived Assets*

When facts and circumstances indicate that the carrying values of long-lived assets, including fixed assets, may be impaired, an evaluation of recoverability is performed by comparing the carrying value of the assets to projected future cash flows in addition to other quantitative and qualitative analyses. Upon indication that the carrying value of such assets may not be recoverable, the Company recognizes an impairment loss as a charge against current operations. Long-lived assets to be disposed are reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value, less estimated costs to sell. The Company makes judgments related to the expected useful lives of long-lived assets and its ability to realize undiscounted cash flows in excess of the carrying amounts of such assets which are affected by factors such as the ongoing maintenance and improvements of the assets, changes in economic conditions and changes in operating performance. As the Company assesses the ongoing expected cash flows and carrying amounts of its long-lived assets, these factors could cause the Company to realize a material impairment charge.

#### *Provision for Doubtful Accounts*

Periodically, management reviews the adequacy of its provision for doubtful accounts based on historical bad debt expense results and current economic conditions using factors based on the aging of its accounts receivable. Additionally, the Company may identify additional allowance requirements based on indications that a specific customer may be experiencing financial difficulties. Actual bad debts could differ materially from the recorded estimates.

#### *Advertising costs*

The Company expenses the costs of advertising the first time the advertising takes place, except for direct mail campaigns targeted directly at consumers, which are expensed over the period during which they are expected to generate sales. At September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007, prepaid advertising costs of \$673,000 and \$200,000, respectively, were recorded in other current assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. Advertising expense totaled \$16,992,000, \$11,230,000, and \$9,132,000, for the years ended September 27, 2008, September 29, 2007, and September 30, 2006, respectively.

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*Fixed assets*

Fixed assets are carried at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Expenditures for maintenance, repairs and renewals of minor items are expensed as incurred. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the assets' estimated useful lives. The cost and accumulated depreciation for fixed assets sold, retired, or otherwise disposed are relieved from the accounts, and the resultant gains and losses are reflected in income.

The Company follows an industry-wide practice of purchasing and loaning coffee brewing and related equipment to wholesale customers. These assets are also carried at cost, net of accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation costs of manufacturing and distribution assets are included in cost of sales. Depreciation costs of other assets, including equipment on loan to customers, are included in selling and operating expenses.

*Revenue recognition*

Revenue from wholesale and consumer direct sales is recognized upon product delivery, and in some cases upon product shipment. The Company has no contractual obligation to accept returns for damaged product nor does it guarantee product sales. Title, risk of loss, damage and insurance responsibility for the products pass from the Company to the buyer upon accepted delivery of the products from the Company's contracted carrier. The Company will at times agree to accept returns or issue credits for products that are clearly damaged in transit.

Sales of single-cup coffee brewers are recognized net of an estimated allowance for returns. Royalty revenue is recognized upon shipment of K-Cups by roasters as set forth under the terms and conditions of various licensing agreements.

In addition, the Company's customers can earn certain incentives, which are netted against sales or recorded in operating and selling expenses in the consolidated income statements. These incentives include, but are not limited to, cash discounts, funds for promotional and marketing activities, and performance based incentive programs.

*Warranty*

We provide for the estimated cost of product warranties, primarily using historical information and repair or replacement costs, at the time product revenue is recognized.

*Cost of Sales*

The Company records external shipping and handling expenses in cost of sales.

*Income taxes*

The Company utilizes the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes, as set forth in Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes (SFAS 109). SFAS 109 requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities, and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled.

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In July, 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an interpretation of FASB Statement 109 ( FIN 48 ). This statement clarifies the criteria that an individual tax position must satisfy for some or all of the benefits of that position to be recognized in a company's financial statements. FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold of more-likely-than-not, and a measurement attribute for all tax positions taken or expected to be taken on a tax return in order for those tax positions to be recognized in the financial statements. The Company adopted the provisions of FIN 48 in its first quarter of fiscal 2008.

*Financial instruments*

The Company enters into various types of financial instruments in the normal course of business. Fair values are estimated based on assumptions concerning the amount and timing of estimated future cash flows and assumed discount rates reflecting varying degrees of perceived risk. The fair values of cash, cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued expenses and debt approximate their carrying value at September 27, 2008. See Notes 10 and 12 for disclosures on fair value determinations of hedging instruments.

*Stock-based compensation*

The Company accounts for transactions in which it exchanges its equity instruments for goods or services in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004) Share-Based Payments ( FAS123(R) ). FAS123(R) requires us to measure the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments (usually stock options) based on the grant-date fair value of the award. That cost is recognized over the period during which an employee is required to provide service in exchange for the award.

The Company measures the fair value of stock options using the Black-Scholes model and certain assumptions, including the expected life of the stock options, an expected forfeiture rate and the expected volatility of its common stock. The expected life of options is estimated based on options vesting periods, contractual lives and an analysis of the Company's historical experience. The expected forfeiture rate is based on the Company's historical experience. The Company uses a blended historical volatility to estimate expected volatility at the measurement date.

*Significant customer credit risk and supply risk*

The majority of the Company's customers are located in the northeastern part of the United States. Concentration of credit risk with respect to accounts receivable is limited due to the large number of customers in various channels comprising the Company's customer base. The Company does not require collateral from customers as ongoing credit evaluations of customers' payment histories are performed. The Company maintains reserves for potential credit losses and such losses, in the aggregate, have not exceeded management's expectations.

Keurig procures the brewers it sells from a third-party brewer manufacturer. Purchases from this brewer manufacturer amounted to approximately \$91,700,000 and \$41,200,000 in fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007, respectively. Keurig processes the majority of its orders for the home market sold through retailers through a fulfillment company. Revenue processed by this fulfillment company amounted to \$88,600,000 at September 27, 2008 and receivables amounted to \$19,600,000 and \$7,000,000 at September 27, 2008, September 29, 2007, respectively.

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*Research & Development*

Research and development expenses are charged to income as incurred. These expenses amounted to \$4,100,000 in fiscal 2008, \$3,300,000 in fiscal 2007 and \$1,100,000 in fiscal 2006. These costs primarily consist of salary and consulting expenses and are recorded in selling and operating expenses in each respective segment of the Company.

*Recent pronouncements*

In September 2006 the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ( SFAS 157 ). This new standard provides guidance for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities. SFAS 157 applies whenever other standards require (or permit) assets or liabilities to be measured at fair value but does not expand the use of fair value in any new circumstances. Under SFAS 157, fair value refers to the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. The FASB clarifies the principle that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability. The provisions of this statement must be implemented in the first quarter of the Company's fiscal year 2009. The Company is currently reviewing this new accounting standard but does not expect it to have a material impact on its financial statements.

In February 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position No. FAS 157-2 ( FSP 157-2 ). FSP 157-2 delays the implementation of SFAS 157 for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, except for items that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis. This statement defers the effective date to fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008 and interim periods within those fiscal years, which is fiscal year 2010 for the Company.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 ( SFAS159 ). SFAS159 permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. The objective is to improve financial reporting by providing entities with the opportunity to mitigate volatility in reported earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently without having to apply complex hedge accounting provisions. This statement is expected to expand the use of fair value measurement, which is consistent with the FASB's long-term measurement objectives for accounting for financial instruments. The fair value option established will permit all entities to choose to measure eligible items at fair value at specified election dates. An entity shall record unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected through net income in the statement of operations at each subsequent reporting date. This statement is effective as of the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007, which is fiscal year 2009 for the Company. The Company is currently reviewing this new accounting standard but does not expect it to have a material impact on its financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141 (Revised 2007), Business Combinations (SFAS 141R). This Statement retains the fundamental requirements in Statement 141 that the acquisition method of accounting (which Statement 141 called the purchase method) be used for all business combinations and for an acquirer to be identified for each business combination. SFAS 141R requires an acquirer to recognize the assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree at the acquisition date, measured at their fair values as of that date, with limited exceptions specified in the Statement. That replaces Statement 141's cost-allocation process, which required the cost of an acquisition to be allocated to the individual assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values. The Statement retains the guidance in Statement 141 for identifying and recognizing intangible assets separately from



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goodwill. SFAS 141R will now require acquisition costs to be expensed as incurred, restructuring costs associated with a business combination must generally be expensed prior to the acquisition date and changes in deferred tax asset valuation allowances and income tax uncertainties after the acquisition date generally will affect income tax expense. Statement 141 applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008, which is fiscal year 2010 for the Company. The effect of adoption on the Company's financial statements will depend primarily on specific transactions completed after the effective date.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements. An amendment of ARB No. 51. SFAS 160 amends ARB 51 to establish accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. It clarifies that a noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary is an ownership interest in the consolidated entity that should be reported as equity in the consolidated financial statements. The amount of net income attributable to the noncontrolling interest will be included in consolidated net income on the face of the income statement. Statement 160 clarifies that changes in a parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in deconsolidation are equity transactions if the parent retains its controlling financial interest. In addition, this Statement requires that a parent recognize a gain or loss in net income when a subsidiary is deconsolidated. SFAS 160 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning on or after December 15, 2008, which is fiscal 2010 for this Company. The effect of adoption on the Company's financial statements will depend primarily on the materiality of non-controlling interests arising in future transactions.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, an Amendment of FASB 133. This statement is intended to enhance the current disclosure framework in Statement 133. The Statement requires that objectives for using derivative instruments be disclosed in terms of underlying risks and accounting designation. This disclosure better conveys the purpose of derivative use in terms of the risk that the entity is intending to manage and amends and expands the disclosure requirements of Statement 133 with the intent to provide users of financial statements with an enhanced understanding of: a) How and why an entity uses financial instruments; b) How derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under Statement 133 and its related interpretations; and, c) How derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. This Statement requires qualitative disclosures about objectives and strategies for using derivatives, quantitative disclosures about fair value amounts of gains and losses on derivative instruments, and disclosures about credit-risk-related contingent features in derivative agreements. SFAS 161 is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008, which is Fiscal 2010 for this Company.

In May 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 162, The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. This Statement identifies the sources of accounting principles and the framework for selecting the principles to be used in the preparation of financial statements of nongovernmental entities that are presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States. The FASB believes that the GAAP hierarchy should be directed to entities because it is the entity (not its auditor) that is responsible for selecting accounting principles for financial statements that are presented in conformity with GAAP. The FASB does not believe this Statement will result in a change in current practice. SFAS 162 is effective 60 days following the Securities and Exchange Commission's approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board amendments to AU Section 411, The Meaning of Fairly in Conformity With Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

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The Company has revised the classification of certain information presented in its fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2006 Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows to conform to fiscal 2008 presentation.

**3. Stock Split**

On July 6, 2007, the Company announced that its Board of Directors had approved a three-for-one stock split effected in the form of a 200% stock dividend for all outstanding shares. The stock split shares were distributed on July 27, 2007 to stockholders of record at the close of business on July 17, 2007. The par value of the common stock remained unchanged at \$0.10 per share. All share and per share data presented in this report have been adjusted to reflect this stock split.

**4. Inventories**

Inventories consist of the following:

	<b>September 27, 2008</b>	<b>September 29, 2007</b>
Raw materials and supplies	\$ 19,494,000	\$ 11,823,000
Finished goods	65,817,000	27,086,000
	<b>\$ 85,311,000</b>	<b>\$ 38,909,000</b>

Inventory values above are presented net of \$440,000 and \$348,000 of obsolescence reserves at September 27, 2008, and September 29, 2007, respectively.

At September 27, 2008, the Company had approximately \$73.2 million in green coffee purchase commitments, of which approximately 59% had a fixed price. These commitments extend through 2011. The value of the variable portion of these commitments was calculated using an average C price of coffee of \$1.33 per pound at September 27, 2008. In addition to its green coffee commitments, the Company had approximately \$49.8 million in fixed price brewer inventory purchase commitments and \$12.2 million in production raw materials commitments at September 27, 2008. The Company believes based on relationships established with its suppliers, that the risk of non-delivery on such purchase commitments is remote.

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Fixed assets consist of the following:

	<b>Useful Life in Years</b>	<b>September 27, 2008</b>	<b>September 29, 2007</b>
Production equipment	1 - 15	\$ 68,783,000	\$ 48,847,000
Equipment on loan to wholesale customers	3 - 7	12,269,000	13,013,000
Computer equipment and software	1 - 10	24,020,000	20,560,000
Land	Indefinite	1,391,000	
Building and building improvements	4- 30	14,744,000	5,559,000
Furniture and fixtures	1 - 15	6,598,000	5,140,000
Vehicles	4 - 5	1,070,000	1,005,000
Leasehold improvements	1 - 20 or remaining life of the lease, whichever is less	7,135,000	3,387,000
Construction-in-progress		11,843,000	7,787,000
Total fixed assets		147,853,000	105,298,000
Accumulated depreciation		(50,175,000)	(39,606,000)
		\$ 97,678,000	\$ 65,692,000

Total depreciation and amortization expense relating to all fixed assets was \$13,500,000, \$10,328,000, and \$7,906,000 for fiscal 2008, 2007, and 2006, respectively.

Assets classified as construction-in-progress are not depreciated, as they are not ready for production use. All assets classified as construction-in-progress on September 27, 2008 are expected to be in production use before the end of fiscal 2009.

During fiscal 2008, fiscal 2007, and fiscal 2006, \$550,000, \$444,000, and \$164,000, respectively, of interest expense was capitalized.

The Company regularly undertakes a review of its fixed assets records. In fiscal 2008, 2007, and 2006, the Company recorded impairment charges related to obsolete equipment amounting to \$32,000, \$125,000, and \$23,000, respectively. In fiscal 2008, 2007 and 2006, the impairment charges were recorded in other income (expense) on the Consolidated Statement of Operations, under the GMC segment of the Company.

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The provision for income taxes for the years ended September 27, 2008, September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006 consists of the following:

	September 27, 2008	September 29, 2007	September 30, 2006
Current tax expense:			
Federal	\$ 10,935,000	\$ 6,943,000	\$ 4,543,000
State	2,010,000	1,409,000	1,139,000
Foreign	523,000		
Total current	13,468,000	8,352,000	5,682,000
Deferred tax expense:			
Federal	849,000	453,000	\$ 836,000
State	(144,000)	(71,000)	131,000
Total deferred	705,000	382,000	967,000
Total tax expense	\$ 14,173,000	\$ 8,734,000	\$ 6,649,000

Net deferred tax liabilities consist of the following:

	September 27, 2008	September 29, 2007
Deferred tax assets:		
Section 263A capitalized expenses	\$ 838,000	\$ 391,000
Deferred hedging losses	284,000	352,000
Vermont VEPC tax credit	268,000	546,000
Deferred compensation	2,441,000	1,156,000
Other reserves and temporary differences	2,583,000	1,701,000
Research and development tax credit carryforwards	389,000	1,399,000
Net operating loss carryforwards		589,000
Gross deferred tax assets	6,803,000	6,134,000
Deferred tax asset valuation allowance		(42,000)
Deferred tax liability:		
Depreciation	(10,238,000)	(6,737,000)
Intangible assets	(12,110,000)	(14,127,000)
Gross deferred tax liabilities	(22,348,000)	(20,864,000)
Net deferred tax liabilities	\$ (15,545,000)	\$ (14,772,000)



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A reconciliation for continuing operations between the amount of reported income tax expense and the amount computed using the U.S. Federal Statutory rate of 34% is as follows:

	September 27, 2008	September 29, 2007	September 30, 2006
Tax at U.S. Federal Statutory rate	\$ 12,400,000	\$ 7,336,000	\$ 5,459,000
Increase (decrease) in rates resulting from:			
Qualified stock option compensation accounting under FAS123R	699,000	648,000	390,000
State taxes, net of federal benefit	1,801,000	723,000	851,000
Section 199 deduction	(906,000)	(243,000)	(162,000)
Other	179,000	270,000	111,000
Tax at effective rates	\$ 14,173,000	\$ 8,734,000	\$ 6,649,000

A reconciliation of increases and decreases in unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

Gross tax contingencies	September 29, 2007	\$ 524,000
Gross increases to tax positions in prior periods		
Gross decreases to tax positions in prior periods		
Gross increases to current period tax positions		30,000
Audit settlements paid during 2007		
Gross tax contingencies, September 27, 2008		\$ 554,000

The Company adopted the provisions of FIN 48 effective for the first quarter of fiscal year 2008. The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits at September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007 was \$554,000 and \$524,000, respectively. The unrecognized tax benefits relate entirely to research and development credits at the federal and state level. The amount of unrecognized tax benefits at September 27, 2008 that would impact the effective tax rate if resolved in favor of the Company is \$277,000. Any release of the reserve related to R&D credits earned prior to the Company's acquisition of Keurig (currently \$277,000) will be an adjustment to goodwill. The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax items in the provision for income taxes.

At September 27, 2008, the Company has state research and development credit carryforwards of \$598,000, expiring at various dates through 2023. During fiscal 2008, the Company fully utilized its remaining federal net operating loss ( NOL ) and federal research and development credit.

The federal research and development tax credit expired on December 31, 2007. On October 3, 2008, after the Company's fiscal year-end, the credit was extended for the 2008 calendar year. The Company has claimed a tax credit (and reserve against it) through December 31, 2007. The Company will report an additional \$86,000 of federal tax credit and an associated \$17,000 reserve as a discrete item in the first quarter of 2009 to recognize this retroactive extension. With this exception, the Company does not expect a significant increase or decrease to the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits within the next 12 months.

On January 22, 2004, the Vermont Economic Progress Council (VEPC) approved an application from the Company for payroll and capital investment tax credits. The total incentives authorized are \$2,091,000 over a five year period beginning in fiscal year 2004. As of September 28, 2008, the Company has met the

minimum investment requirements and earned capital investment and payroll tax credits to date through

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September 27, 2008 of \$1,844,000 and \$247,000, respectively. All credits are also subject to recapture and disallowance provisions due to curtailment of trade or business. The Company is deemed to have substantially curtailed its trade or business if the average number of full time employees in any period of 120 consecutive days is less than 75% of the highest average number of full time employees for any year in a period of six years after the initial authorization of the incentive. The tax credit is earned as actual capital expenditures are made in the State of Vermont or employees added to the payroll in the case of the payroll tax credit. Once a credit is earned, it may be carried forward to any subsequent year for which an approval exists (2004 through 2008 for the Company) or to any of the next 5 succeeding years following the last year of the term approved by the VEPC. The decrease in state income tax expense attributable to VEPC tax credits earned during fiscal years 2007 and 2006, after the federal tax effect, was \$222,000 and \$339,000, respectively. No VEPC tax credit was earned in fiscal 2008.

The Company had a deferred tax asset, and associated valuation allowance, of approximately \$42,000, related to a capital loss carryforward that expired on September 29, 2007.

The company elected to use the short cut method in determining the FAS 123(R) pool of windfall tax benefits, as permitted under FSP FAS 123(R)-c.

**7. Merger with Keurig, Incorporated**

On June 15, 2006, the Company acquired Keurig and Keurig became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Since the date of the acquisition, Keurig's results from operations have been included in the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Total consideration under the terms of the Merger Agreement amounts to approximately \$104.3 million. This consideration includes \$99.5 million paid in cash and \$4.8 million of stock options issued to assume the unvested options of Keurig employees (see Note 13 Employee Compensation Plans).

The total net cash disbursement associated with the Merger was \$101.1 million. This includes \$99.5 million of cash consideration paid to the former shareholders of Keurig (other than the Company) and direct acquisition costs of approximately \$2.7 million, net of \$1.1 million of cash acquired.

The allocation of the purchase price based on fair value of the acquired assets less liabilities assumed was as follows (in thousands):

Net assets acquired:	
Inventory and other net current assets	\$ 6,400
Fixed assets and other net long term assets	3,700
Intangible assets	37,800
Goodwill	73,100
Net deferred tax liabilities	(14,400)
GMCR's 2002 equity investment in Keurig	(5,500)
Total	\$ 101,100

In addition, the Company recorded \$817,000 of goodwill related to the assumed unvested options of Keurig employees.



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The Company carries \$72.5 million and \$72.4 million of goodwill at September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007 related to its merger with Keurig, respectively. Goodwill was increased by \$113,000 in the third quarter of fiscal 2008 and decreased by \$97,000 in the second quarter of fiscal 2007 due to the final settlements of contingencies related to the merger. Goodwill was also decreased by \$1.4 million in the third fiscal quarter of 2007 primarily to reflect updated estimates of R&D tax credits earned by Keurig in the years prior to the Company's merger with Keurig.

This acquisition was recorded in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards No. 141 (FAS 141) Business Combinations and No. 142 (FAS 142) Goodwill and Other Intangibles. Intangible assets recorded in association with this acquisition are being amortized over their estimated useful lives ranging from 7 to 10 years.

Intangibles on the September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007 balance sheets amount to \$29.4 million and \$34.2 million, respectively, and are presented net of accumulated amortization of \$13.4 million and \$8.6 million, respectively. Total intangible assets include a \$2.5 million balance (gross of deferred tax liability) of identifiable technology intangible assets that were acquired through the investment made in Keurig in 2002. These assets continue to be amortized on a straight-line basis over their useful lives estimated in 2002 and ranged from 7 to 10 years. Total intangibles also represents \$18.3 million of acquired completed technology with an average life of 10 years and \$20.7 million of customer and roaster partner agreements and other intangible assets with an average life of 8 years. Amortization expense of intangibles in fiscal 2008, fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2006 amounted to \$4,812,000, \$4,812,000 and \$1,402,000, respectively. Amortization of intangibles expense (gross of tax) is anticipated to be \$4,708,000; \$4,598,000; \$4,552,000 and \$4,377,000 in the years fiscal 2009 through fiscal 2012, respectively.

Prior to the acquisition of Keurig on June 15, 2006, the Company owned 33.2% of Keurig on a fully diluted basis and accounted for its investment in Keurig under the equity method of accounting.

The Company has historically conducted arms-length business transactions with Keurig. Under license agreements with Keurig dated July 22, 2003 and June 30, 2002 as amended, the Company paid Keurig a royalty for sales of Keurig licensed products. In fiscal 2006, the Company recorded royalties in cost of sales in the amount of \$9,497,000 for the thirty-eight weeks ended June 15, 2006 (the Keurig merger date).

Keurig also purchased coffee products from the Company. In fiscal 2006, for the thirty-eight weeks ended June 15, 2006, the Company sold \$3,966,000 worth of coffee products to Keurig.

In addition, the Company purchased brewer equipment from Keurig. In fiscal 2006, for the thirty-eight weeks ended June 15, 2006, the Company purchased \$1,361,000 worth of brewers and associated equipment from Keurig. The Company has eliminated the effect of these intercompany transactions in its consolidated financial statements.

Prior to June 15, 2006, the earnings related to the Company's equity investment in Keurig were comprised of two components: (1) the Company's equity interest in the earnings of Keurig and (2) changes in the fair value of the Company's investment in Keurig's preferred stock. During the thirty eight weeks ended June 15, 2006, the losses related to the equity investment in Keurig amounted to (\$963,000).

Keurig was on a calendar year-end. The Company has included in its income for its 2006 fiscal year the Company's equity interest in the fourth calendar fiscal quarter of Keurig's earnings (October 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005) and the first two calendar fiscal quarters of Keurig's earnings (January 1, 2006 through June 15, 2006, the merger date). The equity interest in the earnings of Keurig includes the

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Company's portion of Keurig's earnings for the period relative to the Company's ownership of common stock in Keurig for that period including certain adjustments. These adjustments include the amortization of assigned intangible assets, the accretion of preferred stock dividends and redemption rights, as well as depreciation differences between the Company's equity in the fair value of certain fixed assets as compared to Keurig's historical cost basis. For the thirty-eight weeks ended June 15, 2006, the Company's equity interest in the losses of Keurig amounted to (\$3,384,000). In fiscal 2006, for the thirty-eight weeks ended June 15, 2006, (\$3,502,000) of the equity interest in Keurig's losses was due to the accretion of preferred stock redemption rights. The redemption value represented Keurig's estimate of the amount the holders of the preferred shares would have received upon redemption. The redemption value was based upon a valuation of Keurig performed annually and approved by Keurig's Board of Directors. The Company carried its investment in Keurig's preferred stock at accreted redemption value, which approximated fair value which the Company believed it could realize upon redemption or in a transaction with an independent third party. During the fiscal year 2006, \$2,421,000 of the earnings related to the investment in Keurig was due to the increase in the fair value of the Company's preferred shares based upon a valuation determined by Keurig's Board of Directors. The Company recognized its earnings related to its investment in Keurig net of related tax effects.

Summarized financial information for Keurig is as follows:

**Income Statement Information for the eight and a half months ended June 15, 2006****Dollars in thousands**

Revenues	\$ 51,704
Cost of goods sold	\$ 25,837
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	\$ 24,617
Operating income	\$ 1,250
Net income	\$ 1,145

**Financial Position Information at June 15, 2006****Dollars in thousands**

Current assets	\$ 16,325
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 3,374
Other assets	\$ 363
Total assets	\$ 20,062
Current liabilities	\$ 9,387
Noncurrent liabilities	
Redeemable preferred stock	\$ 38,799
Stockholder's deficit	\$ (28,124)

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The following unaudited pro forma information for the 2006 fiscal year has been prepared assuming the acquisition occurred at the beginning of the period presented:

	53 weeks ended September 30, 2006 Pro Forma
<b>Dollars in thousands except per share data</b>	
Net sales	\$ 262,203
Operating income	\$ 14,019
Net income	\$ 4,608
Basic income per share:	
Weighted average shares outstanding	22,516,701
Net income	\$ 0.20
Diluted income per share:	
Weighted average shares outstanding	23,820,183
Net income	\$ 0.19

**8. Segment Reporting**

Since the acquisition of Keurig on June 15, 2006 and throughout fiscal 2007, the Company manages its operations through two business segments: GMC and Keurig. GMC sells whole bean and ground coffee, coffee, hot cocoa and tea in K-Cups, Keurig single cup brewers and other accessories mainly in domestic wholesale and retail markets. Keurig sells their single cup brewers, coffee, hot cocoa and tea in K-Cups produced by a variety of licensed roasters and related accessories mainly in domestic wholesale and retail markets. Throughout this report, unless otherwise noted, the information provided is on a consolidated basis.

The Company evaluates performance based on several factors, including business segment income before taxes. The operating segments do not share manufacturing or distribution facilities, and most administrative functions such as accounting and information services are decentralized. In the event any materials and/or services are provided to one segment by the other, the transaction is valued at market price and eliminated through consolidation. The costs of the Company's manufacturing operations is captured within the GMC segment while the Keurig segment does not have manufacturing facilities and purchases their saleable products from third parties. The Company's property, plant and equipment, inventory and accounts receivable are captured and reported discretely within each operating segment.

Beginning in fiscal 2008, the Company manages its operations through two operating segments, GMC and Keurig, each of which is a reportable segment. Expenses not specifically related to either operating segment are shown separately as Corporate. Corporate expenses are comprised mainly of the compensation and other related expenses of our CEO, CFO, Chairman of the Board, Vice President of Human Resources, Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility and other selected employees who perform duties related to our entire enterprise. Corporate expenses also include interest expense, amortization of the identifiable intangibles acquired when Keurig was purchased, as well as certain corporate legal expenses and board of directors fees. All of the Company's goodwill and intangible assets are included in Corporate assets.

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Fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2006 segment disclosures have been reclassified to conform to current segment presentation throughout this report.

**Fiscal year ended 9/27/08**

<b>in thousands</b>	<b>GMC</b>	<b>Keurig</b>	<b>Corporate</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
Sales to unaffiliated customers	\$ 285,894	\$ 214,383			\$ 500,277
Intersegment sales	\$ 34,158	\$ 39,191		\$ (73,349)	
Net sales	\$ 320,052	\$ 253,574		\$ (73,349)	\$ 500,277
Income before taxes	\$ 27,823	\$ 32,588	\$ (23,503)	\$ (436)	\$ 36,472
Total assets	\$ 252,127	\$ 86,680	\$ 103,349	\$ (84,508)	\$ 357,648
Stock compensation	\$ 1,978	\$ 2,519	\$ 1,851		\$ 6,348
Interest expense			\$ 5,705		\$ 5,705
Property additions	\$ 42,558	\$ 3,536			\$ 46,094
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 11,792	\$ 1,708	\$ 4,812		\$ 18,312

**Fiscal year ended 9/29/07**

<b>in thousands</b>	<b>GMC</b>	<b>Keurig</b>	<b>Corporate</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
Sales to unaffiliated customers	\$ 230,487	\$ 111,164			\$ 341,651
Intersegment sales	\$ 11,471	\$ 23,607		\$ (35,078)	
Net sales	\$ 241,958	\$ 134,771		\$ (35,078)	\$ 341,651
Income before taxes	\$ 22,453	\$ 16,771	\$ (17,366)	\$ (281)	\$ 21,577
Total assets	\$ 153,423	\$ 40,382	\$ 108,048	\$ (37,326)	\$ 264,527
Stock compensation	\$ 1,690	\$ 1,565	\$ 1,037		\$ 4,292
Interest expense			\$ 6,176		\$ 6,176
Property additions	\$ 19,715	\$ 2,129			\$ 21,844
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 8,798	\$ 1,660	\$ 4,811		\$ 15,269

**Year ended 9/30/06**

<b>in thousands</b>	<b>GMC</b>	<b>Keurig</b>	<b>Corporate</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
Sales to unaffiliated customers	\$ 206,052	\$ 19,271			\$ 225,323
Intersegment sales	\$ 1,530	\$ 4,845		\$ (6,375)	\$
Net sales	\$ 207,582	\$ 24,116		\$ (6,375)	\$ 225,323
Income before taxes	\$ 18,655	\$ 1,142	\$ (3,563)	\$ (179)	\$ 16,055
Total assets	\$ 110,826	\$ 31,170	\$ 114,324	\$ (22,314)	\$ 234,006
Stock compensation	\$ 1,692	\$ 113			\$ 1,805

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Interest expense	\$ 100	\$	\$ 2,161	\$ 2,261
Property additions	\$ 12,732	\$ 881		\$ 13,613
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 7,543	\$ 725	\$ 1,402	\$ 9,670

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The Company offers a one-year warranty on all Keurig brewers it sells. Keurig provides for the estimated cost of product warranties, primarily using historical information and repair or replacement costs, at the time product revenue is recognized. During fiscal 2007, the Company experienced higher warranty returns associated with a defective component for specific brewers manufactured during calendar 2006. The defective component was replaced with an improved component for all brewers beginning in January 2007. Replacement costs amounted to \$1,600,000, of which \$1,400,000 was recovered from the component manufacturer. This recovery was reflected in Keurig's fiscal 2007 cost of sales.

The changes in the carrying amount of product warranty reserves for fiscal 2008 are as follows:

<b>Year ended September 27, 2008</b>	
Balance at September 29, 2007	\$ 815,000
Provision charged to income, net of reimbursements	2,322,000
Usage	(2,489,000)
<b>Balance at September 27, 2008</b>	<b>\$ 648,000</b>

The changes in the carrying amount of product warranty reserves for fiscal 2007 are as follows:

<b>Year ended September 29, 2007</b>	
Balance at September 30, 2006	\$ 230,000
Provision charged to income	1,928,000
Usage	(1,343,000)
<b>Balance at September 29, 2007</b>	<b>\$ 815,000</b>

**10. Credit Facility**

The Company maintains a Revolving Credit Agreement (the "Credit Facility") with Bank of America, N.A. ("Bank of America") and other lenders. On December 3, 2007, the Company amended its Credit Facility to increase the facility from \$125,000,000 to \$225,000,000, extend the expiration date of the Credit Facility from June 15, 2011 to December 3, 2012 and amend certain financial covenants. In addition, the Company has the ability from time to time to increase the size of the Credit Facility by up to an additional \$50,000,000, subject to receipt of lender commitments and other conditions precedent. The Company paid fees to its lenders for amendments to the Credit Facility of \$711,000 in the first quarter of fiscal 2008 and \$112,000 in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008. The Company also incurred \$84,000 in other financing fees related to these amendments.

At September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007, \$123,500,000 and \$90,000,000 were outstanding under the Credit Facility, respectively. The Credit Facility is secured by all assets of the Company. The Credit Facility contains various negative covenants, including limitations on: liens; investments; loans and advances; indebtedness; mergers, consolidations and acquisitions; asset sales; dividends and distributions or repurchases of the Company's capital stock; transactions with affiliates; certain burdensome agreements; and changes in the Company's lines of business.

The Credit Facility is subject to the following financial covenants: a funded debt to adjusted EBITDA covenant, a fixed charge coverage ratio covenant and a capital expenditures covenant. Effective on July 18,



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2008, the Credit Facility was amended to increase the maximum amount of capital expenditures permitted to \$60,000,000 in fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter. In addition, the Company is allowed a carry-over of the unused amount available for capital expenditures for the preceding fiscal year. The Company was in compliance with these covenants at September 27, 2008.

The borrowings under the Credit Facility bear interest at prime or Libor rates, plus a margin based on a performance price structure. At September 27, 2008, interest rates charged on the Credit Facility were as follows: 5.25% (Prime rate plus 25 basis points) on \$6,500,000 and 4.45% (one month Libor plus 125 basis points) on \$117,000,000. However, the rate charged on \$78,466,667 of the \$117,000,000 one-month Libor was fixed through swap agreements (see below). Therefore, the rate paid by the Company on that portion of the debt was in effect 5.11% (3.86% plus 125 basis points).

At September 29, 2007, the interest rate charged on the Credit Facility was 6.75% (Libor plus 125 basis points). However, the rate charged on \$65,466,667 of the \$90,000,000 one-month Libor was fixed through a swap agreement (see below). Therefore, the rate paid by the Company on that portion of the debt was in effect 6.69% (5.44% plus 125 basis points).

Interest on Libor loans is paid in arrears on the maturity date of such loans. The variable portion of the Credit Facility accrues interest daily and is paid quarterly, in arrears. The Company also pays a commitment fee on the average daily unused portion of the Credit Facility.

At September 27, 2008, and September 29, 2007, the Company also had \$345,000 and \$361,000 in outstanding letters of credit for leased office space and \$9,655,000 and \$9,639,000 available under the Credit Facility to issue letters of credit, respectively.

The Company is party to interest rate swap agreements. The notional amounts of these swaps at September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007 was \$78,466,667 and \$65,466,667, respectively. The effect of these swaps was to limit the interest rate exposure to a fixed rate at September 27, 2008 as follows: 5.44% versus the 30-day Libor rate on \$28,466,667; 2.35% versus the 30-day Libor rate on \$30,000,000; and 3.87% versus the 30-day Libor rate on \$20,000,000. The swap's notional amounts will decrease progressively in future periods and terminates on various dates from June 2010 through December 2012.

In accordance with the swap agreements and on a monthly basis, interest expense is calculated based on the floating 30-day Libor rate and the fixed rate. If interest expense calculated is greater based on the 30-day Libor rate, the lender pays the difference to the Company; if interest expense as calculated is greater based on the fixed rate, the Company pays the difference to the lender.

The fair market value of the interest rate swaps are the estimated amount that the Company would receive or pay to terminate the agreements at the reporting date, taking into account current interest rates and the credit worthiness of the counterparty. At September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007 the Company estimates it would have paid \$634,000 and \$871,000 (gross of tax), respectively, had it terminated the agreements. The Company designates the swap agreements as cash flow hedges and the fair value of these swaps are classified in accumulated other comprehensive income. The fair market value for the interest rate swaps were obtained from a major financial institution based on the market value of those financial instruments at the end of each fiscal year.

In fiscal years 2008, 2007 and 2006, the Company paid \$1,050,000, \$66,000 and \$8,000, respectively, in additional interest expense pursuant to the swap agreements. The Company is exposed to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the other party to the swap agreements; however, nonperformance is not anticipated.



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	September 27, 2008	September 29, 2007
Bank of America revolving line of credit (Note 10)	\$ 123,500,000	\$ 90,000,000
Office equipment capital leases	50,000	101,000
Service vehicle installment loans		12,000
	123,550,000	90,113,000
Less current portion	33,000	63,000
	\$ 123,517,000	\$ 90,050,000

*Service Vehicle Installment Loans*

These loans are for the purchase of service vehicles. These notes matured in February 2008.

*Office Equipment Capital Leases*

The Company leases copiers and fax machines. These leases require monthly installments of principal and interest totaling approximately \$5,000. Maturities vary from May 2009 to September 2010.

*Maturities*

Maturities of long-term debt for years subsequent to September 27, 2008 are as follows:

Fiscal Year	
2009	\$ 33,000
2010	17,000
2011	
2012	
2013	123,500,000
	\$ 123,550,000

**12. Coffee price hedging**

The Company regularly enters into coffee futures contracts to hedge forecasted purchases of green coffee and therefore designates these contracts as cash flow hedges. At September 27, 2008, the Company held outstanding futures contracts covering 1,162,500 pounds of coffee with a fair market value of (\$39,000). At September 27, 2008, deferred losses on futures contracts designated as cash flow hedges amounted to \$70,000 (\$43,000, net of taxes). These futures contracts are hedging coffee purchases forecasted to take place in the next six months and the related losses will be reflected in cost of sales in the first three fiscal quarters of 2009, when the related finished goods inventory is sold. The deferred losses are classified as accumulated other comprehensive losses. At September 29, 2007, the Company held no coffee futures and carried no deferred gains or losses from coffee futures transactions on its balance sheet.

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The total losses on coffee futures contracts that were included in cost of sales in fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007 amounted to \$9,000 (\$6,000 net of tax) and \$45,000 (\$26,000 net of tax), respectively. The total gains on futures contracts designated as cash flow hedges that were included in cost of sales in fiscal 2006 amounted

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to \$54,000 (\$31,000 net of tax). The fair market value for the futures is calculated at the end of each fiscal year, in consideration of information provided by a major financial institution, based on the market prices of identical (or similar) instruments that are regularly traded in readily observable markets.

**13. Employee Compensation Plans**

*Stock Option Plans*

On May 20, 1999, the Company registered on Form S-8 the 1999 Stock Option Plan (the 1999 Plan ). Under this plan, 1,500,000 shares of common stock are available for grants of both incentive and non-qualified stock options. Grants under the 1999 Plan generally expire 10 years after the grant date, or earlier if employment terminates. At September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007, options for 202 shares and 40,152 shares of common stock were available for grant under the plan, respectively.

On September 25, 2001, the Company registered on Form S-8 the 2000 Stock Option Plan (the 2000 Plan ). Under this plan, 2,400,000 shares of common stock are available for grants of both incentive and non-qualified stock options. Grants under the 2000 Plan generally expire 10 years after the grant date, or earlier if employment terminates. At September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007, options for 172 shares and 99,132 shares of common stock were available for grant under the plan, respectively.

On March 16, 2006, stockholders of the Company approved the Company's 2006 Incentive Plan (the 2006 Plan ). The 2006 Plan was amended on March 13, 2008 to which the total shares of common stock authorized for issuance increased to 1,600,000 from 900,000 at fiscal 2007 year end. Awards other than stock options are limited to a total of 180,000 over the life of the 2006 Plan. At September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007, options for 399,642 shares and 10,950 shares of common stock were available for grant under the plan, respectively.

On June 15, 2006, the Company completed its acquisition of Keurig. In connection with this acquisition, the Company assumed the existing outstanding unvested option awards of the Keurig, Incorporated Fifth Amended and Restated 1995 Stock Option Plan (the 1995 Plan ) and the Keurig, Incorporated 2005 Stock Option Plan (the 2005 Plan ). No shares under either the 1995 Plan or the 2005 Plan were eligible for post-acquisition awards. At September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007, 32,922 and 155,853 options out of the 308,202 options for shares of common stock granted were outstanding under 1995 Plan, respectively. At September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007, 160,573 options and 271,518 options out of the 331,239 options granted for shares of common stock were outstanding under the 2005 Plan, respectively. All awards assumed in the acquisition were initially granted with a four-year vesting schedule and continue to vest in accordance with their existing terms. Also in connection with the acquisition, the Company made an inducement grant on June 15, 2006 to Mr. Nicholas Lazaris of a non-qualified stock option to purchase 150,000 shares of the Company's common stock, which vests in four equal annual installments beginning on June 15, 2007. The 150,000 inducement grant was outstanding at September 29, 2007. On August 15, 2008, Mr. Lazaris separated from the Company and options for 37,500 shares out of the 150,000 granted were vested and outstanding at the 2008 fiscal year end.

On May 3, 2007, Mr. Lawrence Blanford commenced his employment as the president and chief executive officer of the Company. Pursuant to the terms of the employment, the Company made an inducement grant on May 4, 2007 to Mr. Blanford of a non-qualified option to purchase 210,000 shares of the Company's common stock, with an exercise price equal to fair market value on the date of the grant. The shares subject to the option will vest in 20% installments on each of the first five anniversaries of the date of the grant, provided that Mr. Blanford remains employed with the Company on each vesting date.

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Under the 1999 Plan and the 2000 Plan, the option price for each incentive stock option shall not be less than the fair market value per share of common stock on the date of grant, with certain provisions which increase the option price to 110% of the fair market value of the common stock if the grantee owns in excess of 10% of the Company's common stock at the date of grant. Under the 1999 Plan, the option price for each non-qualified stock option shall not be less than 85% of the fair market value of the common stock at the date of grant. The 2000 Plan does not have restrictions on the pricing of non-qualified grants. The 2006 Plan requires the exercise price for all awards requiring exercise to be no less than 100% of fair market value per share of common stock on the date of grant, with certain provisions which increase the option price to 110% of the fair market value of the common stock if the grantee owns in excess of 10% of the Company's common stock at the date of grant. Options under the 1999 Plan, the 2000 Plan and the 2006 Plan become exercisable over periods determined by the Board of Directors, generally in the range of four to five years.

Option activity is summarized as follows:

	<b>Number of Shares</b>	<b>Average Exercise Price</b>
Outstanding at September 29, 2007	3,506,170	12.32
Granted	493,768	30.74
Exercised	(705,546)	5.16
Canceled	(151,781)	14.99
Outstanding at September 27, 2008	3,142,611	13.89
Exercisable at September 27, 2008	1,782,348	\$ 8.22

The following table summarizes information about stock options expected to vest at September 27, 2008:

<b>Range of exercise price</b>	<b>Number of options outstanding</b>	<b>Weighted average remaining contractual life (in years)</b>	<b>Weighted average exercise price</b>	<b>Intrinsic value at September 27, 2008</b>
\$ 0.94 - \$42.48	3,008,310	6.24	13.89	\$ 75,116,000

The following table summarizes information about stock options exercisable at September 27, 2008:

<b>Range of exercise price</b>	<b>Number of options exercisable</b>	<b>Weighted average remaining contractual life (in years)</b>	<b>Weighted average exercise price</b>	<b>Intrinsic value at September 27, 2008</b>
\$ 0.94 - \$42.48	1,782,348	4.57	8.22	\$ 54,548,000

The Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004) Share-Based Payments (FAS123(R)) at the beginning of its first fiscal quarter of 2006. Compensation expense is recognized only for those options expected to vest, with forfeitures estimated based on the Company's historical employee turnover experience and future expectations.

The Company uses a blend of recent and historical volatility to estimate expected volatility at the measurement date. The expected life of options is estimated based on options vesting periods, contractual lives and an analysis of the Company's historical experience.

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Income before income taxes was reduced by \$6,348,000, \$4,292,000 and \$1,805,000 (gross of tax), respectively, due to the recognition of stock compensation expense for the years ended September 27,

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2008, September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006, respectively. Net of tax, stock compensation expense was \$4,755,000, \$3,335,000 and \$1,479,000 for the years ended September 27, 2008, September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006, respectively.

Total unrecognized share-based compensation costs related to unvested stock options expected to vest were approximately \$12,384,000 as of September 27, 2008 which related to approximately 1,226,000 shares. This unrecognized cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 2 years at September 27, 2008. The intrinsic values of options exercised during fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007 were approximately \$22,217,000 and \$9,967,000, respectively. The Company's policy is to issue new shares upon exercise of stock options.

The grant-date fair value of employee share options and similar instruments is estimated using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions for grants issued during fiscal 2008: an expected life averaging 6 years; an average volatility of 45%; no dividend yield; and a risk-free interest rate averaging 3%. The weighted-average fair value of options granted during fiscal 2008 was \$14.44.

The following assumptions were used for option grants issued during fiscal 2007: an expected life averaging 6 years; an average volatility of 39%; no dividend yield; and a risk-free interest rate averaging 5%. The weighted-average fair value of options granted during fiscal 2007 was \$9.64.

The following assumptions were used for option grants issued during fiscal 2006: an expected life averaging 5 years; an average volatility of 43%; no dividend yield; and a risk-free interest rate averaging 5%. The weighted-average fair value of options granted during fiscal 2006 was \$7.47.

*Employee Stock Purchase Plan*

On October 5, 1998, the Company registered on Form S-8 the 1998 Employee Stock Purchase Plan. On March 13, 2008, the plan was amended and renamed the Amended and Restated Employee Stock Purchase Plan ( ESPP ). Under this plan, eligible employees may purchase shares of the Company's common stock, subject to certain limitations, at the lesser of 85 percent of the beginning or ending withholding period fair market value as defined in the plan. There are two six-month withholding periods in each fiscal year. At September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007, options for 555,050 and 631,032 shares of common stock were available for grant under the plan, respectively.

The grant-date fair value of employees' purchase rights granted during fiscal 2008 under the Company's ESPP is estimated using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions: an expected life equal to 6 months; an average volatility of 59%; no dividend yield; and an average risk-free interest rate equal to 3%. The weighted-average fair value of purchase rights granted during fiscal 2008 was \$10.02.

The assumptions used for fiscal 2007 ESPP grants were: an expected life equal to 6 months; an average volatility of 36%; no dividend yield; and an average risk-free interest rate equal to 5%. The weighted-average fair value of purchase rights granted during fiscal 2007 was \$4.03.

The assumptions used for fiscal 2006 ESPP grants were: an expected life equal to 6 months; an average volatility of 35%; no dividend yield; and an average risk-free interest rate equal to 4.2%. The weighted-average fair value of purchase rights granted during fiscal 2006 was \$3.03.

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**14. Defined Contribution Plan**

The Company has a defined contribution plan which meets the requirements of section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. As of January 1, 2008, the defined contribution plan of the Keurig subsidiary was merged into the Company's defined contribution plan. All regular full-time employees of the Company who are at least eighteen years of age and work a minimum of 36 hours per week are eligible to participate in the plan. The plan allows employees to defer a portion of their salary on a pre-tax basis and the Company contributes 50% of amounts contributed by employees up to 6% of their salary. Company contributions to the plan amounted to \$1,245,000, \$856,000, and \$723,000, for the years ended September 27, 2008, September 29, 2007, and September 30, 2006, respectively.

Prior to January 1, 2008, the Keurig subsidiary of the Company had a separate defined contribution plan that met the requirements of section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. All regular full-time employees of Keurig who were at least eighteen years of age and had completed three months of service were eligible to participate in the plan. The plan allowed employees to defer a portion of their salary on a pre-tax basis and the Company contributed 50% of amounts contributed by employees up to 6% of their salary. Company contributions to the Keurig plan amounted to \$62,000 for the fiscal quarter ended December 29, 2007 and \$296,000 and \$50,000 for the fiscal years ended September 29, 2007 and September 30, 2006, respectively.

**15. Employee Stock Ownership Plan**

On September 14, 2000, the Board of Directors of the Company adopted a resolution establishing the Green Mountain Coffee, Inc., Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "ESOP") and the related Green Mountain Coffee, Inc., Employee Stock Ownership Trust (the "Trust"). The ESOP is qualified under sections 401(a) and 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code. All employees of the Company (not including its Keurig subsidiary) with one year or more of service who are at least twenty-one years of age are eligible to participate in the Plan, in accordance with the terms of the Plan. The Company may, at its discretion, contribute shares of Company stock or cash that is used to purchase shares of Company stock. Company contributions are credited to eligible participants' accounts pro-rata based on their compensation. Plan participants become vested in their Plan benefits after five years of employment.

In April 2001, a total of 37,500 shares were purchased at a cost of \$197,000 in the open market and distributed directly to participants. On April 16, 2001, the Company made a \$2,000,000 loan to the Trust to provide funds for the open-market purchases of the Company's common stock. This loan bears interest at an annual rate of 8.5% and provides for annual repayments to the Company. The maturity date of the loan is the last business day of the Company's fiscal 2010 year. Between April 19, 2001 and August 21, 2001, the Trust purchased 221,400 shares of the Company's common stock at an average price of \$9.04 per share. The fair value of unearned ESOP shares at September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007 was \$703,000 or \$38.80 per share and \$773,000 or \$33.19 a share, respectively.

For each of the years ended September 27, 2008, September 29, 2007, and September 30, 2006, the Company recorded compensation costs of \$200,000 annually for contributions to the ESOP.

After the close of 2007 and 2006 calendar years, 6,026 shares and 16,305 shares were transferred from the unallocated ESOP pool of shares and allocated to participants' accounts, respectively. At September 27, 2008, 5,155 shares had been committed to be released to participants' accounts at the end of the calendar 2008 year.

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The 2002 Deferred Compensation Plan, amended in December 2007, permits certain highly compensated officers and employees of the Company and non-employee directors to defer eligible compensation payable for services rendered to the Company. Participants may elect to receive deferred compensation in the form of cash payments or shares of Company Common Stock on the date or dates selected by the participant or on such other date or dates specified in the Deferred Compensation Plan. The Deferred Compensation Plan is in effect for compensation earned on or after September 29, 2002. As of September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007, 285,325 shares and 288,206 shares of Common Stock were available for future issuance under this Plan, respectively. As of September 27, 2008 and September 29, 2007, rights to acquire 14,675 and 11,794 shares of Common Stock were outstanding under this Plan, respectively.

**17. Related party transactions**

The Company uses travel services provided by Heritage Flight, a charter air services company acquired in September 2002 by Mr. Stiller, the Company's former CEO and current Chairman of the Board. During fiscal years 2008, 2007, and 2006, the Company was billed a total of \$305,000, \$234,000, and \$115,000, respectively, by Heritage Flight for travel services provided to various employees of the Company.

**18. Commitments, Lease Contingencies and Contingent Liabilities***Leases*

The Company leases office and retail space, production, distribution and service facilities, and certain equipment under various non-cancelable operating leases, with terms ranging from one to twenty years. Property leases normally require payment of a minimum annual rental plus a pro-rata share of certain landlord operating expenses. Total rent expense under all operating leases was \$5,208,000, \$3,693,000, and \$2,899,000 in fiscal 2008, 2007, and 2006, respectively.

Minimum future lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases for years subsequent to September 27, 2008 are as follows:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Operating Leases</b>
2009	\$ 4,497,000
2010	4,200,000
2011	3,937,000
2012	3,244,000
2013	2,414,000
Thereafter	7,129,000
<b>Total minimum lease payments</b>	<b>\$ 25,421,000</b>

In conjunction with its purchase of Keurig's stock in 2002, the Company had issued Stock Appreciation Rights (SARs). Upon consummation of a liquidity event involving the stock of Keurig as defined in the SARs agreement, the Company would be required to record an expense equal to the difference between the value of Keurig's stock and the price paid by the Company when it acquired Keurig stock in 2002. The Merger was not considered a liquidity event, and therefore no payments under these SARs agreements were made upon consummation of the Merger. However, the agreement remains in effect and, under certain





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circumstances, if the Company were to sell Keurig, the sale may trigger a liquidity event under the agreement. At September 27, 2008, the Company estimated that it would have been required to record an expense equal to \$2,820,000, had a liquidity event occurred.

**19. Earnings per share**

The following table illustrates the reconciliation of the numerator and denominator of basic and diluted income per share from continuing operations (dollars in thousands, except share and per share data):

	September 27, 2008	Year Ended September 29, 2007	September 30, 2006
Numerator basic and diluted earnings per share: Net income	\$ 22,229	\$ 12,843	\$ 8,443
Denominator:			
Basic earnings per share weighted average shares outstanding	23,949,798	23,250,431	22,516,701
Effect of dilutive securities stock options	1,614,982	1,522,942	1,210,647
Diluted earnings per share weighted average shares outstanding	25,564,780	24,773,373	23,727,348
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.93	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.37
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.36

For the fiscal years ended September 27, 2008, September 29, 2007, and September 30, 2006, 234,000, 426,000, and 387,000 options for shares of common stock, respectively, have been excluded in the calculation of diluted earnings per share because they were antidilutive.

**20. Unaudited Quarterly Financial Data**

The following table presents the quarterly information for fiscal 2008 (dollars in thousands, except per share data). Each fiscal quarter of 2008 comprises 13 weeks.

Fiscal 2008	December 29, 2007	March 29, 2008	June 28, 2008	September 27, 2008
Net sales	\$ 126,445	\$ 120,877	\$ 118,120	\$ 134,835
Gross profit	\$ 43,289	\$ 44,713	\$ 42,494	\$ 46,409
Net income	\$ 2,925	\$ 5,957	\$ 6,329	\$ 7,088
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.29
Diluted	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.28

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The following table presents the quarterly information for fiscal 2007 (dollars in thousands, except per share data). Each fiscal quarter of 2007 comprises 13 weeks.

<b>Fiscal 2007</b>	<b>December 30, 2006</b>	<b>March 31, 2007</b>	<b>June 30, 2007</b>	<b>September 29, 2007</b>
Net sales	\$ 83,341	\$ 82,877	\$ 82,418	\$ 93,015
Gross profit	\$ 31,685	\$ 32,484	\$ 34,136	\$ 32,816
Net income	\$ 2,442	\$ 3,145	\$ 3,685	\$ 3,571
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.15
Diluted	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.14

**21. Subsequent events**

On September 15, 2008, the Company entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Tully's Coffee Corporation, a Washington corporation (Tully's) and Tully's Bellaccino, LLC, a Washington limited liability company and wholly-owned subsidiary of Tully's (the Purchase Agreement) pursuant to which the Company agrees to acquire the Tully's coffee brand and certain assets related to the Tully's wholesale business for a total purchase price of \$40,300,000, to be paid in cash. The Purchase Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and covenants, and is subject to customary closing conditions, including the approval of the Tully's shareholders. The Company intends to finance the consideration paid pursuant to the Purchase Agreement through its existing \$225,000,000 senior revolving credit facility. On October 24, 2008, the Company received consent from the lenders under its existing revolving credit agreement to waive the provision of the credit agreement which prohibits borrowings in excess of \$25,000,000 for acquisitions in a fiscal year for the limited purpose of allowing the Company to consummate the Tully's acquisition.

On October 23, 2008, Keurig entered into a Settlement and License Agreement with Kraft Foods Inc., Kraft Foods Global, Inc., and Tassimo Corporation (collectively Kraft) providing for a complete settlement of Keurig's previously filed lawsuit against Kraft. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement and License Agreement, Kraft paid to Keurig a lump sum of \$17,000,000 and Keurig grants to Kraft and its affiliates a limited, non-exclusive, perpetual, worldwide, fully paid up license of certain Keurig patents. The settlement will be recorded in the Company's first quarter of fiscal 2009 as a non-recurring item in operating income.

**Table of Contents****Schedule II Valuation and Qualifying Accounts****for the fiscal years ended****September 27, 2008, September 29, 2007, and September 30, 2006**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Balance at Beginning of Period</b>	<b>Charged to Costs and Expenses</b>	<b>Additions Charged to Other Accounts</b>	<b>Deductions</b>	<b>Balance at End of Period</b>
Allowance for doubtful accounts:					
Fiscal 2008	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,159,000	\$ 243,000		\$ 3,002,000
Fiscal 2007	\$ 1,021,000	\$ 620,000		\$ 41,000	\$ 1,600,000
Fiscal 2006	\$ 544,000	\$ 360,000	\$ 117,000		\$ 1,021,000

<b>Description</b>	<b>Balance at Beginning of Period</b>	<b>Charged to Costs and Expenses</b>	<b>Additions Charged to Other Accounts</b>	<b>Deductions</b>	<b>Balance at End of Period</b>
Warranty reserve:					
Fiscal 2008	\$ 815,000	\$ 2,322,000		\$ 2,489,000	\$ 648,000
Fiscal 2007	\$ 230,000	\$ 1,928,000		\$ 1,343,000	\$ 815,000
Fiscal 2006		\$ 260,000	\$ 353,000	\$ 383,000	\$ 230,000

<b>Description</b>	<b>Balance at Beginning of Period</b>	<b>Charged to Costs and Expenses</b>	<b>Additions Charged to Other Accounts</b>	<b>Deductions</b>	<b>Balance at End of Period</b>
Inventory obsolescence reserve:					
Fiscal 2008	\$ 348,000	\$ 1,141,000		\$ 1,049,000	\$ 440,000
Fiscal 2007	\$ 219,000	\$ 861,000		\$ 732,000	\$ 348,000
Fiscal 2006	\$ 133,000	\$ 766,000	\$ 99,000	\$ 779,000	\$ 219,000

The accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these financial statements.