

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2009

OR

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

For the transition period from to

Commission file number: 001-31262

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

01-0609375
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

2905 Premiere Parkway NW Suite 300

Duluth, Georgia
(Address of principal executive offices)

(770) 418-8200

30097
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this Chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ☐ No ☐

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 the 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 Exchange Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: The number of shares of common stock outstanding as of July 29, 2009, was 32,248,959 (net of 4,770,224 treasury shares).

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ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****(In millions, except share and per share data)****(Unaudited)**

	June 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 41.9	\$ 91.6
Restricted cash	8.0	
Contracts-in-transit	54.4	63.8
Accounts receivable (net of allowance of \$0.7 and \$0.9, respectively)	85.8	82.2
Inventories	529.3	666.6
Deferred income taxes	8.9	10.9
Assets held for sale	31.5	50.4
Other current assets	61.5	54.2
Total current assets	821.3	1,019.7
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net	468.9	476.7
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES, net of current portion	85.1	100.0
OTHER LONG-TERM ASSETS	51.0	54.5
Total assets	\$ 1,426.3	\$ 1,650.9
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Floor plan notes payable - trade	\$ 359.7	\$ 478.2
Floor plan notes payable - non-trade	96.4	134.6
Current maturities of long-term debt	8.6	58.8
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	143.9	151.3
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	17.9	31.6
Total current liabilities	626.5	854.5
LONG-TERM DEBT	538.9	540.9
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	27.6	28.9
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 11)		
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized		
Common stock, \$.01 par value, 90,000,000 shares authorized 37,019,183 and 36,711,885 shares issued, including shares held in treasury, respectively	0.4	0.4
Additional paid-in capital	453.8	453.5
Accumulated deficit	(141.4)	(147.2)
Treasury stock, at cost; 4,770,224 and 4,760,218 shares held, respectively	(74.6)	(74.5)

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Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(4.9)	(5.6)
Total shareholders' equity	233.3	226.6
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 1,426.3	\$ 1,650.9

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

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	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
REVENUES:				
New vehicle	\$ 517.7	\$ 743.7	\$ 958.3	\$ 1,438.4
Used vehicle	242.4	289.2	451.3	587.7
Parts and service	159.7	169.2	321.7	336.6
Finance and insurance, net	22.6	36.8	43.3	73.0
Total revenues	942.4	1,238.9	1,774.6	2,435.7
COST OF SALES:				
New vehicle	483.3	693.3	896.5	1,341.6
Used vehicle	222.4	263.9	411.7	535.7
Parts and service	80.8	82.8	163.7	165.8
Total cost of sales	786.5	1,040.0	1,471.9	2,043.1
GROSS PROFIT	155.9	198.9	302.7	392.6
OPERATING EXPENSES:				
Selling, general and administrative	126.7	156.2	249.7	311.1
Depreciation and amortization	5.9	5.4	12.0	10.5
Other operating (income) expense, net	(0.4)	2.0	(0.8)	1.7
Income from operations	23.7	35.3	41.8	69.3
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):				
Floor plan interest expense	(4.7)	(7.5)	(9.6)	(15.8)
Other interest expense	(9.0)	(9.3)	(19.0)	(18.3)
Convertible debt discount amortization	(0.5)	(0.8)	(0.9)	(1.6)
Interest income	0.1	0.3	0.1	1.3
Total other expense, net	(14.1)	(17.3)	(29.4)	(34.4)
Income before income taxes	9.6	18.0	12.4	34.9
INCOME TAX EXPENSE	3.6	7.1	4.6	13.5
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	6.0	10.9	7.8	21.4
DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS, net of tax	(0.5)	(0.5)	(2.0)	(0.9)
NET INCOME	\$ 5.5	\$ 10.4	\$ 5.8	\$ 20.5
EARNINGS (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE:				
Basic				
Continuing operations	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.68
Discontinued operations	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.06)	(0.03)

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Net income	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.65
Diluted				
Continuing operations	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.66
Discontinued operations	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.06)	(0.02)
Net income	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.64
CASH DIVIDENDS DECLARED PER COMMON SHARE	\$	\$ 0.23	\$	\$ 0.45
WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING:				
Basic	32.2	31.7	32.1	31.6
Performance share units	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4
Restricted stock	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1
Stock options	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.1
Diluted	33.2	32.2	33.0	32.2

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

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	For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2009	2008
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income	\$ 5.8	\$ 20.5
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	12.0	10.5
Stock-based compensation	0.9	1.6
Deferred income taxes	16.7	5.4
Loaner vehicle amortization	4.2	4.1
Other adjustments, net	2.6	6.8
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions and divestitures		
Contracts-in-transit	9.4	21.5
Accounts receivable	(14.2)	17.1
Proceeds from the sale of accounts receivable	10.8	10.7
Inventories	158.3	45.6
Other current assets	(41.4)	(28.8)
Floor plan notes payable trade	(121.5)	(4.1)
Floor plan notes payable trade divestitures	(7.7)	(4.6)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(8.4)	(0.1)
Other long-term assets and liabilities, net	1.6	(0.1)
Net cash provided by operating activities	29.1	106.1
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Capital expenditures	(4.8)	(31.5)
Construction reimbursements associated with sale-leaseback agreements		1.9
Acquisitions		(41.9)
Purchases of previously leased real estate		(207.9)
Proceeds from the sale of assets	22.2	20.7
Other investing activities	(0.5)	0.4
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	16.9	(258.3)
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Floor plan borrowings non-trade	164.0	1,283.2
Floor plan borrowings acquisitions		7.6
Floor plan repayments non-trade	(199.3)	(1,301.7)
Floor plan repayments non-trade divestitures	(2.9)	(2.8)
Payments of dividends		(14.4)
Proceeds from borrowings	0.9	187.5
Repayments of borrowings	(57.3)	(24.3)
Payments of debt issuance costs	(1.1)	(0.4)
Purchase of treasury stock associated with net share settlement of employee share-based awards	(0.1)	(1.2)
Proceeds from the exercise of stock options	0.1	0.1
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(95.7)	133.6

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Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(49.7)	(18.6)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	91.6	53.4
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$ 41.9	\$ 34.8

See Note 10 for supplemental cash flow information

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

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ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

We are one of the largest automotive retailers in the United States, operating 110 franchises (84 dealership locations) in 21 metropolitan markets within 11 states as of June 30, 2009. We offer an extensive range of automotive products and services, including new and used vehicles; vehicle maintenance, replacement parts and collision repair services; and financing, insurance and service contracts. We offer 37 domestic and foreign brands of new vehicles, including 7 heavy truck brands. We also operate 25 collision repair centers that serve customers in our local markets.

During the first quarter of 2009, we completed the relocation of our corporate headquarters to Duluth, Georgia, and announced the elimination of our regional management structure. Our retail network is made up of nine locally branded dealership groups including: our Coggin dealerships, operating primarily in the Florida markets of Jacksonville, Fort Pierce and Orlando; our Courtesy dealerships operating in Tampa, Florida; our Crown dealerships operating in New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia; our Nalley dealerships operating in Atlanta, Georgia; our McDavid dealerships operating throughout Texas; our North Point dealerships operating in Little Rock, Arkansas; our California dealerships operating in Los Angeles and Fresno; our Plaza dealerships operating in St. Louis, Missouri; and our Gray Daniels dealerships operating in Jackson, Mississippi.

The automotive retail market declined significantly throughout 2008, reflecting the impact of weak economic conditions in the U.S., including turmoil in the debt markets, broad declines in the equity markets and continued weakness in the housing markets. The effects of these conditions continued into the second quarter of 2009, as the seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) of new vehicle sales in the U.S., which was over 16.0 million from 1999 to 2007, decreased to approximately 9.6 million during the first half of 2009. Tighter lending standards for automotive financing and certain manufacturers' decisions to reduce support of customer leasing programs have limited some customers' ability to purchase vehicles. While U.S. vehicle sales for all major vehicle manufacturers have declined during the recent difficult economic environment, U.S. domestic manufacturers have contributed a disproportionate amount of the decline in U.S. industry-wide vehicle sales over recent years.

RECENT MANUFACTURER DEVELOPMENTS

On April 30, 2009, Chrysler LLC (Chrysler) and certain of its affiliates filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. In connection with its reorganization, Chrysler terminated the franchise agreement for one of our four Chrysler dealerships. We have \$2.2 million of payments remaining on the lease for the premises of this terminated Chrysler dealership, which expires in July 2012. However, the termination did not have a material impact on our financial results or operations as we transferred the remaining Chrysler/Jeep new vehicle, used vehicle and parts inventory to our other Chrysler dealerships and expect to receive full payment of receivables owed to us by Chrysler as of the date of the bankruptcy filing. In addition, we do not expect any disruptions to our floor plan financing arrangements for our remaining Chrysler dealerships as a result of the Chrysler bankruptcy. On June 10, 2009, a group led by Fiat SpA (New Chrysler) purchased a substantial portion of Chrysler's assets, which include the rights related to our three remaining franchise agreements. New Chrysler subsequently assumed Chrysler's obligations under our three remaining franchise agreements.

On June 1, 2009, General Motors Corp. (General Motors) and certain of its affiliates filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. In connection with its reorganization, General Motors notified us that it would not renew the franchise agreements for two of our six General Motors dealerships when they expire in November 2010. General Motors offered assistance with winding down the operations of these dealerships in exchange for our execution of a termination agreement for each dealership. We executed both termination agreements. The termination agreements provide for the following:

The termination of the franchise agreement no earlier than January 1, 2010 (except with the consent of New GM, as defined below) and no later than October 31, 2010;

The assignment and assumption of the franchise agreement by the purchaser of General Motors (New GM) assets;

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Financial assistance payable to us in installments in connection with the orderly winding down of the franchise operations, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions;

The waiver of any other termination assistance of any kind that may have been required under the franchise agreement;

The release of claims against General Motors or New GM assets and their related parties, including any obligation of General Motors or New GM to repurchase from the dealerships any vehicles, parts, accessories or special tools;

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The franchise operations to continue pursuant to the franchise agreement, as supplemented by the termination agreement, through the effective date of termination of the franchise agreement, except that we shall not be entitled to order any new vehicles from General Motors or New GM; and

A restriction on our ability to transfer the franchise agreement to another party.

On July 16, 2009, we sought consent from New GM to close these two dealerships in the third quarter of 2009. On July 20, 2009, pursuant to the termination agreements, we received approximately 25% of the financial assistance payable to us by New GM. On July 29, 2009, we received consent from New GM to close these dealerships prior to January 2010. The closure of these two dealerships is not expected to have a material impact on our financial results or operations.

For our remaining four General Motors dealerships, we executed participation agreements that amend the existing franchise agreements for those dealerships. Under the participation agreements, we agreed to meet increased sales and inventory level expectations and that the amended franchise agreements will expire no later than October 31, 2010. The participation agreements also provide for the extinguishment of all amounts owed to us from General Motors except for certain product liability indemnifications, unpaid warranty claims for transactions occurring 90 days prior to June 1, 2009 and amounts owed to us through incentive programs and under our open account with General Motors. Payments of the amounts discussed above will be subject to approval by the bankruptcy court. On July 10, 2009, New GM purchased a substantial portion of General Motors' assets, which include the rights related to our four remaining franchise agreements (as modified by the participation agreements). As part of the closing of this sale, New GM assumed General Motors' obligations under our four remaining franchise agreements.

The three dealerships to be closed in connection with these bankruptcies generated revenues of approximately \$105.0 million in 2008, or about 2% of our total revenues.

MANAGEMENT'S PLAN FOR MANAGING THROUGH THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS

We expect the remainder of 2009 to continue to be a very challenging retail environment, which we believe will continue to negatively impact new vehicle, used vehicle and F&I revenue. In addition, the weak economic conditions have resulted in increasing momentum in period over period parts and service sales declines. We expect the luxury and mid-line import brands, which comprised approximately 87% of our light vehicle revenue in the second quarter of 2009, will increase their share of the U.S. market over the long term. Excluding the impact of impairment expenses in 2008, we expect to experience lower net income in 2009 as compared to 2008, as a result of our expectation (i) of lower new vehicle unit sales in 2009, (ii) that retail margins will remain under pressure while manufacturers bring supply in line with demand, and (iii) that consumers will continue to experience difficulty securing vehicle financing.

In response to the weakening U.S. automotive retail environment in 2008 and our expectation for continued weakness in U.S. automotive sales in 2009, we took action to align our expense structure to current business levels. These actions, which were initiated during the third quarter of 2008, include the relocation of our corporate offices, the elimination of our regional management structure and store-level productivity initiatives. The relocation of our corporate offices has delivered annualized cost savings of approximately \$3.5 million resulting principally from staffing reductions, and expected rent savings would increase annualized savings to approximately \$4.5 million. We expect that the elimination of our regional management structure will reduce our annual operating expenses by approximately \$10.0 million, consisting of personnel and rent expense. We began to experience the benefit from our restructuring plans in January 2009, and we expect to receive full benefit beginning in September 2009. Our restructuring plans, store-level productivity initiatives and variable cost structure delivered \$29.6 million in same store operating expense reduction during the second quarter of 2009, when compared to the prior year quarter.

Since the beginning of the fourth quarter of 2008, we have temporarily suspended our strategy of growing our business through acquisitions, eliminated our dividend payments and significantly reduced our capital expenditure plans. We have also focused on improving our working capital by (i) increasing our floor plan notes payable related to loaner vehicles and new vehicles obtained from third-party dealerships, (ii) continuing to lower our inventory balances and (iii) improving our collection of contracts-in-transit and accounts receivable.

We are subject to a number of financial covenants in our various debt agreements. We have successfully modified those covenants to remove the most restrictive covenant, which in turn reduced the level of cash flow from operations necessary to remain in compliance with those covenants in the current depressed economic environment. In exchange for the removal of the most restrictive covenant, we agreed to (i) a reduction in total credit commitments, (ii) additional restrictions on new indebtedness and (iii) an increase in the interest rates on outstanding borrowings. Refer to the Long-Term Debt footnote and Subsequent Events footnote for further discussion of the covenant amendments.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), and reflect the consolidated accounts of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. and our wholly owned subsidiaries. All intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. In addition, certain immaterial amounts have been reclassified to conform to current presentation.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the periods presented. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Estimates and assumptions are reviewed quarterly and the effects of revisions are reflected in the condensed consolidated financial statements in the period they are determined to be necessary. Significant estimates made in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include, but are not limited to, inventory valuation reserves, reserves for chargebacks against revenue recognized from the sale of finance and insurance products, certain assumptions related to intangible and long-lived assets, reserves for insurance programs, reserves for certain legal proceedings, realization of deferred tax assets and reserves for estimated tax liabilities.

In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting only of normal, recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation of the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 2009, and for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 have been included. The results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year. Our interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read together with our consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, certain amounts reflected in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, have been classified as Assets Held for Sale and Liabilities Associated with Assets Held for Sale. In addition, the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, have been reclassified to reflect the status of our discontinued operations as of June 30, 2009.

We adopted the provisions of FASB Statement Position APB 14-a, Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash upon Conversion (Including Partial Cash Settlement) (FSP APB 14-a) as of January 1, 2009. FSP APB 14-a requires retroactive application. FSP APB 14-a applies to convertible debt instruments that, by their stated terms, may be settled in cash (or other assets) upon conversion, including partial cash settlements that do not fall under the requirements of SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities (SFAS 133). FSP APB 14-a requires that an issuer of certain convertible debt instruments separately account for the liability and equity components in a manner that will reflect the issuer's nonconvertible debt borrowing rate when interest cost is recognized in subsequent periods. The excess of the principal amount of the liability component over its initial fair value shall be amortized to interest cost using the effective interest method. We have determined that the provisions of FSP APB 14-a apply to our 3% Senior Subordinated Convertible Notes due 2012 (the 3% Notes).

In determining the effect of the adoption of FSP APB 14-a, we retroactively adjusted Long-Term Debt, Equity and Interest Expense on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets and Statements of Income related to our 3% Notes. As a result of the adoption of this pronouncement, we have determined that the value of our 3% Notes as of June 30, 2009, and December 31, 2008, is \$55.5 million and \$54.6 million, respectively, compared to \$62.0 million of face value. These balances reflect the accretion and reclassification of the value of the convertible feature of the debt, assuming a nonconvertible debt borrowing rate of 6.7% at issuance. As of June 30, 2009, and December 31, 2008, the unamortized balance, which reduces the balance of our 3% Notes, was \$6.5 million and \$7.4 million, respectively. The remaining balance will be fully amortized by September 2012. As a result, interest expense for the six months ended June 30, 2009, and 2008, increased by \$0.9 million and \$1.6 million, respectively. Additionally, our accumulated deficit as of January 1, 2009 increased by \$7.2 million, and our additional paid-in capital as of January 1, 2009 increased by \$11.1 million.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue from the sale of new and used vehicles is recognized upon delivery, passage of title, signing of the sales contract and approval of financing. Revenue from the sale of parts and service is recognized upon delivery of parts to the customer or at the time vehicle service or repair work is completed. Manufacturer incentives and rebates, including manufacturer holdbacks, floor plan interest assistance and certain advertising assistance, are recognized as a component of new vehicle cost of sales when earned, generally at the time the related vehicles are sold.

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We receive commissions from third party lending and insurance institutions for arranging customer financing and for the sale of vehicle service contracts, credit life insurance and disability insurance to customers (collectively F&I). We may be charged back (chargebacks) for F&I commissions in the event a contract is prepaid, in default or terminated prior to maturity. F&I commissions

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are recorded at the time the vehicles are sold and a reserve for future chargebacks is established based on historical operating results and the termination provisions of the applicable contracts. F&I commissions, net of estimated chargebacks, are included in Finance and Insurance, net in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

In addition to the commissions we receive on the sale of third-party warranty and insurance products, we also have contingent revenue arrangements with third-party administrators whereby we will potentially receive retrospective payments in the future. These payments, if any, represent the amount of funds available to pay future claims in excess of what is actually used to pay claims on the related policies. These payments are determined by the third-party administrator based upon a predetermined earnings formula. The amount of retrospective payments is contingent on the claim performance (i.e., the amount of the funds used to pay customer claims). If the claim performance is such that no excess funds are predicted to exist at the maturity of the related contracts, then no retrospective commissions are paid. As a result, we do not record retrospective commissions until such time that the payment has been confirmed by the third-party administrator to the contracts, because that is the first time that the amount is fixed and determinable.

Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by our weighted-average common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average common shares and common share equivalents outstanding during the period. There were no adjustments to the numerator necessary to compute diluted earnings per share. We have issued warrants that, upon exercise, may result in the issuance of between 2,443,526 and 4,887,052 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$44.74 per share. In addition, our 3% Notes are convertible into our common stock at a current exercise price of \$33.73 per share. The shares issuable upon exercise of warrants and 3% Notes could potentially dilute basic earnings per share in the future; however, these shares were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share, because they are currently anti-dilutive.

Statements of Cash Flows

Borrowings and repayments of floor plan notes payable to a party unaffiliated with the manufacturer of a particular new vehicle (Non-trade), and all floor plan notes payable relating to pre-owned vehicles, are classified as financing activities on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows with borrowings reflected separately from repayments. The net change in floor plan notes payable to a lender affiliated with the manufacturer of a particular new vehicle (Trade) is classified as an operating activity on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

Loaner vehicle activity accounts for a significant portion of Other Current Assets on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. We acquire loaner vehicles either with available cash or through borrowings from manufacturer affiliated lenders. While loaner vehicles are initially used by our service department for use in our business, these vehicles are used in such capacity for a short period of time (typically six to twelve months) before we sell them. Therefore we classify the acquisition of loaner vehicles and the related borrowings and repayments as operating activities in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. The cash outflow to acquire loaner vehicles is presented in Other Current Assets in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. Borrowings and repayments of loaner vehicle notes payable are presented in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. When loaner vehicles are taken out of loaner status they are transferred to used vehicle inventory, which is reflected as a non-cash transfer in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. The cash inflow from the sale of loaner vehicles is reflected in Inventories on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

Construction reimbursements from third parties in connection with sale-leaseback agreements for the construction of new dealership facilities or leasehold improvements on our dealership facilities are included in investing activities in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

Restricted Cash

During the second quarter of 2009 we entered into an agreement with Wachovia Bank, National Association, a national banking association, whereby we placed \$8.0 million of cash into two restricted cash accounts to be used to repay two of our mortgages. In the third quarter of 2009, we used this restricted cash to repay the two mortgages. As a result we have classified \$8.0 million as Restricted Cash within Current Assets on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2009 and as Other Current Assets on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the six months ended June 30, 2009.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

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In April 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Financial Staff Position (FSP) 107-1 and Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 28-1, Interim Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments (FSP 107-1 and APB 28-1). This FSP amends FASB Statement No. 107, Disclosures about Fair Values of Financial Instruments, to require

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disclosures about fair value of financial instruments in interim financial statements as well as in annual financial statements. The FSP also amends APB Opinion No. 28, Interim Financial Reporting, to require those disclosures in all interim financial statements. This FSP is effective for interim periods ending after June 15, 2009. We adopted FSP 107-1 and APB 28-1 as of June 30, 2009.

In May 2009, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 165, Subsequent Events (SFAS 165). SFAS 165 provides authoritative accounting literature for subsequent events disclosure previously addressed only in the auditing literature, under AICPA AU Section 560, Subsequent Events. Under SFAS 165, entities must (i) identify subsequent events as either Recognized or Non-Recognized events (formerly referred to as Type I and Type II events, respectively) and (ii) disclose the date through which evaluation of subsequent events has taken place and the basis for that date. This SFAS is effective for interim or annual periods ending after June 15, 2009. We adopted SFAS 165 as of June 30, 2009.

3. ACQUISITIONS

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, we did not acquire any dealerships. During the six months ended June 30, 2008, we acquired one franchise (one dealership location), for an aggregate purchase price of \$41.9 million. We financed this acquisition through the use of (i) \$33.9 million of cash, (ii) \$7.6 million of floor plan borrowings from our Committed Credit Facility for the purchase of new vehicle inventory, and (iii) \$0.4 million of loaner vehicle financing.

During the six months ended June 30, 2008, we were awarded two smart franchises, which were added to our Mercedes-Benz locations in St. Louis, Missouri and Tampa, Florida. We did not pay any amounts in connection with acquiring these two franchises.

4. INVENTORIES

Inventories consist of the following:

	June 30, 2009	As of December 31, 2008
	(In millions)	
New vehicles	\$ 414.6	\$ 562.2
Used vehicles	71.0	59.9
Parts and accessories	43.7	44.5
Total inventories	\$ 529.3	\$ 666.6

The lower of cost or market reserves reduced total inventory cost by \$5.7 million and \$5.6 million as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. In addition to the inventories shown above, we have \$9.9 million and \$22.9 million of inventory as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively, classified as Assets Held for Sale on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as they are associated with franchises held for sale.

5. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES HELD FOR SALE

Assets and liabilities classified as held for sale include (i) assets and liabilities associated with discontinued operations held for sale at each balance sheet date, and (ii) real estate not currently used in our operations that we intend to sell and the related mortgage notes payable.

Assets associated with pending dispositions as of June 30, 2009, totaled \$13.7 million. Liabilities associated with pending dispositions totaled \$9.9 million as of June 30, 2009. During the six months ended June 30, 2009, we sold three franchises (two dealership locations). Assets associated with pending dispositions totaled \$32.6 million as of December 31, 2008. Liabilities associated with pending dispositions totaled \$20.6 million as of December 31, 2008.

Assets and liabilities held for sale also includes real estate not currently used in our operations that we intend to sell totaling \$17.8 million as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, and the related liabilities totaling \$8.0 million and \$11.0 million as of June 30, 2009, and December 31, 2008, respectively.

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A summary of assets held for sale and liabilities associated with assets held for sale are as follows:

	June 30, 2009	As of December 31, 2008 (In millions)
Assets:		
Inventories	\$ 9.9	\$ 22.9
Property and equipment, net	18.7	19.6
Manufacturer franchise rights	2.9	7.9
Total assets	31.5	50.4
Liabilities:		
Floor plan notes payable	9.9	20.6
Mortgage notes payable	8.0	8.0
Other		3.0
Total liabilities	17.9	31.6
Net assets held for sale	\$ 13.6	\$ 18.8

6. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consists of the following:

	June 30, 2009	As of December 31, 2008 (In millions)
8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 (\$179.4 million face value, net of hedging activity of \$5.0 million and \$5.6 million, respectively)	\$ 174.4	\$ 173.8
7.625% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2017	143.2	143.2
3% Senior Subordinated Convertible Notes Due 2012 (\$62.0 million face value, net of discounts of \$6.5 million and \$7.4 million, respectively)	55.5	54.6
Mortgage notes payable bearing interest at fixed and variable rates	174.1	177.5
Revolving credit facility		50.0
Other	0.3	0.6
	547.5	599.7
Less: current portion	(8.6)	(58.8)
Long-term debt	\$ 538.9	\$ 540.9

In May 2009, we amended our Master Loan Agreement with Wachovia Bank, National Association, a national banking association, and Wachovia Financial Services, Inc., a North Carolina corporation. The key components of this first amendment are as follows:

The removal of the total leverage ratio financial covenant through the full term of the agreement;

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Significant additional limitations on our ability to incur new indebtedness other than (i) permitted floorplan indebtedness, (ii) a one-time real estate loan in an amount not to exceed \$12.0 million, (iii) certain refinancings, refunds, renewals or extensions of existing indebtedness and (iv) other customary permitted indebtedness;

At our option, after April 30, 2010, we may revert back to our original total leverage ratio financial covenant and remove the limitation related to any new indebtedness; and

A modification to the definition of (i) EBITDA, excluding gains or losses on the repurchase of debt, and (ii) Fixed Charges, excluding non-cash, non-floor plan interest expense and the cash portion of income taxes associated with gains on the repurchase of long-term debt.

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Financial instruments consist primarily of cash, contracts-in-transit, accounts receivable, notes receivable, cash surrender value of corporate-owned life insurance policies, accounts payable, floor plan notes payable, long-term debt and interest rate swap agreements. The carrying amounts of our accounts receivable, notes receivable, restricted investments, accounts payable, floor plan notes payable and interest rate swap agreements approximate fair value due either to length of maturity or existence of variable interest rates, which approximate market rates. The fair market value of our long-term debt is based on reported market value. A summary of the carrying values and fair market values of our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 (the 8% Notes), 7.625% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2017 (the 7.625% Notes) and our 3% Convertible Notes due 2014 (the 3% Notes) are as follows:

	June 30, 2009	As of December 31, 2008 (In millions)
Carrying Value:		
8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 (\$179.4 million face value, net of hedging activity of \$5.0 million and \$5.6 million, respectively)	\$ 174.4	\$ 173.8
7.625% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2017	143.2	143.2
3% Senior Subordinated Convertible Notes due 2012 (\$62.0 million face value, net of discounts of \$6.5 million and \$7.4 million, respectively)	55.5	54.6
Total carrying value	\$ 373.1	\$ 371.6
Fair Market Value:		
8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014	\$ 143.9	\$ 85.2
7.625% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2017	101.0	64.4
3% Senior Subordinated Convertible Notes due 2012	38.5	23.3
Total fair market value	\$ 283.4	\$ 172.9

In the second quarter of 2008, we entered into an interest rate swap with a current notional principal amount of \$125.0 million. The swap was designed to provide a hedge against changes in interest rates of our variable rate floor plan notes payable through maturity in June 2013. This swap is collateralized by our assets that do not otherwise have a first priority lien. This interest rate swap qualifies for cash flow hedge accounting treatment and will contain minor ineffectiveness.

In addition, we have an interest rate swap with a current notional principal amount of \$12.6 million. The swap was designed to provide a hedge against changes in interest rates of our variable rate mortgage notes payable through maturity in June 2011. This interest rate swap qualifies for cash flow hedge accounting treatment and will contain minor ineffectiveness.

The effect of derivative instruments on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income for the three months ended June 30, 2009 (in millions):

Derivative in Cash Flow Hedging relationships	Effective Results Recognized in OCI (Effective Portion)	Location of Results Reclassified from AOCI to Earnings	Amount Reclassified from AOCI to Earnings Active Swaps	Amount Reclassified from AOCI to Earnings Terminated Swaps	Ineffective Results Recognized in Earnings	Location of Ineffective Results
Interest rate swaps	\$ 1.8	Floor plan interest expense	\$ (1.2)	\$	\$	NA
Interest rate swaps	\$	Other interest expense	\$ (0.1)	\$	\$	NA

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Interest rate swaps	NA	Floor plan interest expense	NA	\$ (0.2)	\$	NA
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The effect of derivative instruments on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income for the six months ended June 30, 2009 (in millions):

Derivative in Cash Flow Hedging relationships	Effective Results Recognized in OCI (Effective Portion)	Location of Results Reclassified from AOCI to Earnings	Amount Reclassified from AOCI to Earnings Active Swaps	Amount Reclassified from AOCI to Earnings Terminated Swaps	Ineffective Results Recognized in Earnings	Location of Ineffective Results
Interest rate swaps	\$ (1.4)	Floor plan interest expense	\$ (2.2)	\$	\$	NA
Interest rate swaps	\$ (0.1)	Other interest expense	\$ (0.2)	\$	\$	NA
Interest rate swaps	NA	Floor plan interest expense	NA	\$ (0.3)	\$	NA

On the basis of yield curve conditions as June 30, 2009, we anticipate that the amount expected to be reclassified out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (AOCI) into earnings in the next 12 calendar months will be a loss of \$4.7 million. However, this \$4.7 million loss represents hedging activity that fixes the interest rates on only 22% of our variable rate debt, including floor plan notes payable, and therefore if the current low interest rate environment continues we would experience the benefit of low interest rates on 78% of our variable rate debt.

Fair Values of Derivative Instruments on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2009 (in millions):

Derivatives Designed as Hedging Instruments	Asset Derivatives		Liability Derivatives	
	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
Interest Rate Swaps	Other Long-Term	N/A	Other Long-Term	\$ 6.6
	Assets		Liabilities	
Interest Rate Swaps	Other Current Assets	N/A	Accrued Liabilities	\$ 0.4

Fair value estimates reflect making a credit adjustment to the discount rate applied to all expected cash flows under the swap. We used a discount rate of 20 percent for all prospective periods. This adjustment is designed to reflect our creditworthiness. Other than that assumption, all other inputs to the valuation reflect level 2 inputs.

Market Risk Disclosures as of June 30, 2009:

Instruments entered into for trading purposes None

Instruments entered into for hedging purposes (in millions)

Type of Derivative	Notional Size	Fixed Rate	Underlying Rate	Expiration	Fair Value
Interest Rate Swap	\$ 125.0	4.0425%	1 month LIBOR	2013	\$ (6.3)
Interest Rate Swap*	\$ 12.6	6.0800%	1 month LIBOR plus 175 basis points	2011	\$ (0.7)

* This swap is amortizing. At the last quarter, its notional value will be \$11.3 million.

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8. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The following table provides a reconciliation of net income to comprehensive income:

(In millions)	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Net income	\$ 5.5	\$ 10.4	\$ 5.8	\$ 20.5
Other comprehensive income:				
Change in fair value of cash flow swaps	3.0	2.1	0.7	0.6
Amortization of expired cash flow swaps	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3
Income tax expense associated with cash flow swaps	(1.3)	(0.8)	(0.3)	(0.4)
Comprehensive income	\$ 7.4	\$ 11.8	\$ 6.5	\$ 21.0

9. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, we sold three franchises (two dealership locations). There were six franchises (four dealership locations) pending disposition as of June 30, 2009. The accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008 have been reclassified to reflect the status of our discontinued operations as of June 30, 2009.

The following table provides further information regarding our discontinued operations as of June 30, 2009, and includes the results of businesses sold prior to June 30, 2009:

(Dollars in millions)	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2009			For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2008		
	Sold/Closed	Pending Disposition (b)	Total	Sold/Closed (a)	Pending Disposition (b)	Total
Franchises:						
Mid-line Domestic		4	4	7	4	11
Mid-line Import		1	1	1	1	2
Value						
Luxury	1	1	2	4	1	5
Total	1	6	7	12	6	18
Revenues	\$ 13.5	\$ 24.8	\$ 38.3	\$ 44.2	\$ 43.3	\$ 87.5
Cost of sales	11.3	20.5	31.8	36.4	36.4	72.8
Gross profit	2.2	4.3	6.5	7.8	6.9	14.7
Operating expenses	4.8	4.7	9.5	7.7	6.9	14.6
Income (loss) from operations	(2.6)	(0.4)	(3.0)	0.1		0.1
Other expense, net	(0.4)	(0.2)	(0.6)	(0.5)	(0.2)	(0.7)
Gain (loss) on disposition of discontinued operations, net	2.9		2.9	(0.3)		(0.3)
Loss before income taxes	(0.1)	(0.6)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.2)	(0.9)
Income tax benefit		0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.4
Discontinued operations, net of tax	\$ (0.1)	\$ (0.4)	\$ (0.5)	\$ (0.4)	\$ (0.1)	\$ (0.5)

- (a) Franchises were sold between April 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009
- (b) Franchises pending disposition as of June 30, 2009

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(Dollars in millions)	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2009			For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2008		
	Sold/Closed	Pending Disposition (b)	Total	Sold/Closed (a)	Pending Disposition (b)	Total
Franchises:						
Mid-line Domestic	1	4	5	9	4	13
Mid-line Import		1	1	1	1	2
Value				1		1
Luxury	2	1	3	4	1	5
Total	3	6	9	15	6	21
Revenues	\$ 31.8	\$ 49.7	\$ 81.5	\$ 96.7	\$ 86.6	\$ 183.3
Cost of sales	26.0	40.4	66.4	80.6	72.5	153.1
Gross profit	5.8	9.3	15.1	16.1	14.1	30.2
Operating expenses	10.1	9.8	19.9	16.0	13.8	29.8
Income (loss) from operations	(4.3)	(0.5)	(4.8)	0.1	0.3	0.4
Other expense, net	(1.1)	(0.3)	(1.4)	(0.9)	(0.8)	(1.7)
Gain (loss) on disposition of discontinued operations, net	3.0		3.0	(0.3)	0.1	(0.2)
Loss before income taxes	(2.4)	(0.8)	(3.2)	(1.1)	(0.4)	(1.5)
Income tax benefit	0.9	0.3	1.2	0.4	0.2	0.6
Discontinued operations, net of tax	\$ (1.5)	\$ (0.5)	\$ (2.0)	\$ (0.7)	\$ (0.2)	\$ (0.9)

(a) Franchises were sold between January 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009

(b) Franchises pending disposition as of June 30, 2009

10. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

During the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, we made interest payments, net of amounts capitalized, totaling \$28.6 million and \$35.2 million, respectively.

During the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, we made income tax payments, net of refunds received, totaling \$1.1 million and \$6.3 million, respectively.

The following items are included in Other Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash flow from operating activities:

(In millions)	For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2009	2008
Amortization of deferred financing fees	\$ 1.4	\$ 1.3
Unrealized loss on deferred compensation investments	(0.3)	0.8
(Gain) loss on sale of assets	(3.0)	0.6
Swap amortization	0.8	0.8
Convertible debt discount amortization	0.9	1.6
Depreciation and amortization from discontinued operations	0.5	0.8
Deferred compensation (income) expense	0.3	0.3
Lease termination costs	1.4	
Other individually immaterial items	0.6	0.6

Other adjustments, net	\$ 2.6	\$ 6.8
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A significant portion of our vehicle business involves the sale of vehicles, parts or vehicles composed of parts that are manufactured outside the United States of America. As a result, our operations are subject to customary risks of importing merchandise, including fluctuations in the relative values of currencies, import duties, exchange controls, trade restrictions, work stoppages and general political and socio-economic conditions in foreign countries. The United States of America or the countries from which our products are imported may, from time to time, impose new quotas, duties, tariffs or other restrictions, or adjust presently prevailing quotas, duties or tariffs, which may affect our operations and our ability to purchase imported vehicles and/or parts at reasonable prices.

Manufacturers may direct us to implement costly capital improvements to dealerships as a condition upon entering into franchise agreements with them. Manufacturers also typically require that their franchises meet specific standards of appearance. These factors, either alone or in combination, could cause us to divert our financial resources to capital projects from uses that management believes may be of higher long-term value, such as acquisitions.

Substantially all of our facilities are subject to federal, state and local provisions regarding the discharge of materials into the environment. Compliance with these provisions has not had, nor do we expect such compliance to have, any material effect upon our capital expenditures, net earnings, financial condition, liquidity or competitive position. We believe that our current practices and procedures for the control and disposition of such materials comply with applicable federal, state and local requirements.

From time to time, we and our dealerships are involved in litigation, including class actions, involving the manufacture and sale of motor vehicles, including but not limited to the charging of administrative, service, processing or document preparation fees, employment-related claims, the operation of dealerships, contractual disputes, actions brought by governmental authorities and other matters arising in the ordinary course of our business. With respect to certain of these claims, the previous owners of dealerships we have acquired have indemnified us. We do not believe that the ultimate resolution of these matters will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, liquidity, results of operations or financial statement disclosures. However, the outcome of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty, and unfavorable resolution of one or more of these matters could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, liquidity, results of operations or financial statement disclosures.

Our dealerships hold dealer agreements with a number of vehicle manufacturers. In accordance with the individual dealer agreements, each dealership is subject to certain rights and restrictions typical of the industry. The ability of the manufacturers to influence the operations of the dealerships or the loss of a dealer agreement could have a negative impact on our operating results.

In connection with the purchase of one franchise in the third quarter of 2007, we may be required to pay additional consideration to the seller if the franchise achieves specified net income levels in future periods. If payable, the additional consideration is distributable annually beginning January 1, 2009 through January 1, 2015, and the additional consideration could total up to approximately \$2.5 million. The seller did not become our employee subsequent to the transaction and therefore this consideration is not contingent on employment. As of June 30, 2009 we have paid less than \$0.1 million of additional consideration in connection with this dealership acquisition.

We have \$11.4 million of letters of credit outstanding as of June 30, 2009, which are required by certain of our insurance providers.

Additionally, we have a \$5.0 million surety bond line which we use in our ordinary course of business.

12. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

A summary of options outstanding and exercisable under our share-based compensation plans as of June 30, 2009, and changes during the six months ended is presented below:

		Stock Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value*
Options outstanding	December 31, 2008	1,494,300	\$ 11.39		
Granted		1,100,000	\$ 4.21		

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Exercised	(7,500)	\$ 10.40		
Expired / Forfeited	(467,101)	\$ 9.76		
Options outstanding June 30, 2009	2,119,699	\$ 8.07	7.5	\$ 8.1
Options exercisable June 30, 2009	794,654	\$ 14.63	4.2	\$

* Based on the closing price of our common stock on June 30, 2009 which was \$10.24 per share.

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A summary of performance share units as of June 30, 2009, and changes during the six months then ended is presented below:

		Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Performance Share Units	December 31, 2008	203,305	\$ 21.06
Vested		(63,950)	\$