

**CERTAIN OTHER FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION  
DISCUSSED DURING THE SECOND QUARTER 2005 EARNINGS  
CONFERENCE CALL ON TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2005**

<b>Reconciliation to EBITDA (in thousands of dollars)</b>	<b>Six months ended June 30, 2005</b>	<b>Six months ended June 30, 2004</b>
<b>Reported earnings before income taxes</b>	<b>\$140,079</b>	<b>\$165,262</b>
<b>Add back:</b>		
<b>Litigation Reversion</b>	<b>(\$8,000)</b>	
<b>Interest expense, net</b>	<b>\$18,901</b>	<b>\$17,620</b>
<b>Depreciation of property assets</b>	<b>\$26,534</b>	<b>\$23,083</b>
<b>Amortization of intangibles</b>	<b>\$4,452</b>	<b>\$5,646</b>
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>\$181,966</b>	<b>\$211,611</b>
<b>EBITDA Margin</b>	<b>15.4%</b>	<b>18.3%</b>

**QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2005**

- **Key Indicators**
  - **Deliveries – approximately one less delivery per week**
  - **Delinquency rates – approximately ½ to ¾% higher than our desired goal of 5.99%**
  - **Customer skips and stolens as % of store revenue – running at historical levels**
  - **Delivery expense – YOY up approximately \$200,000 per month**
  - **Utility expense – YOY up approximately \$200,000 per month**
  - **Testing musical instruments in 100+ stores**
  - **Co-workers - > 16,000**
- **Average U.S. retail gasoline prices**
  - **2Q04 - \$1.92 per gallon, up 26.1% over 2Q03 from \$1.52 per gallon**
  - **2Q05 - \$2.18 per gallon, up 13.6% over 2Q04**
  - **Last three weeks – \$2.32 per gallon, up over 6% from 2Q05**
- **EBITDA**
  - **Quarter ended June 30 YTD, \$88.4 million, margin of 15.2%**
  - **LTM EBITDA approximately \$359.7 million, margin of 15.4%**
- **Capital expenditures**
  - **Approximately \$24 million in 2Q05**
- **Growth in Store Base LTM ending June 30, 2005**
  - **Opened 69 new stores**
  - **Acquired 44 storefronts**
  - **Purchased accounts from 48 locations**
  - **Consolidated or sold 67 stores**

- **Operating Cash Flow**
  - **Generated \$56 million in operating cash flow since the beginning of the year**
  - **Expect \$165 to \$175 million for the year**
  - **Expect Free Cash Flow of approximately \$100 to \$120 million for the year**
  
- **Use of Cash**
  - **Started 2005 with \$59 million cash on hand**
  - **Used \$24 million for CapEx**
  - **Used over \$26 million for acquisition of stores and accounts**
  - **Used \$62 million for debt prepayments**
  - **Ended the quarter with approximately \$25 million on hand**
  - **Utilized over \$38.5 million to fund Griego litigation**
  
- **Consolidated Debt leverage Ratio in 2Q05 - >1.7 times**
  
- **Outstanding Debt**
  - **\$364.5 million senior term debt (currently \$346.5 million)**
  - **\$300.0 million 7.5% subordinated notes**
  
- **Debt to book cap in 2Q05 – 42.8%**
  
- **Interest coverage ratio – in excess of 9 times**
  
- **NBV of inventory**
  - **As of June 30, NBV for On rent inventory was \$574.1 million**
  - **As of June 30, NBV for Held for rent inventory was \$197.6 million, 25.6% of the overall inventory balance**
  
- **Comp base**
  - **2,365 stores, roughly 82.5% of our total store base,**
  - **Average 6.5 years old under our business model**

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