# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 26, 2006

# Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

5511

(Commission File Number)

**01-0609375** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

10017

(Zip Code)

622 Third Avenue, 37th Floor, New York, NY

(Address of principal executive offices)

(212) 885-2500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

None

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

## Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Conditions.

The registrant issued a press release on October 26, 2006 announcing its financial results for the third quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2006, which press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

# Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

The registrant hereby furnishes the press release identified under Item 2.02 and attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u> 99.1 Description Press Release dated October 26, 2006.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.

Date: October 26, 2006

By:

/s/ Kenneth B. Gilman

Description

Name:Kenneth B. GilmanTitle:President and Chief Executive Officer

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# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. 99.1

Press Release dated October 26, 2006.

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#### Asbury Automotive Group Reports Record Third Quarter Financial Results

#### Income from Continuing Operations Increases 7%; Up 14% Adjusted for Non-Operating Items

### SG&A as a Percent of Gross Profit Improves 130 Basis Points

New York, NY, October 26, 2006 – Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. (NYSE: ABG), one of the largest automotive retail and service companies in the U.S., today reported financial results for the third quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2006.

Income from continuing operations for the third quarter increased 7% to \$18.2 million, or \$0.54 per diluted share, from \$17.1 million, or \$0.52 per diluted share, in last year's third quarter. Results for this year's third quarter include non-operating items related to a secondary offering and a bond buy back program which reduced earnings by \$0.03 per diluted share. This year's third quarter also includes a stock-based compensation charge of approximately \$0.02 per diluted share. Last year's third quarter included a restructuring charge of \$0.01 per diluted share. Excluding these items, third quarter income from continuing operations rose 14% to \$19.9 million, or \$0.59 per diluted share. Net income for the 2006 quarter was \$17.2 million, or \$0.51 per diluted share, compared to \$15.0 million, or \$0.45 per diluted share, in last year's quarter.

For the first nine months of 2006, income from continuing operations was \$51.2 million, or \$1.51 per diluted share, up 17% from \$43.9 million, or \$1.34 per diluted share, in the corresponding period last year. Results for the 2006 period include certain non-operating items that totaled \$2.1 million, or \$0.06 per diluted share. Results for the first nine months of 2005 included after-tax costs of approximately \$2.6 million, or \$0.08 per diluted share, related to the Company's regional restructuring. Excluding these items from the 2006 and 2005 results, income from continuing operations for the first nine months of 2006 was up 14% to \$53.3 million, or \$1.57 per diluted share. For the first nine months of 2006, net income was \$48.7 million, or \$1.44 per diluted share, compared to \$40.6 million, or \$1.24 per diluted share, in the prior year period.

Additional financial highlights for the third quarter of 2006, as compared to last year's third quarter, included:

- Total revenue for the quarter was approximately \$1.5 billion, a 4% increase. Total gross profit was \$229.8 million, up 6%.
- · Same-store retail revenue and gross profit (excluding fleet and wholesale businesses) rose 3% and 5%, respectively.
- New vehicle retail revenue increased 1% (flat same-store), and unit sales declined 3% (down 4% same-store). New vehicle retail gross profit rose 4% (3% same-store).
- Used vehicle retail revenue (total and same-store) increased 12%, and unit sales (total and same-store) were up 5%. Used vehicle retail gross profit (total and same-store) increased 11%.
- Parts, service and collision repair (fixed operations) revenue increased 4% (3% same-store), and gross profit increased 5% (total and same-store).
- Net finance and insurance (F&I) revenue was up 3% (2% same-store), and dealership-generated F&I revenue rose 6% (5% same-store). Dealership-generated F&I per vehicle retailed (PVR) increased 6% to \$905 (total and same-store).
- Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses as a percentage of gross profit were 76.2% for the quarter, a 130 basis point improvement compared with 77.5% a year ago. On an adjusted basis, SG&A expenses were 75.4% of gross profit for the quarter, a 180 basis point improvement, excluding non-operating items and a stock based compensation charge, compared to 77.2% a year ago.

President and CEO Kenneth B. Gilman said, "Asbury's earnings for the third quarter, adjusted for non-operating items, were the highest in the Company's history. We are also pleased that these earnings are at the high-end of our recently released preliminary third quarter results. Our strong earnings are all the more impressive when you consider the difficult year-to-year comparisons for new car sales – due to employee pricing promotions a year ago – and the strong headwind we've encountered due to increased interest rates. Our excellent performance reflects well on Asbury's favorable brand mix, the continued steady growth of our higher-margin used vehicle and service businesses, and our ongoing cost-reduction efforts."

Mr. Gilman continued, "Our strong operational performance, specifically in used vehicles and fixed operations, over the last two years is the direct result of strategic programs we have implemented to accelerate our growth. In addition, the regionalization of our field operations put us in an ideal position to capitalize on our operating initiatives. Simply said, we believe we have one of the best operating models in the industry – where local management is responsible for customer facing activities but common systems, processes and procedures will be applied for our infrastructure and back office."



J. Gordon Smith, Senior Vice President and CFO, said, "The third quarter was Asbury's eighth in a row of adjusted SG&A expense leverage improvement. That ratio improved another 180 basis points in the third quarter versus the prior year quarter, and we still see additional opportunity to continue to leverage our expense structure in 2007 and beyond. Other highlights of the quarter included the Board's decisions to institute a quarterly dividend of \$0.20 per common share which represents a payout of 40% of net income which is a three-plus percent yield, the highest in the industry. We also initiated a \$40 million bond buy back program of which \$15 million has been repurchased to date."

Commenting on earnings for 2006, the Company noted that it remains comfortable with its recently increased guidance range of \$1.85 to \$1.90 for diluted earnings per share from continuing

operations, which includes an expected \$0.10 per share due to the impact of expensing of stock-based compensation.

Asbury will host a conference call to discuss its third quarter results this morning at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The call will be simulcast live on the Internet and can be accessed by logging onto http://www.asburyauto.com or http://www.ccbn.com. In addition, a live audio of the call will be accessible to the public by calling 800-289-0730 (domestic), or 913-981-5509 (international); no access code is necessary. Callers should dial in approximately 5 to 10 minutes before the call begins.

#### **About Asbury Automotive Group**

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc., headquartered in New York City, is one of the largest automobile retailers in the U.S. Built through a combination of organic growth and a series of strategic acquisitions, the Company currently operates 87 retail auto stores, encompassing 120 franchises for the sale and servicing of 33 different brands of American, European and Asian automobiles. The Company offers customers an extensive range of automotive products and services, including new and used vehicle sales and related financing and insurance, vehicle maintenance and repair services, replacement parts and service contracts.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The forward-looking statements include statements relating to goals, plans, projections and guidance regarding the Company's financial position, results of operations, market position, potential future acquisitions and business strategy. These statements are based on management's current expectations and involve significant risks and uncertainties that may cause results to differ materially from those set forth in the statements. These risks and uncertainties include, among other things, market factors, the Company's relationships with vehicle manufacturers and other suppliers, risks associated with the Company's indebtedness, risks related to potential future acquisitions, risks related to competition in the automotive retail and service industries, general economic conditions both nationally and locally and governmental regulations and legislation. There can be no guarantees that the Company's plans for future operations will be successfully implemented or that they will prove to be commercially successful or that the Company will be able to continue paying dividends in the future at the current rate or at all. These and other risk factors are discussed in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K and in its other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Income (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

|                                     | For the Three Septem |    |           | For the Nine 1<br>Septen | Months l<br>ber 30, | ber 30,   |  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----|-----------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------|--|
|                                     | <br>2006             |    | 2005      | <br>2006                 |                     | 2005      |  |
| REVENUES:                           |                      |    |           |                          |                     |           |  |
| New vehicle                         | \$<br>913,194        | \$ | 891,491   | \$<br>2,652,347          | \$                  | 2,535,068 |  |
| Used vehicle                        | 394,402              |    | 360,029   | 1,137,069                |                     | 1,028,901 |  |
| Parts, service and collision repair | 171,652              |    | 165,126   | 513,576                  |                     | 474,798   |  |
| Finance and insurance, net          | 41,198               |    | 40,133    | <br>120,042              |                     | 114,687   |  |
| Total revenues                      | <br>1,520,446        |    | 1,456,779 | <br>4,423,034            |                     | 4,153,454 |  |
|                                     |                      |    |           |                          |                     |           |  |
| COST OF SALES:                      |                      |    |           |                          |                     |           |  |
| New vehicle                         | 848,979              |    | 830,005   | 2,466,609                |                     | 2,360,850 |  |
| Used vehicle                        | 357,864              |    | 327,670   | 1,032,966                |                     | 937,903   |  |
| Parts, service and collision repair | 83,843               |    | 81,780    | 253,587                  |                     | 233,421   |  |
| Total cost of sales                 | <br>1,290,686        |    | 1,239,455 | <br>3,753,162            |                     | 3,532,174 |  |
|                                     | <br>                 |    |           |                          |                     |           |  |
| GROSS PROFIT                        | 229,760              |    | 217,324   | 669,872                  |                     | 621,280   |  |
|                                     |                      |    |           |                          |                     |           |  |
| OPERATING EXPENSES:                 |                      |    |           |                          |                     |           |  |
| Selling, general and administrative | 174,996              |    | 168,395   | 512,360                  |                     | 486,947   |  |
| Depreciation and amortization       | 5,076                |    | 4,930     | 15,164                   |                     | 14,390    |  |
| Income from operations              | 49,688               | -  | 43,999    | 142,348                  | -                   | 119,943   |  |

| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):                       |              |              |              |    |          |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|----|----------|
| Floor plan interest expense                   | (10,311)     | (6,533)      | (30,712)     |    | (20,521) |
| Other interest expense                        | (11,225)     | (10,314)     | (33,268)     |    | (30,183) |
| Interest income                               | 1,523        | 163          | 3,271        |    | 598      |
| Loss on extinguishment of long-term debt, net | (914)        | —            | (914)        |    | —        |
| Other income, net                             | <br>400      | 14           | 1,225        |    | 455      |
| Total other expense, net                      | (20,527)     | (16,670)     | (60,398)     |    | (49,651) |
| Income before income taxes                    | <br>29,161   | <br>27,329   | <br>81,950   |    | 70,292   |
|   |              |              |              |    |          |
| INCOME TAX EXPENSE                            | <br>10,935   | 10,248       | 30,731       |    | 26,359   |
| INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS             | 18,226       | 17,081       | 51,219       |    | 43,933   |
|   |              |              |              |    |          |
| DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS, net of tax           | <br>(1,047)  | <br>(2,128)  | <br>(2,483)  |    | (3,354)  |
| NET INCOME                                    | \$<br>17,179 | \$<br>14,953 | \$<br>48,736 | \$ | 40,579   |
|   |              | <br>         |              |    |          |
| BASIC EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE:              |              |              |              |    |          |
| Continuing operations                         | \$<br>0.55   | \$<br>0.52   | \$<br>1.55   | \$ | 1.35     |
| Discontinued operations                       | (0.03)       | (0.06)       | (0.08)       |    | (0.11)   |
| Net income                                    | \$<br>0.52   | \$<br>0.46   | \$<br>1.47   | \$ | 1.24     |
|   | <br>         |              |              |    |          |
| DILUTED EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE:            |              |              |              |    |          |
| Continuing operations                         | \$<br>0.54   | \$<br>0.52   | \$<br>1.51   | \$ | 1.34     |
| Discontinued operations                       | (0.03)       | (0.07)       | (0.07)       |    | (0.10)   |
| Net income                                    | \$<br>0.51   | \$<br>0.45   | \$<br>1.44   | \$ | 1.24     |
|   | <br>         |              |              | -  |          |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES                |              |              |              |    |          |
| OUTSTANDING:                                  |              |              |              |    |          |
|   |              |              |              |    |          |
| Basic   | 33,258       | 32,737       | 33,087       |    | 32,644   |
|   | <br>         |              |              |    |          |
| Diluted                                       | 33,841       | 33,032       | 33,853       |    | 32,847   |
|   | <br><u> </u> | <br>         | <br>         |    |          |

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. Selected Data (Dollars in thousands, except per vehicle data) (Unaudited)

|                                     |    | 1         | As Reported | d for t<br>ed Sep | he<br>tember 30, |        |    | Thr       | Same Store<br>ee Months Ende |                 |        |
|-------------------------------------|----|-----------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|--------|----|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------|--------|
|                                     |    | 2006      |             |                   | 2005             |        | _  | 2006      |                              | <br>2005        |        |
| RETAIL VEHICLES SOLD:               |    |           |             |                   |                  |        |    |           |                              |                 |        |
| New retail units                    |    | 28,294    | 62.2%       |                   | 29,096           | 63.9%  |    | 28,007    | 62.0%                        | 29,096          | 63.9%  |
| Used retail units                   |    | 17,205    | 37.8%       |                   | 16,428           | 36.1%  |    | 17,200    | 38.0%                        | 16,428          | 36.1%  |
| Total retail units                  |    | 45,499    | 100.0%      |                   | 45,524           | 100.0% | _  | 45,207    | 100.0%                       | <br>45,524      | 100.0% |
|                                     | -  |           |             |                   |                  |        | _  |           |                              |                 |        |
| REVENUE:                            |    |           |             |                   |                  |        |    |           |                              |                 |        |
| New retail                          | \$ | 874,184   | 57.5%       | \$                | 861,640          | 59.2%  | \$ | 865,645   | 57.3%                        | \$<br>861,640   | 59.2%  |
| Used retail                         |    | 304,186   | 20.0%       |                   | 272,505          | 18.7%  |    | 304,131   | 20.1%                        | 272,505         | 18.7%  |
| Parts, service and collision repair |    | 171,652   | 11.3%       |                   | 165,126          | 11.3%  |    | 170,773   | 11.3%                        | 165,126         | 11.3%  |
| Finance and insurance, net          |    | 41,198    | 2.7%        |                   | 40,133           | 2.8%   |    | 40,921    | 2.7%                         | 40,133          | 2.8%   |
| Total retail revenue                |    | 1,391,220 |             | _                 | 1,339,404        |        |    | 1,381,470 |                              | 1,339,404       |        |
| Fleet                               |    | 39,010    | 2.6%        |                   | 29,851           | 2.0%   |    | 38,893    | 2.6%                         | 29,851          | 2.0%   |
| Wholesale                           |    | 90,216    | 5.9%        |                   | 87,524           | 6.0%   |    | 90,188    | 6.0%                         | 87,524          | 6.0%   |
| Total revenue                       | \$ | 1,520,446 | 100.0%      | \$                | 1,456,779        | 100.0% | \$ | 1,510,551 | 100.0%                       | \$<br>1,456,779 | 100.0% |
|                                     |    |           |             |                   |                  |        |    |           |                              | <br>            |        |
| GROSS PROFIT:                       |    |           |             |                   |                  |        |    |           |                              |                 |        |
| New retail                          | \$ | 63,207    | 27.5%       | \$                | 60,776           | 28.0%  | \$ | 62,717    | 27.5%                        | \$<br>60,776    | 28.0%  |
| Used retail                         |    | 36,728    | 16.0%       |                   | 33,204           | 15.3%  |    | 36,719    | 16.1%                        | 33,204          | 15.3%  |
| Parts, service and collision repair |    | 87,809    | 38.2%       |                   | 83,346           | 38.3%  |    | 87,344    | 38.2%                        | 83,346          | 38.3%  |
| Finance and insurance, net          |    | 41,198    | 17.9%       |                   | 40,133           | 18.5%  |    | 40,921    | 17.9%                        | <br>40,133      | 18.5%  |
| Total retail gross profit           |    | 228,942   |             |                   | 217,459          |        |    | 227,701   |                              | 217,459         |        |
| Fleet                               |    | 1.008     | 0.5%        |                   | 710              | 0.3%   |    | 1,003     | 0.4%                         | 710             | 0.3%   |
| Wholesale                           |    | (190)     | (0.1)%      |                   | (845)            | (0.4)% |    | (196)     | (0.1)%                       | (845)           | (0.4)% |
| Total gross profit                  | \$ | 229,760   | 100.0%      | \$                | 217,324          | 100.0% | \$ | 228,508   | 100.0%                       | \$<br>217,324   | 100.0% |
|                                     |    |           |             |                   |                  |        |    |           |                              |                 |        |
| Adjusted SG&A expenses              | \$ | 173,188   |             | \$                | 167,804          |        | \$ | 172,567   |                              | \$<br>167,804   |        |
| Adjusted SG&A expenses as a         |    |           |             |                   |                  |        |    |           |                              |                 |        |
| percentage of gross profit          |    | 75.4%     |             |                   | 77.2%            |        |    | 75.5%     |                              | 77.2%           |        |
| REVENUE PER VEHICLE                 |    |           |             |                   |                  |        |    |           |                              |                 |        |
| RETAILED:                           |    |           |             |                   |                  |        |    |           |                              |                 |        |
| New retail                          | \$ | 30,896    |             | \$                | 29,614           |        | \$ | 30,908    |                              | \$<br>29,614    |        |
| Used retail                         |    | 17,680    |             |                   | 16,588           |        |    | 17,682    |                              | 16,588          |        |
| GROSS PROFIT PER VEHICLE            |    |           |             |                   |                  |        |    |           |                              |                 |        |
| RETAILED:                           |    |           |             |                   |                  |        |    |           |                              |                 |        |
| New retail                          | \$ | 2,234     |             | \$                | 2,089            |        | \$ | 2,239     |                              | \$<br>2,089     |        |
| Used retail                         |    | 2,135     |             |                   | 2,021            |        |    | 2,135     |                              | 2,021           |        |
| Finance and insurance, net          |    | 905       |             |                   | 882              |        |    | 905       |                              | 882             |        |
| Dealership generated finance and    |    |           |             |                   |                  |        |    |           |                              |                 |        |
| insurance, net                      |    | 905       |             |                   | 856              |        |    | 905       |                              | 856             |        |

| GROSS PROFIT MARGIN:                |       |       |       |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| New retail                          | 7.2%  | 7.1%  | 7.2%  | 7.1%  |
| Used retail                         | 12.1% | 12.2% | 12.2% | 12.2% |
| Parts, service and collision repair | 51.2% | 50.5% | 51.1% | 50.5% |

# Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. Selected Data

(Dollars in thousands, except per vehicle data)

(Unaudited)

|                                     |    | Ν         | As Reported<br>line Months Ende | d for t<br>d Sep | he<br>tember 30, |        |    | Nir       | Same Store<br>ne Months Ende |    |           |        |
|-------------------------------------|----|-----------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------|----|-----------|------------------------------|----|-----------|--------|
|                                     |    | 2006      |                                 |                  | 2005             |        | _  | 2006      |                              |    | 2005      |        |
| RETAIL VEHICLES SOLD:               |    |           |                                 |                  |                  |        |    |           |                              |    |           |        |
| New retail units                    |    | 81,181    | 62.3%                           |                  | 80,030           | 63.3%  |    | 79.918    | 62.1%                        |    | 80,030    | 63.3%  |
| Used retail units                   |    | 49,109    | 37.7%                           |                  | 46,354           | 36.7%  |    | 48,875    | 37.9%                        |    | 46,354    | 36.7%  |
| Total retail units                  |    | 130,290   | 100.0%                          |                  | 126,384          | 100.0% |    | 128,793   | 100.0%                       |    | 126,384   | 100.0% |
| Total retail units                  |    | 130,290   | 100.0%                          | _                | 120,384          | 100.0% | -  | 128,793   | 100.0%                       |    | 120,384   | 100.0% |
| REVENUE:                            |    |           |                                 |                  |                  |        |    |           |                              |    |           |        |
| New retail                          | \$ | 2,532,233 | 57.3%                           | \$               | 2,425,156        | 58.4%  | \$ | 2,496,618 | 57.1%                        | \$ | 2,425,156 | 58.4%  |
| Used retail                         |    | 869,600   | 19.7%                           |                  | 776,330          | 18.7%  |    | 866,022   | 19.8%                        |    | 776,330   | 18.7%  |
| Parts, service and collision repair |    | 513,576   | 11.6%                           |                  | 474,798          | 11.4%  |    | 509,339   | 11.6%                        |    | 474,798   | 11.4%  |
| Finance and insurance, net          |    | 120,042   | 2.7%                            |                  | 114,687          | 2.8%   |    | 118,706   | 2.7%                         |    | 114,687   | 2.8%   |
| Total retail revenue                |    | 4,035,451 | 2.7 70                          |                  | 3,790,971        | 2.070  |    | 3,990,685 | 2.7 70                       |    | 3,790,971 | 2.070  |
|                                     |    |           |                                 |                  |                  |        |    |           |                              |    |           |        |
| Fleet                               |    | 120,114   | 2.7%                            |                  | 109,912          | 2.6%   |    | 119,178   | 2.7%                         |    | 109,912   | 2.6%   |
| Wholesale                           |    | 267,469   | 6.0%                            |                  | 252,571          | 6.1%   |    | 266,561   | 6.1%                         |    | 252,571   | 6.1%   |
| Total revenue                       | \$ | 4,423,034 | 100.0%                          | \$               | 4,153,454        | 100.0% | \$ | 4,376,424 | 100.0%                       | \$ | 4,153,454 | 100.0% |
|                                     |    |           |                                 |                  |                  |        | _  |           |                              |    |           |        |
| GROSS PROFIT:                       |    |           |                                 |                  |                  |        |    |           |                              |    |           |        |
| New retail                          | \$ | 182,648   | 27.3%                           | \$               | 172,120          | 27.7%  | \$ | 180,321   | 27.2%                        | \$ | 172,120   | 27.7%  |
| Used retail                         |    | 105,143   | 15.7%                           |                  | 90,633           | 14.6%  |    | 104,641   | 15.8%                        |    | 90,633    | 14.6%  |
| Parts, service and collision repair |    | 259,989   | 38.8%                           |                  | 241,377          | 38.9%  |    | 257,800   | 38.9%                        |    | 241,377   | 38.9%  |
| Finance and insurance, net          |    | 120,042   | 17.9%                           |                  | 114,687          | 18.4%  |    | 118,706   | 17.9%                        |    | 114,687   | 18.4%  |
| Total retail gross profit           |    | 667,822   |                                 |                  | 618,817          |        | -  | 661,468   |                              |    | 618,817   |        |
|                                     |    | 2,000     | 0.50/                           |                  | 2 000            | 0.20/  |    | 2.072     | 0.40/                        |    | 2 000     | 0.20/  |
| Fleet                               |    | 3,090     | 0.5%                            |                  | 2,098            | 0.3%   |    | 3,072     | 0.4%                         |    | 2,098     | 0.3%   |
| Wholesale                           |    | (1,040)   | (0.2)%                          |                  | 365              | 0.1%   |    | (1,079)   | (0.2)%                       |    | 365       | 0.1%   |
| Total gross profit                  | \$ | 669,872   | 100.0%                          | \$               | 621,280          | 100.0% | \$ | 663,461   | 100.0%                       | \$ | 621,280   | 100.0% |
| Adjusted gross profit               | \$ | 666,472   |                                 | \$               | 621,280          |        | \$ | 660,061   |                              | \$ | 621,280   |        |
| Aujusteu gross pront                | φ  | 000,472   |                                 | φ                | 021,200          |        | φ  | 000,001   |                              | φ  | 021,200   |        |
| Adjusted SG&A expenses              | \$ | 506,598   |                                 | \$               | 482,790          |        | \$ | 503,142   |                              | \$ | 482,790   |        |
| Adjusted SG&A expenses as a         |    |           |                                 |                  |                  |        |    |           |                              |    |           |        |
| percentage of adjusted gross        |    |           |                                 |                  |                  |        |    |           |                              |    |           |        |
| profit                              |    | 76.0%     |                                 |                  | 77.7%            |        |    | 76.2%     |                              |    | 77.7%     |        |
|                                     |    |           |                                 |                  |                  |        |    |           |                              |    |           |        |
| REVENUE PER VEHICLE<br>RETAILED:    |    |           |                                 |                  |                  |        |    |           |                              |    |           |        |
| New retail                          | \$ | 31.192    |                                 | \$               | 30,303           |        | \$ | 31,240    |                              | \$ | 30,303    |        |
| Used retail                         | φ  | 17,708    |                                 | φ                | 16,748           |        | φ  | 17,719    |                              | φ  | 16,748    |        |
|                                     |    |           |                                 |                  |                  |        |    | ,         |                              |    |           |        |
| GROSS PROFIT PER VEHICLE            |    |           |                                 |                  |                  |        |    |           |                              |    |           |        |
| RETAILED:                           |    |           |                                 |                  |                  |        |    |           |                              |    |           |        |
| New retail                          | \$ | 2,250     |                                 | \$               | 2,151            |        | \$ | 2,256     |                              | \$ | 2,151     |        |
| Used retail                         |    | 2,141     |                                 |                  | 1,955            |        |    | 2,141     |                              |    | 1,955     |        |
| Finance and insurance, net          |    | 921       |                                 |                  | 907              |        |    | 922       |                              |    | 907       |        |
| Dealership generated finance and    |    |           |                                 |                  |                  |        |    | •==       |                              |    |           |        |
| insurance, net                      |    | 882       |                                 |                  | 878              |        |    | 882       |                              |    | 878       |        |
| insurance, net                      |    | 002       |                                 |                  | 070              |        |    | 002       |                              |    | 070       |        |
| GROSS PROFIT MARGIN:                |    |           |                                 |                  |                  |        |    |           |                              |    |           |        |
| New retail                          |    | 7.2%      |                                 |                  | 7.1%             |        |    | 7.2%      |                              |    | 7.1%      |        |
| Used retail                         |    | 12.1%     |                                 |                  | 11.7%            |        |    | 12.1%     |                              |    | 11.7%     |        |
| Parts, service and collision repair |    | 50.6%     |                                 |                  | 50.8%            |        |    | 50.6%     |                              |    | 50.8%     |        |
|                                     |    |           |                                 |                  |                  |        |    |           |                              |    |           |        |

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. Selected Data (In thousands) (Unaudited)

|  | Septer | As of<br>nber 30, 2006 | Dec | As of<br>ember 31, 2005 |
|--|--------|------------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| BALANCE SHEET HIGHLIGHTS:                  |        |                        |     |                         |
| Cash and cash equivalents                  | \$     | 133,475                | \$  | 57,194                  |
| Inventories                                |        | 715,458                |     | 709,791                 |
| Total current assets                       |        | 1,188,168              |     | 1,185,180               |
| Floor plan notes payable                   |        | 613,374                |     | 614,382                 |
| Total current liabilities                  |        | 798,003                |     | 838,226                 |
|  |        |                        |     |                         |
| CAPITALIZATION:                            |        |                        |     |                         |
| Long-term debt (including current portion) | \$     | 482,546                | \$  | 496,949                 |

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| Stockholders' equity |   | 602,316         | 547,766         |
|----------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Total                |   | \$<br>1,084,862 | \$<br>1,044,715 |
|                      |   | <br>            |                 |
|                      |   |                 |                 |
|                      |   |                 |                 |
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ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES REGARDING NON-GAAP FINANCIAL INFORMATION (In thousands, except vehicle and per vehicle data)

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(Unaudited)

The Company evaluates F&I gross profit performance on a per vehicle retailed ("PVR") basis by dividing total F&I gross profit by the number of retail vehicles sold. During 2003, the Company renegotiated a contract with a third party finance and insurance product provider, which resulted in the recognition of income in 2006 and 2005 that was not attributable to retail vehicles sold during 2006 and 2005 (referred to as "corporate generated F&I gross profit"). During the second quarter of 2006, the Company decided to sell its remaining interest in the pool of extended service contracts which had been the source of its corporate generated F&I gross profit, which resulted in the recognition of a \$3.4 million gain on the sale ("corporate generated F&I gain"). The Company believes that dealership generated F&I PVR, which excludes the additional amounts derived from contracts negotiated by the corporate office, provides a more accurate measure of the Company's finance and insurance operating performance. The following table reconciles F&I gross profit to dealership generated F&I gross profit, and provides the necessary components to calculate dealership generated F&I gross profit PVR.

|   |    | As Reported<br>Ionths Ended | nber 30,     | Same Store for the Three<br>Months Ended September 30, |        |    |         |
|---|----|-----------------------------|--------------|--|--------|----|---------|
|   | 2  | 006                         | <br>2005     |  | 2006   |    | 2005    |
| RECONCILIATION OF FINANCE AND INSURANCE GROSS |    |                             |              |  |        |    |         |
| PROFIT TO DEALERSHIP GENERATED FINANCE AND    |    |                             |              |  |        |    |         |
| INSURANCE GROSS PROFIT:                       |    |                             |              |  |        |    |         |
| F&I gross profit                              | \$ | 41,198                      | \$<br>40,133 | \$   | 40,921 | \$ | 40,133  |
| Less: corporate generated F&I gross profit    |    | _                           | <br>(1,184)  |  |        |    | (1,184) |
| Dealership generated F&I gross profit         | \$ | 41,198                      | \$<br>38,949 | \$   | 40,921 | \$ | 38,949  |
|   |    |                             | <br>         |  |        |    |         |
| RETAIL VEHICLES SOLD:                         |    |                             |              |  |        |    |         |
| New retail units                              |    | 28,294                      | 29,096       |  | 28,007 |    | 29,096  |
| Used retail units                             |    | 17,205                      | 16,428       |  | 17,200 |    | 16,428  |
| Total retail units                            |    | 45,499                      | 45,524       |  | 45,207 |    | 45,524  |
| F&I gross profit PVR                          | \$ | 905                         | \$<br>882    | \$   | 905    | \$ | 882     |
| Dealership generated F&I gross profit PVR     | \$ | 905                         | \$<br>856    | \$   | 905    | \$ | 856     |

|   | As Reported<br>Months Ended |               |    | Nine<br>1ber 30, |    |         |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------|----|------------------|----|---------|
|   | <br>2006                    | <br>2005      |    | 2006             |    | 2005    |
| RECONCILIATION OF FINANCE AND INSURANCE GROSS |                             |               |    |                  |    |         |
| PROFIT TO DEALERSHIP GENERATED FINANCE AND    |                             |               |    |                  |    |         |
| INSURANCE GROSS PROFIT:                       |                             |               |    |                  |    |         |
| F&I gross profit                              | \$<br>120,042               | \$<br>114,687 | \$ | 118,706          | \$ | 114,687 |
| Less: corporate generated F&I gross profit    | (1,685)                     | (3,754)       |    | (1,685)          |    | (3,754) |
| Less: corporate generated F&I gain            | (3,400)                     |               |    | (3,400)          |    |         |
| Dealership generated F&I gross profit         | \$<br>114,957               | \$<br>110,933 | \$ | 113,621          | \$ | 110,933 |
|   |                             |               |    |                  | -  |         |
| RETAIL VEHICLES SOLD:                         |                             |               |    |                  |    |         |
| New retail units                              | 81,181                      | 80,030        |    | 79,918           |    | 80,030  |
| Used retail units                             | 49,109                      | 46,354        |    | 48,875           |    | 46,354  |
| Total retail units                            | <br>130,290                 | <br>126,384   |    | 128,793          |    | 126,384 |
| F&I gross profit PVR                          | \$<br>921                   | \$<br>907     | \$ | 922              | \$ | 907     |
| Dealership generated F&I gross profit PVR     | \$<br>882                   | \$<br>878     | \$ | 882              | \$ | 878     |
|   |                             |               |    |                  |    |         |

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The Company's income from continuing operations was impacted by (i) the adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R ("SFAS 123R"), (ii) its decision to issue restricted stock units instead of stock options, (iii) the sale of its remaining interest in a pool of extended service contracts, (iv) expenses related to a secondary stock offering, (v) its decision to abandon certain strategic projects and (vi) expenses related to the extinguishment of long-term debt during the nine months ended September 30, 2006; and expenses related to our regional reorganization during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006. Effective January 1, 2006, The Company has adopted SFAS 123R under the modified prospective transition method and therefore has recorded stock compensation expense under the fair value method for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006. Prior to January 1, 2006, stock compensation expense was recorded under the intrinsic value method. We believe that a more accurate comparison of income from continuing operations can be made by adjusting for these items.

2006

As Reported for the Three Months Ended September 30,

2005

Increase (Decrease

% Change

|   |          | _                     | _                  | _                  |    |            |          |      |
|---|----------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----|------------|----------|------|
| RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED SG&A                 |          |                       |                    |                    |    |            |          |      |
| EXPENSES AS A PERCENTAGE OF GROSS               |          |                       |                    |                    |    |            |          |      |
| PROFIT  |          |                       |                    |                    |    |            |          |      |
| SG&A expenses                                   | \$       | 174,996               | \$                 | 168,395            | \$ | 6,601      |          | 4%   |
| Reorganization expenses                         |          | —                     |                    | (591)              |    |            |          |      |
| Secondary stock offering expenses               |          | (846)                 |                    | —                  |    |            |          |      |
| Stock compensation expense                      |          | (962)                 |                    | —                  |    |            |          |      |
| Adjusted SG&A expenses                          | \$       | 173,188               | \$                 | 167,804            | \$ | 5,384      |          | 3%   |
|   |          |                       |                    |                    |    |            |          |      |
| Gross profit                                    | \$       | 229,760               | \$                 | 217,324            | \$ | 12,436     |          | 6%   |
| Adjusted SG&A expenses as a percentage of gross | <u> </u> |                       | -                  | ,                  | Ŷ  | 12,100     |          | 070  |
| profit  |          | 75.4%                 |                    | 77.2%              |    |            |          |      |
| From  |          |                       |                    |                    |    |            |          |      |
|   |          | Same Store for the T  | hree M             | lonths Ended       |    | Increase   |          |      |
|   |          | Septeml<br>2006       | oer 30,            | 2005               |    | (Decrease) | % Change |      |
| RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED SG&A                 |          | 2000                  |                    | 2005               |    |            |          |      |
| EXPENSES AS A PERCENTAGE OF GROSS               |          |                       |                    |                    |    |            |          |      |
| PROFIT  |          |                       |                    |                    |    |            |          |      |
| SG&A expenses                                   | \$       | 174,375               | \$                 | 168,395            | \$ | 5,980      |          | 4%   |
| Reorganization expenses                         | Ŷ        |                       | Ŷ                  | (591)              | Ŷ  | 5,500      |          | .,,  |
| Secondary stock offering expenses               |          | (846)                 |                    | (001)              |    |            |          |      |
| Stock compensation expense                      |          | (962)                 |                    | _                  |    |            |          |      |
| Adjusted SG&A expenses                          | \$       | 172,567               | \$                 | 167,804            | \$ | 4,763      |          | 3%   |
| Tajustea o ocar enpeñoco                        | Ψ        | 172,507               | Ψ                  | 107,004            | Ψ  | 4,705      |          | J /0 |
| Gross profit                                    | \$       | 228,508               | \$                 | 217,324            | \$ | 11 104     |          | 5%   |
| •   | \$       | 220,300               | φ                  | 217,524            | Э  | 11,184     |          | 5%   |
| Adjusted SG&A expenses as a percentage of gross |          | 75.5%                 |                    | 77.2%              |    |            |          |      |
| profit  |          | /5.5/0                |                    | //.2/0             |    |            |          |      |
|   |          | As Reported for the I | Tine M             | lantha Endad       |    | Increase   |          |      |
|   |          | Septeml               | ville M<br>per 30, |                    |    | (Decrease) | % Change |      |
| DECONCIL LATION OF A DURITED CCG A              |          | 2006                  |                    | 2005               |    |            |          |      |
| RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED SG&A                 |          |                       |                    |                    |    |            |          |      |
| EXPENSES AS A PERCENTAGE OF ADJUSTED            |          |                       |                    |                    |    |            |          |      |
| GROSS PROFIT                                    | ¢        | F10.000               | ¢                  | 400.047            | ¢  | DE 410     |          | E 0/ |
| SG&A expenses<br>Reorganization expenses        | \$       | 512,360               | \$                 | 486,947<br>(4,157) | \$ | 25,413     |          | 5%   |
|   |          |                       |                    | (/15/)             |    |            |          |      |

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Abandoned strategic project expenses

Adjusted SG&A expenses as a percentage of

Secondary stock offering expenses

Stock compensation expense

Corporate generated F&I gain

Adjusted gross profit

adjusted gross profit

Adjusted SG&A expenses

Gross profit

|  | Same Store for the Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |                                  |    |         | Increase<br>(Decrease)     | % Change |
|--|---|----------------------------------|----|---------|----------------------------|----------|
|  |   | 2006                             |    | 2005    |                            |          |
| RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED SG&A                    |   |                                  |    |         |                            |          |
| EXPENSES AS A PERCENTAGE OF ADJUSTED               |   |                                  |    |         |                            |          |
| GROSS PROFIT                                       |   |                                  |    |         |                            |          |
| SG&A expenses                                      | \$  | 508,904                          | \$ | 486,947 | \$<br>21,957               | 5%       |
| Reorganization expenses                            |   | —                                |    | (4,157) |                            |          |
| Abandoned strategic project expenses               |   | (1,658)                          |    | —       |                            |          |
| Secondary stock offering expenses                  |   | (846)                            |    |         |                            |          |
| Stock compensation expense                         |   | (3,258)                          |    |         |                            |          |
| Adjusted SG&A expenses                             | \$  | 503,142                          | \$ | 482,790 | \$<br>20,352               | 4%       |
|  |   |                                  |    |         |                            |          |
| Gross profit                                       | \$  | 663,461                          | \$ | 621,280 | \$<br>42,181               | 7%       |
| Corporate generated F&I gain                       |   | (3,400)                          |    |         |                            |          |
| Adjusted gross profit                              | \$  | 660,061                          | \$ | 621,280 | \$<br>38,781               | 6%       |
| Adjusted SG&A expenses as a percentage of adjusted |   |                                  |    |         |                            |          |
| gross profit                                       |   | 76.2%                            |    | 77.7%   |                            |          |
|  | As  | Reported for the Th<br>September |    |         | <br>Increase<br>(Decrease) | % Change |
|  |   | 2006                             |    | 2005    |                            |          |

| RECONCILILATION OF ADJUSTED INCOME                   | <br>         | <br>         |             |     |
|--|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----|
| FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS                           |              |              |             |     |
| Net income   | \$<br>17,179 | \$<br>14,953 | \$<br>2,226 | 15% |
| Discontinued operations, net of tax                  | 1,047        | 2,128        |             |     |
| Income from continuing operations                    | <br>18,226   | <br>17,081   | 1,145       | 7%  |
|  |              |              |             |     |
| Reorganization expenses, net of tax                  | —            | 369          |             |     |
| Loss on extinguishment of long-term debt, net of tax | 571          | _            |             |     |
| Secondary stock offering expenses, net of tax        | 529          |              |             |     |
| Stock compensation expense, net of tax               | <br>601      | <br>         |             |     |
| Adjusted income from continuing operations           | \$<br>19,927 | \$<br>17,450 | \$<br>2,477 | 14% |
|  |              |              |             |     |
|  |              |              |             |     |
| Net income   | \$<br>0.51   | \$<br>0.45   | \$<br>0.06  | 13% |
| Discontinued operations, net of tax                  | <br>0.03     | 0.07         |             |     |
| Income from continuing operations                    | 0.54         | 0.52         | 0.02        | 4%  |
|  |              |              |             |     |
| Reorganization expenses, net of tax                  |              | 0.01         |             |     |
| Loss on extinguishment of long-term debt, net of tax | 0.02         |              |             |     |
| Secondary stock offering expenses, net of tax        | 0.01         | —            |             |     |
| Stock compensation expense, net of tax               | <br>0.02     | <br>         |             |     |
| Adjusted income from continuing operations           | \$<br>0.59   | \$<br>0.53   | \$<br>0.06  | 11% |
|  |              |              |             |     |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding           |              |              |             |     |
| (diluted):   | <br>33,841   | <br>33,032   |             |     |
|  |              |              |             |     |

|  | As Reported for the Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |         |          | Increase<br>(Decrease) |          | % Change |          |
|--|--|---------|----------|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
|  |  | 2006    |          | 2005                   |          |          | <u> </u> |
| RECONCILILATION OF ADJUSTED INCOME                   |  |         |          |                        |          |          |          |
| FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS                           | <i>•</i>   | 10 50 6 | <i>•</i> | 40.550                 | <i>•</i> | 0.455    | 2004     |
| Net income   | \$   | 48,736  | \$       | 40,579                 | \$       | 8,157    | 20%      |
| Discontinued operations, net of tax                  |  | 2,483   |          | 3,354                  |          |          |          |
| Income from continuing operations                    |  | 51,219  |          | 43,933                 |          | 7,286    | 17%      |
|  |  |         |          | 2 500                  |          |          |          |
| Reorganization expenses, net of tax                  |  |         |          | 2,598                  |          |          |          |
| Loss on extinguishment of long-term debt, net of tax |  | 571     |          |                        |          |          |          |
| Corporate generated F&I gain, net of tax             |  | (2,125) |          |                        |          |          |          |
| Secondary stock offering expenses, net of tax        |  | 529     |          | —                      |          |          |          |
| Abandoned strategic project expenses, net of tax     |  | 1,036   |          |                        |          |          |          |
| Stock compensation expense, net of tax               | -  | 2,036   | +        |                        |          |          |          |
| Adjusted income from continuing operations           | \$   | 53,266  | \$       | 46,531                 | \$       | 6,735    | 14%      |
|  |  |         |          |                        |          |          |          |
|  |  |         |          |                        |          |          |          |
| Net income   | \$   | 1.44    | \$       | 1.24                   | \$       | 0.20     | 16%      |
| Discontinued operations, net of tax                  |  | 0.07    |          | 0.10                   |          |          |          |
| Income from continuing operations                    |  | 1.51    |          | 1.34                   |          | 0.17     | 13%      |
|  |  |         |          |                        |          |          |          |
| Reorganization expenses, net of tax                  |  | —       |          | 0.08                   |          |          |          |
| Loss on extinguishment of long-term debt, net of tax |  | 0.02    |          |                        |          |          |          |
| Corporate generated F&I gain, net of tax             |  | (0.06)  |          |                        |          |          |          |
| Secondary stock offering expenses, net of tax        |  | 0.01    |          |                        |          |          |          |
| Abandoned strategic project expenses, net of tax     |  | 0.03    |          |                        |          |          |          |
| Stock compensation expense, net of tax               |  | 0.06    |          |                        |          |          |          |
| Adjusted income from continuing operations           | \$   | 1.57    | \$       | 1.42                   | \$       | 0.15     | 11%      |
|  |  |         | -        |                        |          |          |          |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding           |  |         |          |                        |          |          |          |
| (diluted):   |  | 33,853  |          | 32,847                 |          |          |          |
|  |  |         |          |                        |          |          |          |