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FORM 10-K

(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003

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)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

01-0609375

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**Three Landmark Square, Suite 500
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(Current address of principal executive offices)

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(Address of principal executive offices after April 5, 2004)

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(212) 885-2500

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share

Name of each exchange on which registered

New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No

Based on the closing price of the registrant's common stock as of June 30, 2003, the aggregate market value of the common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$88,871,982.

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: The number of shares of common stock outstanding as of March 5, 2004, was 32,434,904 (net of 1,590,013 treasury shares).

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

List hereunder the following documents incorporated by reference and the Part of the Form 10-K into which the document is incorporated:

Portions of the definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed within 120 days after the end of the registrant's fiscal year are incorporated by reference into Part III, Items 10 through 14 of this Form 10-K.

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PART I

Forward Looking Information

This report 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 and pending acquisitions, projections regarding our financial position, results of operations, market position, product development 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,
- our relationships with vehicle manufacturers and other suppliers,
- risks associated with our substantial indebtedness,
- risks related to pending and potential future acquisitions, and
- general economic conditions both nationally and locally and governmental regulations and legislation.

There can be no guarantees our plans for future operations will be successfully implemented or that they will prove to be commercially successful. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

The factors set forth below under "Item 1. Business-Risk Factors," "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and other cautionary statements made in this report should be read and understood as being applicable to all related forward-looking statements wherever they appear in this report.

Industry Data

This Annual Report on Form 10-K includes statistical data regarding the automotive retailing industry. Unless otherwise indicated such data is taken or derived from the information published by:

- The Industry Analysis Division of the National Automobile Dealers Association, also known as "NADA," Data 2003,
- Automotive News 2003 Market Data Book,
- CNW Marketing/Research,
- Sales & Marketing Management 2002 Survey of Buying Power and Media Markets,
- Bureau of Economic Analysis,
- J.D. Power, and
- Wards Automotive.

Although we believe these industry sources are reliable, we have not independently researched or verified this information. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on this information.

Item 1. Business

Overview

We are one of the largest automotive retailers in the United States, operating 140 franchises at 97 dealership locations as of December 31, 2003. We offer our customers an extensive range of automotive

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products and services including new and used vehicles and related financing, vehicle maintenance and repair services, replacement parts and warranty, insurance and extended service contracts. Our revenues for the year ended December 31, 2003 were \$4.8 billion.

Our retail network is organized into nine regional dealership groups, or "platforms", which are groups of dealerships operating under a distinct local brand name in 20 markets. In April 2003, we acquired Mercedes-Benz of Fresno, with the intention of building a additional platform in Northern California through additional "tuck-in" acquisitions. Including Fresno, we operate dealerships in 21 markets. Our franchises include a diverse portfolio of 35 American, European and Asian brands. For the year ended December 31, 2003, 67% of our new vehicle retail revenue was from either luxury or mid-line import brands. Our platforms are located in markets or clusters of markets that we believe represent attractive opportunities, generally due to the relatively low concentration of dealerships and high rates of population and income growth.

The following is a detailed breakdown of our platforms as of December 31, 2003:

Platform-Regional Brand	Date of Initial Acquisition	Platform Markets	Franchises
<i>Atlanta</i> Nalley Automotive Group	September 1996	Atlanta	Acura, Audi, BMW, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Hino, Honda, Infiniti, Isuzu Truck, Jaguar, Jeep, Lexus(a), Navistar, Peterbilt, Volvo
<i>St. Louis</i> Plaza Motor Company	December 1997	St. Louis	Audi, BMW, Cadillac, Infiniti, Land Rover, Lexus, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche
<i>Texas</i> David McDavid Automotive Group	April 1998	Dallas/Fort Worth Houston Austin	Acura, Buick, GMC, Honda, Lincoln, Mercury, Pontiac Honda, Kia, Nissan Acura
<i>Tampa</i> Courtesy Dealership Group	September 1998	Tampa	Chrysler, GMC, Hyundai, Infiniti, Isuzu, Jeep, Kia, Lincoln, Mazda(a), Mercedes-Benz, Mercury, Mitsubishi(b), Nissan, Pontiac, Toyota
<i>Jacksonville</i> Coggin Automotive Company	October 1998	Jacksonville Orlando	Chevrolet, GMC(a), Honda(a), Kia, Nissan(a), Pontiac(a), Toyota Buick, Chevrolet, Ford, GMC, Honda(a), Lincoln, Mercury, Pontiac
<i>Oregon</i> Thomason Auto Group	December 1998	Fort Pierce Portland	BMW, Honda, Mercedes-Benz Ford(a), GMC, Honda, Hyundai(a), Nissan, Pontiac, Toyota

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<i>North Carolina</i> Crown Automotive Company	December 1998	Greensboro	Acura, Audi, BMW, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Dodge, GMC,
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		Chapel Hill	Honda, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Pontiac, Volvo
		Fayetteville	Honda, Volvo
		Charlotte	Dodge, Ford
		Richmond, VA	Honda
		Charlottesville, VA	Acura, BMW(a), Mini
		Greenville, SC	BMW, Porsche
		Little Rock	Chrysler, Jeep, Nissan
Arkansas	February 1999		BMW, Ford, Lincoln(a), Mazda, Mercury(a), Nissan, Toyota, Volkswagen, Volvo
North Point (previously known as McLarty Companies)		Texarkana, TX	Chrysler, Dodge, Ford
Mississippi	April 2000	Jackson	Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Ford, GMC Truck, Hyundai(b), Jeep, Lincoln, Mazda(b), Mercury, Nissan(a), Pontiac, Toyota
Gray-Daniels			

- (a) This platform market has two of these franchises.
- (b) Pending divestiture as of December 31, 2003.

Each platform originally operated as an independent business before being acquired and integrated into our operations, and each continues to enjoy high local brand name recognition and regional concentration.

We compete in a large and highly fragmented industry comprised of approximately 21,700 franchised dealerships. The U.S. automotive retailing industry is estimated to have annual sales of approximately \$1 trillion, with the 100 largest dealer groups generating less than 10% of total revenues and controlling less than 10% of all franchised dealerships. We believe that further consolidation is likely due to increased capital requirements of dealerships, the number of dealership owners approaching retirement age, the limited number of viable exit strategies for dealership owners and the desire of certain manufacturers to strengthen their brand identity through consolidation of their franchise dealerships. We also believe that an opportunity exists for dealership groups with significant equity capital and experience in identifying, acquiring and professionally managing dealerships, to acquire additional dealerships and we intend to continue to seek acquisitions, consistent with our business strategy.

In addition to new and used vehicles, dealerships offer a wide range of other products and services, including repair and warranty work, replacement parts, extended warranty coverage and financing and insurance products. For the year ended December 31, 2003, our average dealership's revenue consisted of approximately 61% new vehicle sales, 25% used vehicle sales, 11% parts and services and 3% finance and insurance.

Company History

Our predecessor company was formed in 1994 by then-current management and Ripplewood Investments L.L.C. In 1997, an investment fund affiliated with Freeman Spogli & Co. Inc. acquired a

significant interest in us. These groups identified an opportunity to aggregate a number of the nation's top retail automotive dealers into one cohesive organization. We acquired eight of our platforms between 1996 and 1999, and combined them on April 30, 2000. Since the consolidation of the eight platforms as of April 30, 2000, a ninth platform, the Mississippi platform, was formed on July 2, 2001. In April 2003, we acquired a dealership in Northern California, with the intention of ultimately building a platform.

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. was incorporated on February 15, 2002. Immediately prior to the closing of the initial public offering ("IPO"), the members of Asbury Automotive Group, L.L.C. transferred their membership interests to us in exchange for shares of our common stock. On March 13, 2002, we effected an initial public offering of our common stock and on March 14, 2002, our common stock was listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "ABG". The IPO closed on March 19, 2002.

Our Strengths

We believe our competitive strengths are as follows:

Diversified Revenue and Profit Streams

Our operations provide a diversified revenue base that we believe mitigates the impact of fluctuating new car sales volumes. Used car sales and parts, service and collision repair sales, generate higher profit margins than new car sales and tend to fluctuate less with economic cycles. Our finance and insurance business, substantially all of which is commission based, has no associated costs of goods sold and represented 3% of our revenues and 18% of our gross profit during the year ended December 31, 2003.

- **New Vehicles.** Our franchises include a diverse portfolio of 35 American, European and Asian brands. We believe that our diverse brand, product and price mix enables us to reduce our exposure to specific product supply shortages and changing customer preferences. New vehicle sales were approximately 61% of our total revenues and 29% of total our gross profit for the year ended December 31, 2003.
- **Used Vehicles.** We sell used vehicles at virtually all our franchised dealerships. Retail sales of used vehicles, which generally have higher gross margins than new vehicles, making up approximately 25% of our total revenues and 14% of our total gross profit during the year ended December 31, 2003. We obtain used vehicles through customer trade-ins, auctions restricted to new vehicle dealers (offering off-lease, rental and fleet vehicles) and "open" auctions which offer repossessed vehicles and vehicles sold by other dealers. We sell the majority of our used vehicles

to retail customers. We dispose of used vehicles that are not purchased by retail customers through sales to other dealers and at auctions.

- **Parts, Service and Collision Repair ("fixed operations").** We sell parts and provide maintenance and repair service at all our franchised dealerships. In addition, we have 23 free-standing collision repair centers in close proximity to dealerships in substantially all our platforms. Our dealerships and collision repair centers collectively operate approximately 2,230 service bays. Revenues from parts, service and collision repair centers were approximately 11% of our total revenues and 39% of our total gross profit for the year ended December 31, 2003. We believe that parts and service and collision repair revenues are more stable than vehicle sales. Industry-wide, parts and service revenues have consistently increased over the last 20 years. We believe that this is due to the increased cost of maintaining vehicles, the added technical complexity of vehicles and the increased number of vehicles on the road.

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- **Finance and Insurance ("F&I").** We arranged third-party customer financing on approximately 70% of the vehicles we sold for the year ended December 31, 2003. These transactions result in commissions being paid to us by the indirect lenders, including manufacturer-captive finance companies. In addition to finance commissions, these transactions create other highly profitable sales commission opportunities, including selling extended service contracts and various insurance-related products to the consumer. Our size and sales volume motivate vendors to provide these products to us at substantially reduced fees compared to industry norms which results in competitive advantages as well as acquisition synergies. Profits from finance and insurance generated approximately 3% of our total revenues and 18% of our total gross profit for the year ended December 31, 2003. We earn sales-based commissions on substantially all of these products while taking virtually no risk related to loan payments, insurance payments or investment performance, which are fully borne by third-parties. These commissions are subject to cancellation, in certain circumstances, if the customer cancels the contract.

Highly Variable Cost Structure

Our variable cost structure helps us manage expenses in a variety of economic environments, as the majority of our operating expenses consist of incentive-based compensation, vehicle carrying costs, advertising and other variable and controllable costs. For example, on average, approximately 70% of general manager compensation and virtually all salesperson compensation is variable, tied to profits and profit margins.

Advantageous Brand Mix

We classify our primary franchise sales lines into luxury, mid-line import, mid-line domestic and value. Our current brand mix includes a high proportion of luxury and mid-line import franchises to total franchises. Our franchise mix contains a higher proportion of what we believe to be the most desirable luxury and mid-line import brands than most other public automotive retailers. Luxury and mid-line imports together accounted for 67% of our new retail vehicle revenues for the year ended December 31, 2003 and comprise over half of our total franchises. Luxury and mid-line imports generate above average gross margins on sales, have greater customer loyalty and repeat purchases and utilize parts and service and maintenance services at the point of sale more frequently than mid-line domestic and value automobiles. Luxury and mid-line imports have also gained market share at the expense of mid-line domestics over time. We also believe that luxury vehicle sales are less susceptible to economic cycles than other types of vehicles.

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The following table reflects current franchises and the share of new retail vehicle revenue represented by each class of franchises:

Class/Franchise	Number of Franchises as of December 31, 2003	% of New Retail Vehicle Revenue for the Year Ended December 31, 2003
Luxury		
BMW	8	
Lincoln	6	
Acura	5	
Mercedes-Benz	4	
Volvo	4	
Audi	3	
Cadillac	3	
Infiniti	3	
Lexus	3	
Porsche	2	
Jaguar	1	
Land Rover	1	
Total Luxury	43	31%
Mid-Line Import		
Honda	12	
Nissan	10	
Toyota	5	
Mazda (a)	4	
Mitsubishi (a)	2	
MINI	1	
Volkswagen	1	
Total Mid-Line Import	35	36%

Mid-Line Domestic

GMC	8	
Pontiac	8	
Ford	7	
Chrysler	6	
Mercury	6	
Chevrolet	5	
Jeep	4	
Buick	3	
Dodge	3	

Total Mid-Line Domestic	50	26%
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Value

Hyundai (a)	4	
Kia	3	
Isuzu	1	
Total Value	8	2%

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Heavy Trucks

Hino	1	
Isuzu	1	
Navistar	1	
Peterbilt	1	

Total Heavy Trucks	4	5%
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TOTAL	140	100%
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(a) Includes one pending divestiture as of December 31, 2003.

Regional Platforms With Strong Local Brands

Each of our platforms was comprised of between 8 and 27 franchise locations at December 31, 2003, and for the year ended December 31, 2003, sold an average of approximately 17,600 retail vehicles and generated an average of approximately \$531 million in revenues. Each of our platforms maintains a strong local brand that has been enhanced through local advertising over many years. We believe that our cultivation of strong local brands can be beneficial because consumers may prefer to interact with a locally recognized brand; placing our franchises in one region under a single brand allows us to generate significant advertising savings; and our platforms can retain customers even as they purchase and service different automobile brands. Furthermore, we believe that the majority of our dealerships are located in geographic areas with above average population growth and relatively low dealer concentration and favorable franchise laws.

Experienced and incentivized management

- **Retail and Automotive Management Experience.** We have a management team with extensive experience and expertise in the retail and automotive sectors. Kenneth B. Gilman, our president and chief executive officer, served for 25 years at Limited Brands (formerly The Limited, Inc.) where his last assignment was as chief executive officer of Lane Bryant, a retailer of women's clothing and a subsidiary of Limited Brands. From 1993 to 2001, Mr. Gilman served as vice chairman and chief administrative officer of Limited Brands with responsibility for, among other things, finance, information technology, supply chain management and production. Robert D. Frank, our senior vice president of automotive operations, has spent most of his 35-year career working in all aspects of automotive operations, including serving as chief operating officer from 1993 to 1997 of the Larry H. Miller Group, an operator of more than 20 auto dealerships, and as vice president of Chrysler's Asian operations. In addition, the former platform owners of four of our nine platforms, each with greater than 25 years of experience in the automotive retailing industry, continue to manage their respective platforms.
- **Incentivization at Every Level.** We tie compensation to performance by relying upon an incentive-based pay system at both the platform and dealership levels. At the platform level all our senior management are compensated on an incentive-based pay system and the majority have a stake in our performance based upon their ownership of approximately 12.3% of our total equity as of December 31, 2003. We also create incentives at the dealership level. We compensate our general managers based on dealership profitability, and the compensation of department managers and salespeople is similarly based upon departmental profitability and individual performance, respectively.

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Our Strategy**Focus on Higher Margin Products and Services**

While new vehicle sales are critical to drawing customers to our dealerships, used vehicle retail sales, parts, service and collision repair and finance and insurance provide significantly higher profit margins and account for the majority of our profitability. In addition, we have discipline-specific executives at both the corporate and platform levels who focus on both increasing the penetration of current services and expanding the breadth of our offerings to customers. While each of our platforms operates independently in a manner consistent with its specific market's characteristics, each pursues an integrated strategy to grow these higher margin businesses to enhance profitability and stimulate internal growth.

- **Parts, Service and Collision Repair.** Each of our platforms offers parts, performs vehicle service work and operates collision repair centers, all of which provide important sources of recurring revenue with high gross profit margins. We intend to continue to grow this higher-margin business by adding new service bays, increasing capacity utilization of existing service bays and ensuring high levels of customer satisfaction within our parts, service and collision repair operations. In addition, given the increased sophistication of vehicles, our repair operations provide detailed expertise and state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment that we believe independent repair shops cannot adequately provide. Finally, warranty work cannot be completed by independent dealers, as this work must be done at a certified dealership.
- **Finance and Insurance.** We intend to continue to bolster our finance and insurance revenues by offering a broad range of conventional finance and lease alternatives to fund the purchase of new and used vehicles. In addition to offering these third-party financing products, we intend to expand our already broad offering of third-party products such as credit insurance, extended service contracts, maintenance programs and a host of other niche products to meet all of our customer needs on a "one stop" shopping basis. Moreover, continued in-depth sales training efforts and innovative computer technologies will serve as important tools in growing our finance and insurance profitability. We have increased platform finance and insurance per vehicle retailed ("PVR") from \$673 for the year ended December 31, 2001, to \$816 for the year ended December 31, 2003. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Information." We have successfully increased our platform finance and insurance PVR each year since our inception.

Local Management of Dealership Operations and Centralized Administrative and Strategic Functions

We believe that local management of dealership operations on a platform basis enables our retail network to provide market-specific responses to sales, customer service and inventory requirements. In addition, the use of a single trade name at each of our platforms provides a strong presence for marketing and advertising of the platform's products and services in each local market. Our administrative headquarters is located in Stamford, Connecticut. We expect to relocate to New York, New York in April 2004. The administrative office is responsible for the capital structure of the business and the expansion and operating strategy. The implementation of our operational strategy rests with each platform management team based on the policies and procedures set forth by the corporate office. Each of our platforms has a management structure that is intended to promote and reward entrepreneurial spirit and the achievement of team goals and are complemented by centralized technology and financial controls, as well as sharing best practices and market intelligence throughout the organization.

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Platform Management

Each of our dealerships is managed by a general manager who has authority over day-to-day operations. Our platform management teams' thorough understanding of their local markets enables them to effectively run day-to-day operations, market to customers, recruit new employees and gauge acquisition opportunities in their local markets. The general manager of each dealership is supported by a management team consisting, in most cases, of a new vehicle sales manager, a used vehicle sales manager, a finance and insurance manager and parts and service managers. Each dealership is managed by a trained and experienced general manager who has primary responsibility for decisions relating to inventory purchasing, advertising, sales pricing and personnel.

We employ professional management practices in all aspects of our operations, including information technology and employee training. In addition, the corporate headquarters coordinates a platform peer review process in which the platform managers address best practices, operational challenges and successes, and formulate goals for other platforms. On a rotating basis, each platform's operations are examined in detail by management from other platforms. Through this process, we identify areas for improvement and disseminate best practices company-wide. Our dealership operations are complemented by centralized technology and strategic and financial controls, as well as sharing of best practices and market intelligence throughout the organization. Corporate and platform management utilize computer-based management information systems to monitor each dealership's sales, profitability and inventory on a regular, detailed basis. We believe the application of professional management practices provides us with a competitive advantage over many independent dealerships.

Continued Growth Through Targeted Acquisitions

We intend to continue to grow through acquisitions. We will pursue tuck-in acquisitions to complement the related platform by increasing brand diversity, market coverage and products and services offered. We will seek to establish platforms in new markets through the purchase of multiple individual franchises or through the acquisition of large, profitable and well-managed dealership groups with leading market positions.

- **Tuck-In Acquisitions.** One of our goals is to become the market leader in every region in which we operate a platform. We plan to acquire additional dealerships in each of the markets in which we operate to increase our brand mix, products and services offered in that market. Tuck-in acquisitions are typically re-branded immediately and operate thereafter under the respective platform's strong local brand name. From January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2003, we have made 17 tuck-in acquisitions (representing 33 franchises) to add additional strength and brand diversity to our platforms. We believe that these acquisitions in the past and in the future will facilitate our regional operating efficiencies and cost savings. In addition, we have generally been able to improve the gross profit of tuck-in dealerships following an acquisition. We believe this is due to improvements in finance and insurance PVR, greater capacity utilization of service bays, improved management practices and enhanced unit sales volumes related to the strength of our local brand names.
- **Platform Acquisitions.** We will seek to establish platforms in new geographic markets through multiple purchases of individual franchises over time, or through acquisitions of large, profitable and well-managed dealership groups with leading market positions. We target metropolitan and high-growth suburban markets in which we are not currently present and platforms with superior operational and financial management personnel. We believe that the retention of existing high quality management who understand the local market enables acquired platforms to continue to operate efficiently, while allowing us to source future acquisitions more effectively and expand our operations without having to employ and train untested new personnel. We also believe retention of the local, established brand name is important to attracting a broad and loyal

customer base. We believe we are well-positioned to pursue larger, established acquisition candidates as a result of our platform management retention strategies, the reputation of our existing platform managers as leaders in the automotive retailing industry, our size, our financial resources and our ability to offer our public equity as an acquisition currency.

- **Focus on Acquisitions Providing Geographic and Brand Diversity.** By focusing on geographic and brand diversity, we seek to manage economic risk and drive growth and profitability. By having a presence in all major brands and by avoiding concentration with one manufacturer, we are well positioned to reduce our exposure to specific product supply shortages and changing customer preferences. At the same time, we will seek to continue to increase the proportion of our dealerships that are in markets with favorable demographic characteristics or that are franchises of fast-growing, high-margin brands. In particular, we will focus on luxury dealerships (such as BMW, Lexus and Mercedes-Benz) and mid-line import dealerships (such as Honda, Toyota and Nissan).

Sales and Marketing

New Vehicle Sales. Our new vehicle retail sales include new vehicle sales, new vehicle retail lease transactions and other similar agreements, which are arranged by our individual dealerships. New vehicle leases, which are provided by third parties, generally have short terms, which cause customers to return to a dealership more frequently than in the case of purchased vehicles. In addition, leases provide us with a steady source of late-model, off-lease vehicles for our used vehicle inventory. Generally, leased vehicles remain under factory warranty for the term of the lease, allowing dealerships to provide repair service to the lessee throughout the lease term. Historically, less than 1% of our new vehicle sales revenue is derived from fleet sales.

We design our dealership service to meet the needs of our customers and establish relationships that will result in both repeat business and additional business through customer referrals. Our dealerships employ varying sales techniques to address changes in consumer preference.

We incentivize our dealership managers to employ more efficient selling approaches, engage in extensive follow-up to develop long-term relationships with customers and extensively train sales staffs to be able to meet customer needs. We continually evaluate innovative ways to improve the buying experience for our customers and believe that our ability to share best practices across our dealerships gives us an advantage over other dealerships.

We acquire substantially all our new vehicle inventory from manufacturers. Manufacturers allocate limited inventory among their franchised dealers based primarily on sales volume and input from dealers. We finance our inventory purchases through revolving credit arrangements known in the industry as "floor plan" facilities.

Used Vehicle Sales. Used vehicle sales typically yield higher gross profit percentages than new vehicle sales. We intend to grow our used vehicle sales by maintaining high quality inventory across all price ranges, providing competitive prices and extended service contracts and continuing to enhance our marketing initiatives. Based on sharing of best practices, several of our platforms have a centralized used car function responsible for determining which vehicles to stock at each store.

Profits from the sales of used vehicles are dependent primarily on the ability of our dealerships to obtain a high quality supply of used vehicles and effectively manage inventory. New vehicle operations provide our used vehicle operations with a large supply of high quality trade-ins and off-lease vehicles, which we believe are a good source of attractive used vehicle inventory. We supplement our used inventory with vehicles purchased primarily at auctions. The reconditioning of used vehicles also creates profitable service work for our fixed operations departments.

Used vehicles are generally offered at our dealerships for not more than 60 days, after which, if they have not been sold to a retail buyer, they are either sold to an outside dealer or offered at auction. We may transfer used vehicles among dealerships to provide balanced inventories of used vehicles at each of our dealerships. We believe that acquisitions of additional dealerships will expand the internal market for the transfer of used vehicles among our dealerships and, therefore, increase the ability of each dealership to offer a balanced mix of used vehicles.

We have taken several steps towards building client confidence in our used vehicle inventory, one of which includes participation in the manufacturers' certification processes which are available only to new vehicle franchises. This process makes certain used vehicles eligible for new vehicle benefits such as new vehicle finance rates and extended manufacturer warranties. In addition, each dealership offers extended warranties, which are provided by third parties, on its used car sales.

Parts, Service and Collision Repair. Historically, the automotive repair industry has been highly fragmented. However, we believe that the increased use of advanced technology in vehicles has made it difficult for independent repair shops to have the expertise required to perform major or technical repairs. Additionally, manufacturers permit warranty work to be performed only at franchised dealerships. As a result, unlike independent service stations or independent and superstore used car dealerships with service operations, our franchised dealerships are qualified to perform work covered by manufacturer warranties on increasingly technologically complex motor vehicles.

We use variable rate structures designed to reflect the difficulty and sophistication of different types of repairs to compensate employees working in parts and service. In addition the profit percentages for parts vary according to market conditions and type.

One of our major goals is to retain each vehicle purchaser as a long-term customer of our parts and service department. We believe that significant opportunity for growth exists in the auxiliary services part of our business. Each dealership has systems in place to track customer maintenance records and notify owners of vehicles purchased at the dealership when their vehicles are due for periodic services. Service and repair activities are an integral part of our overall approach to customer service.

Finance and Insurance. We usually arrange for the financing of the lease or purchase of new and used vehicles for purchasers through third party vendors. We arranged non-recourse customer financing on approximately 70% of the vehicles we sold and leased for the year ended December 31, 2003. These transactions generate commission revenue from indirect lenders, including the manufacturer captive finance companies. In addition to finance commissions, each of these transactions creates other opportunities for more profitable sales, such as extended service contracts and various insurance-related products for the consumer. Our size and volume capabilities motivate vendors to provide these products at substantially reduced fees compared to the industry average which result in competitive advantages as well as acquisition synergies. Furthermore, many of the insurance products we sell result in additional underwriting profits and investment income yields based on portfolio performances.

To date, we have entered into "preferred lender agreements" with 15 lenders. Under the terms of the preferred lender agreements, each lender has agreed to provide a marketing fee to us for each loan that our dealerships place with that lender above the standard commission.

Advertising. Our largest advertising medium is local newspapers, followed by radio, television, direct mail and the yellow pages. The retail automotive industry has traditionally used locally produced, largely non-professional materials, often developed under the direction of each dealership's general manager. Each of our platforms has created common marketing materials for their dealerships using professional advertising agencies. Our sales and marketing department helps oversee and share creative materials and general marketing best practices across platforms. Our total marketing expense was

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\$50.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2003, which translates into an average of \$319 per retail vehicle sold.

Commitment to Customer Service. We are focused on providing a high level of customer service to meet the needs of an increasingly sophisticated and demanding automotive consumer. We strive to cultivate lasting relationships with our customers, which we believe enhances the opportunity for significant repeat and referral business. Our platforms regard service and repair operations as an integral part of the overall approach to customer service, providing an opportunity to foster ongoing relationships with customers and deepen loyalty.

Management Information System. We consolidate financial, accounting and operational data received from our dealers nationwide through an exclusive private communication network.

The data from the dealers is gathered and processed through their individual dealer management system. Our dealers use software from ADP, Inc., Reynolds & Reynolds, Co. or UCS, Inc. and others as their dealer management system. Our systems approach allows for our platforms to choose the dealer management system that best fits their daily operational needs. We aggregate the information from the dealer systems at our corporate headquarters to create one single view of the business using Hyperion financial systems.

Our information technology approach allows us to quickly integrate and aggregate the information from a new acquisition. By creating a connection over our private network between the dealer management system and corporate Hyperion financial systems, corporate management can quickly view the financial, accounting and operational data of the newly acquired dealer. Therefore, we can efficiently integrate the acquired dealer into our operational strategy. The Hyperion system allows senior and platform management to easily and quickly review operating and financial data at a variety of levels. For example, from our headquarters, management can review the performance of any specific department (*e.g.*, parts and services) at any particular dealership. This system also allows us to quickly compile and monitor our consolidated financial results.

Competition

In new vehicle sales, our platforms compete primarily with other franchised dealerships in their regions. We do not have any cost advantage in purchasing new vehicles from the manufacturers. Instead, we rely on advertising and merchandising, sales expertise, service reputation, strong local trade names and location of our dealerships to sell new vehicles. In recent years, automobile dealers have also faced increased competition in the sale or lease of new vehicles from independent leasing companies, on-line purchasing services and warehouse clubs. Our used vehicle operations compete with other franchised dealers, independent used car dealers, automobile rental agencies and private parties for supply and resale of used vehicles. See "Risks Related to Competition-Substantial Competition in Automobile Sales May Adversely Affect our Profitability."

We compete against other franchised dealers to perform warranty repairs and against other automobile dealers, franchised and independent service centers for non-warranty repair and routine maintenance business. We compete with other automobile dealers, service stores and auto parts retailers in our parts operations. We believe that the principal competitive factors in parts and service sales are the use of factory-approved replacement parts, price, the familiarity with a manufacturer's brands and models and the quality of customer service. A number of regional and national chains offer selected parts and services at prices that may be lower than our prices.

Dealer and Framework Agreements

Each of our dealerships operates pursuant to a dealer agreement between the applicable manufacturer and the dealership. The typical automotive dealer agreement specifies the locations at

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which the dealer has the right and obligation to sell the manufacturer's automobiles and related parts and products and to perform certain approved services. The dealer agreement grants the dealer the non-exclusive right to use and display the manufacturer's trademarks, service marks and designs in the form and manner approved by the manufacturer.

The allocation of new vehicles among dealerships is subject to the discretion of the manufacturer, and generally does not guarantee a dealership exclusivity within a given territory. Most dealer agreements impose requirements on every aspect of the dealer's operations including: the showrooms, the facilities and equipment for servicing vehicles, the maintenance of inventories of vehicles and parts, the maintenance of minimum net working capital, the achievement of certain sales targets, minimum customer service and satisfaction standards and the selection of dealer management and training of personnel. Compliance with these requirements is closely monitored by the manufacturer. In addition, many manufacturers require each dealership to submit monthly and annual financial statements.

We are subject to additional provisions contained in supplemental agreements, framework agreements or dealer addenda, which we collectively refer to as "framework agreements". Framework agreements impose requirements similar to those discussed above, as well as company-wide performance criteria, limitations on changes in our ownership or management, limitations on the number of a particular manufacturer's franchises we may own, and conditions for consent to proposed acquisitions. Some framework agreements also attempt to limit the protections available under state dealer laws.

Provisions for Termination or Non-Renewal of Dealer and Framework Agreements. Certain dealer agreements expire after a specified period of time, ranging from one to five years, and we expect to renew expiring agreements for dealers we wish to continue in the ordinary course of business. Typical dealer agreements provide for termination or non-renewal by the manufacturer under certain circumstances, including insolvency or bankruptcy of the dealership, failure to adequately operate the dealership, failure to maintain any license, permit or authorization required for the conduct of business, or material breach of other provisions of the dealer agreement. Some of our dealer agreements and all of our framework agreements provide that the manufacturer may purchase our dealerships which sell the respective manufacturer's products for fair market value or terminate the agreement upon the occurrence of certain changes of control. Generally a manufacturer may exercise either of these rights if a person or entity acquires an equity interest or voting control of us above a specified level (ranging from 20% to 50% of our outstanding stock depending on the particular manufacturer's restriction) without the approval of the applicable manufacturer. This trigger can fall as low as 5% if the person or entity acquiring the equity interest or voting control is another automobile manufacturer, a convicted felon or a person or entity with a criminal conviction stemming from dealings in the automobile industry. One manufacturer may exercise these rights if any entity or individual obtains control of us and the manufacturer reasonably deems such control to be detrimental in any material respect to the manufacturer's interest. Some manufacturers also restrict changes in the membership of our board of directors. Our agreement with Toyota, in addition to imposing the restrictions previously discussed, provides that Toyota may require us to sell our Toyota franchises (including Lexus) if, without its consent, the majority owners of our equity prior to our initial public offering cease to control a majority of our voting stock or if Timothy C. Collins ceases to control us through his indirect control of Ripplewood Investments L.L.C. In January 2004, Toyota granted consent to a secondary offering of up to 11.5 million shares of our common stock by the owners of our equity prior to our initial public offering, provided that the percentage owned or controlled by these shareholders does not decline to less than 25%.

Some of our dealer agreements and framework agreements also provide that other circumstances, unrelated to a change of control, will permit a manufacturer to exercise its right to purchase our dealerships. Such circumstances include our dealerships' failure to meet the manufacturer's capitalization or working capital requirements or operating guidelines, our failure to meet certain

financial covenant ratios, the occurrence of any extraordinary corporate transaction (at the Asbury parent entity level or dealership operating entity level) without the manufacturer's prior consent, or a material breach of the framework agreement.

In addition, we have agreements with Toyota which provide that in the event that our payment obligations under our Committed Credit Facility or our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 are accelerated or demand for payment is made under our subsidiaries' guarantees of such obligations, Toyota will have the right to purchase our Toyota and Lexus dealerships for their fair market value. We also have an agreement with Ford that provides if any of the lenders under our Committed Credit Facility or Floor Plan Facilities accelerate those payment obligations, or if we are notified of any default under the Committed Credit Facility, then Ford may exercise its right to acquire our Ford, Lincoln and Mercury dealerships for their fair market value.

If we fail to obtain renewals of one or more of our dealer agreements on favorable terms, if substantial franchises are terminated, or if certain manufacturers' rights under their agreements with us are triggered, our operations may be adversely affected.

Manufacturers' Limitations on Acquisitions. We are required to maintain certain performance standards and obtain the consent of the applicable manufacturer before we can acquire any additional dealership franchises. A majority of our manufacturers impose limits on the number of dealerships we are permitted to own at the metropolitan, regional and national levels, and we anticipate that other manufacturers may impose similar restrictions on us in the future. These limits vary according to the agreements we have with each of the manufacturers but are generally based on fixed numerical limits or on a fixed percentage of the aggregate sales of the manufacturer. Our current franchise mix has caused us to reach the present franchise ceiling, set by agreement or corporate policy, with Acura, and we are close to our franchise ceiling with Toyota, Lexus and Jaguar. While we have not reached a numerical limit with Ford, we have a dispute over whether our performance should limit additional acquisitions at this time. We have an action plan agreement with Honda pursuant to which we can make acquisitions provided we are meeting performance standards and limits the number of acquisitions per specified time frames. Unless we negotiate favorable terms with or receive the consent of the manufacturers, we may be prevented from making further acquisitions upon reaching the limits or if we fail to maintain performance standards provided for in the framework agreements.

State Dealer Laws. We operate in states that have state dealer laws limiting manufacturers' ability to terminate dealer agreements. However, some framework agreements attempt to limit the protection of state dealer laws. We are basing the following discussion of state dealer laws on our understanding of these laws, and we cannot provide any assurance that our understanding of these laws is accurate. State dealer laws generally provide that it is a violation for manufacturers to terminate or refuse to renew dealer agreements unless they provide written notice to the dealers setting forth good cause and stating the grounds for termination or nonrenewal. State dealer laws typically require 60 to 90 days advance notice to dealers prior to termination or nonrenewal of a dealer agreement. Some state dealer laws allow dealers to file protests or petitions within the notice period and allow dealers an opportunity to comply with the manufacturers' criteria. These statutes also provide that manufacturers are prohibited from unreasonably withholding approval for a proposed change in ownership of the dealership. Acceptable grounds for disapproval include material reasons relating to the character, financial ability or business experience of the proposed transferee and may also include current performance of the proposed transferee in operating other dealerships of the same manufacturer. See "Risk Factors-Risks Related to Our Dependence On Vehicle Manufacturers-If state dealer laws are repealed or weakened or superceded by our framework agreements with manufacturers, our dealerships will be more susceptible to termination, non-renewal or renegotiation of their dealer agreements."

Governmental Regulations

We are subject to extensive federal, state and local regulations governing our marketing, advertising, selling, leasing, financing and servicing of motor vehicles and related products. Our nine platforms also are subject to state laws and regulations generally relating to business corporations.

Under various state laws, each of our dealerships must obtain a license in order to establish, operate or relocate a dealership or provide certain automotive repair services. These laws also regulate conduct of our businesses, including advertising and sales practices. Other states into which we may expand our operations in the future are likely to have similar requirements.

The sales of financing products to our customers are subject to federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding truth-in-lending, deceptive and unfair trade practices, leasing, equal credit opportunity, motor vehicle finance, installment sales, insurance and usury. Some states regulate finance fees and other

charges that may be charged in connection with vehicle sales. Penalties for violation of any of these laws or regulations may include revocation of necessary licenses, injunctive relief, assessment of criminal and civil fines and penalties, and in certain instances, create a private cause of action for individuals. We believe that we comply substantially with all laws and regulations affecting our business and do not have any material liabilities under such laws and regulations and that compliance with all such laws and regulations will not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on our capital expenditures, earnings or competitive position. See "Risk Factors-Other Risks Related to Our Business-Governmental regulations and environmental regulation compliance costs may adversely affect our profitability."

Environmental Matters

We are subject to a wide range of environmental laws and regulations, including those governing discharges into the air and water, the storage of petroleum substances and chemicals, the handling and disposal of wastes and the remediation of contamination. As with automobile dealerships generally, and service and parts and collision repair center operations in particular, our business involves the generation, use, handling and disposal of hazardous or toxic substances and wastes. Operations involving the management of wastes are subject to requirements of the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and comparable state statutes. Pursuant to these laws, federal and state environmental agencies have established approved methods for handling, storage, treatment, transportation and disposal of regulated substances and wastes with which we must comply.

Our business also involves the use of above ground and underground storage tanks. Under applicable laws and regulations, we are responsible for the proper use, maintenance and abandonment of our regulated storage tanks and for remediation of subsurface soils and groundwater impacted by releases from existing or abandoned storage tanks. In addition to these regulated tanks, we own, operate, or have otherwise closed in place other underground and above ground devices or containers (such as automotive lifts and service pits) that may not be classified as regulated tanks, but which could or may have released stored materials into the environment, thereby potentially obligating us to clean up any soils or groundwater resulting from such releases.

We are also subject to laws and regulations governing remediation of contamination at or from our facilities or to which we send hazardous or toxic substances or wastes for treatment, recycling or disposal. The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, or CERCLA, also known as the "Superfund" law, imposes liability, without regard to fault or the legality of the original conduct, on those that are considered to have contributed to the release of a "hazardous substance". Responsible parties include the owner or operator of the site or sites where the release occurred and companies that disposed or arranged for the disposal of the hazardous substances released at such sites. These responsible parties may be subject to joint and several liability for the costs of cleaning up the hazardous substances that have been released into the environment and for

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damages to natural resources. It is not uncommon for neighboring landowners and other third parties to file claims for personal injury and property damage allegedly caused by the release of hazardous substances. Currently, we are not subject to any material Superfund liabilities.

Further, the Federal Clean Water Act and comparable state statutes prohibit discharges of pollutants into regulated waters without the necessary permits, require containment of potential discharges of oil or hazardous substances and require preparation of spill contingency plans. We believe that we are in material compliance with those wastewater discharge requirements as well as requirements for the containment of potential discharges and spill contingency planning.

Environmental laws and regulations are very complex and it has become difficult for businesses that routinely handle hazardous and non-hazardous wastes to achieve and maintain full compliance with all applicable environmental laws. From time to time we experience incidents and encounter conditions that will not be in compliance with environmental laws and regulations. However, none of our dealerships has been subject to any material environmental liabilities in the past, nor do we know of any fact or condition that would result in any material environmental liabilities being incurred in the future. Nevertheless, environmental laws and regulations and their interpretation and enforcement are changed frequently and we believe that the trend of more expansive and stricter environmental legislation and regulations is likely to continue. Hence, there can be no assurance that compliance with environmental laws or regulations or the future discovery of unknown environmental conditions will not require additional expenditures by us, or that such expenditures would not be material. See "Risk Factors-Other Risks Related to Our Business-Governmental regulations and environmental regulation compliance costs may adversely affect our profitability."

Employees

As of December 31, 2003, we employed 7,965 persons. We believe our relationship with our employees is favorable. Currently, certain employees of one of our dealerships are represented by a labor union. In the future, we may acquire additional businesses that have unionized employees. Certain of our facilities are located in areas of high union concentration, and such facilities are susceptible to union-organizing activity. In addition, because of our dependence on vehicle manufacturers, we may be affected adversely by labor strikes, work slowdowns and walkouts at vehicle manufacturers' production facilities and transportation modes.

Insurance

Because of their vehicle inventory and nature of business, automobile retail dealerships generally require significant levels of insurance covering a broad variety of risks. Our insurance program includes multiple umbrella policies with a total per occurrence and aggregate limit of \$100.0 million. We also have directors and officers insurance, real property insurance, comprehensive coverage for our vehicle inventory, garage liability and general liability insurance, employee dishonesty insurance and errors and omissions insurance.

Risk Factors

In addition to the other information in this Form 10-K, you should consider carefully the following risk factors in evaluating our business.

RISK FACTORS RELATED TO OUR DEPENDENCE ON VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS

IF WE FAIL TO OBTAIN RENEWALS OF ONE OR MORE OF OUR DEALER AGREEMENTS ON FAVORABLE TERMS, IF SUBSTANTIAL FRANCHISES ARE TERMINATED, OR IF

CERTAIN MANUFACTURERS' RIGHTS UNDER THEIR AGREEMENTS WITH US ARE TRIGGERED, OUR OPERATIONS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

Each of our dealerships operates under the terms of a dealer agreement with the manufacturer (or manufacturer-authorized distributor) of each vehicle brand it carries. Our dealerships may obtain new vehicles from manufacturers, sell new vehicles and display vehicle manufacturers' trademarks only to the extent permitted under dealer agreements. As a result of our dependence on these franchise rights, manufacturers exercise a great deal of control over our day-to-day operations and the terms of our dealer agreements govern key aspects of our operations, acquisition strategy and capital spending.

Each of our dealer agreements provides the manufacturer with the right to terminate the agreement or refuse to renew it after the expiration of the term of the agreement under specified circumstances. We cannot assure you we will be able to renew any of our existing dealer agreements or that we will be able to obtain renewals on favorable terms. Specifically, many of our dealer agreements provide that the manufacturer may terminate the agreement or direct us to divest the subject dealership if the dealership undergoes a change of control. Some of our dealer agreements also provide the manufacturer with the right of first refusal to purchase from us any franchise we seek to sell. Provisions such as these may provide manufacturers with superior bargaining positions in the event that they seek to terminate our dealer agreements or renegotiate the agreements on terms that are disadvantageous to us. Our results of operations may be materially and adversely affected to the extent that our franchise rights become compromised or our operations restricted due to the terms of our dealer agreements or if we lose substantial franchises.

In addition, we have agreements with Toyota which provide that in the event that our payment obligations under our Committed Credit Facility or our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 are accelerated or demand for payment is made under our subsidiaries' guarantees of the Committed Credit Facility or our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012, Toyota will have the right to purchase our Toyota and Lexus dealerships for cash at their fair market value, unless the acceleration or demand is waived within a cure period of no less than 30 days after Toyota's exercise of its right to purchase. If fair market value cannot be agreed by the parties, it will be determined by an independent nationally recognized and experienced appraiser. We also have an agreement with Ford that provides if any of the lenders of our Committed Credit Facility or floor plan facilities accelerate those payment obligations, or if we are notified of any default under our Committed Credit Facility, then Ford may exercise its right to acquire our Ford, Lincoln and Mercury dealerships for their fair market value.

MANUFACTURERS' STOCK OWNERSHIP RESTRICTIONS LIMIT OUR ABILITY TO ISSUE ADDITIONAL EQUITY, WHICH MAY HAMPER OUR ABILITY TO MEET OUR FINANCING NEEDS OR CARRY OUT OUR ACQUISITION STRATEGY.

Some of our automobile dealer agreements prohibit transfers of any ownership interests of a dealership or, in some cases, its parent. Our agreements with several manufacturers provide that, under certain circumstances, we may lose the franchise if a person or entity acquires an ownership interest in us above a specified level (ranging from 20% to 50% depending on the particular manufacturer's restrictions) or if a person or entity acquires the right to vote 20% or more of our common stock without the approval of the applicable manufacturer. This trigger level can fall to as low as 5% if another vehicle manufacturer or a person with a criminal record is the entity acquiring the ownership interest or voting rights. One manufacturer, Toyota, in addition to imposing the restrictions previously mentioned, provides that we may be required to sell our Toyota franchises (including Lexus) if without its consent the owners of our equity prior to our initial public offering cease to control a majority of our voting stock or if Timothy C. Collins ceases to indirectly control us. In January 2004, Toyota granted consent to a secondary offering of up to 11.5 million shares of our common stock by the owners of our equity prior to our initial public offering, provided that the percentage owned or controlled by these shareholders does not decline to less than 25%.

Violations by our shareholders of these ownership restrictions are generally outside of our control and may result in the termination or non-renewal of one or more franchises, which may have a material adverse effect on us. These restrictions may also prevent or deter prospective acquirers from acquiring control of us and, therefore, may adversely impact the value of our common stock.

MANUFACTURERS' RESTRICTIONS ON ACQUISITIONS AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES MAY LIMIT OUR FUTURE GROWTH.

We are required to maintain certain performance standards and to obtain the consent of the applicable manufacturer before we can acquire any additional dealerships. We cannot assure you that manufacturers will consent to future acquisitions, which may deter us from being able to take advantage of a market opportunity. Obtaining manufacturer consents for acquisitions may also take a significant amount of time, which may negatively affect our ability to acquire an attractive target. Moreover, delays in obtaining manufacturer consents may impact our ability to issue additional equity in the time necessary to take advantage of a market opportunity dependent on ready financing or an equity issuance. In addition, under an applicable dealers agreement, a manufacturer usually has a right of first refusal to acquire a dealership that we seek to acquire.

Many vehicle manufacturers place limits on the total number of franchises that any group of affiliated dealerships may obtain. A manufacturer may place generic limits on the number of franchises or share of total franchises or vehicle sales maintained by an affiliated dealership group on a national, regional or local basis. Manufacturers may also tailor these types of restrictions to particular dealership groups. Our current franchise mix has caused us to reach the present franchise ceiling, set by agreement or corporate policy, with Acura, and we are close to our franchise ceiling with Toyota, Lexus and Jaguar. While we have not reached a numerical limit with Ford, we have a dispute over whether our performance should limit additional acquisitions at this time. We have an action plan agreement with Honda pursuant to which we can make acquisitions provided we are meeting performance standards and limit the number of acquisitions per specified time frames. We are currently negotiating a framework agreement with Toyota. Unless we negotiate favorable terms with Toyota and other manufacturers or receive the consent of manufacturers, we may be prevented from making further acquisitions upon reaching the limits or if we fail to maintain performance standards provided for in our agreements.

As a condition to granting their consent to our acquisitions, a number of manufacturers may impose additional restrictions on us. Manufacturers' restrictions typically prohibit:

- material changes in the ownership or control of our company or extraordinary corporate transactions such as a merger, sale of a substantial amount of assets or any change in our board of directors or management;
- the removal of a dealership general manager without the consent of the manufacturer; and

- the use of dealership facilities to sell or service new vehicles of other manufacturers.

Certain of our agreements with manufacturers impose capital requirements on individual subsidiaries and restrict our ability to apply dealership earnings or assets to our consolidated indebtedness and operations, which could impede or complicate financing transactions.

Manufacturers may direct us to apply our resources to capital projects that we may not otherwise have chosen to do and may direct us to implement costly capital improvements to dealership facilities as a condition to renewing our dealer agreements with them or for their consent to a proposed acquisition. 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 to us.

OUR FAILURE TO MEET A MANUFACTURER'S CONSUMER SATISFACTION AND FINANCIAL AND SALES PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO ACQUIRE NEW DEALERSHIPS AND OUR PROFITABILITY.

Many manufacturers attempt to measure customers' satisfaction with their purchase and warranty service experiences through rating systems which are generally known as consumer satisfaction indexes ("CSI"), which augment manufacturers' monitoring of dealerships' financial and sales performance. Manufacturers may use these performance indicators, as well as sales performance numbers, as factors in evaluating applications for additional acquisitions. The components of these performance indicators have been modified by various manufacturers from time to time in the past, and we cannot assure you that these components will not be further modified or replaced by different systems in the future. Some of our dealerships have had difficulty from time to time meeting these standards. We cannot assure that we will be able to comply with these standards in the future. A manufacturer may refuse to consent to our acquisition of one of its franchises if it determines our dealerships do not comply with its performance standards. This may impede our ability to execute our acquisition strategy. In addition, we receive payments from certain manufacturers based, in part, on CSI scores, and future payments may be materially reduced or eliminated if our CSI scores decline.

OUR DEALERS DEPEND UPON VEHICLE SALES AND, THEREFORE, THEIR SUCCESS DEPENDS IN LARGE PART UPON CUSTOMER DEMAND FOR THE PARTICULAR VEHICLE LINES THEY CARRY.

The success of our dealerships depends in large part on the overall success of the vehicle lines they carry. New vehicle sales generate the majority of our total revenue and lead to sales of higher-margin products and services such as finance and insurance products and parts and service operations. Although we have sought to limit our dependence on any one vehicle brand, we have focused our new vehicle sales operations in mid-line import and luxury brands.

For the year ended December 31, 2003, brands representing 5% or more of our revenues from new vehicle retail sales were as follows:

Brand	% of Total New Vehicle Retail Sales
Honda	18%
Ford	11%
Toyota	9%
Nissan	8%
Lexus	6%
Mercedes-Benz	6%
BMW	5%
Acura	5%

No other brand accounted for more than 5% of our total new vehicle retail sales revenue for the year ended December 31, 2003.

IF WE FAIL TO OBTAIN A DESIRABLE MIX OF POPULAR NEW VEHICLES FROM MANUFACTURERS, OUR PROFITABILITY WILL BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED.

We depend on manufacturers to provide us with a desirable mix of popular new vehicles. Typically, popular vehicles produce the highest profit margins but tend to be the most difficult to obtain from manufacturers. Manufacturers generally allocate their vehicles among their franchised dealerships based on the sales history of each dealership. If our dealerships experience prolonged sales slumps, those manufacturers will cut back their allotments of popular vehicles to our dealerships and new vehicle sales and profits may decline.

IF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS DISCONTINUE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS, OUR SALES VOLUMES MAY BE MATERIALLY AND ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

Our dealerships depend on manufacturers for certain sales incentives, warranties and other programs that are intended to promote and support new vehicle sales. Manufacturers often make many changes to their incentive programs during each year. Some key incentive programs include:

- customer rebates on new vehicles;
- dealer incentives on new vehicles;
- special financing or leasing terms;

- warranties on new and used vehicles; and
- sponsorship of used vehicle sales by authorized new vehicle dealers.

A reduction or discontinuation of key manufacturers' incentive programs may reduce our new vehicle sales volume resulting in decreased vehicle sales and related revenues.

ADVERSE CONDITIONS AFFECTING ONE OR MORE MANUFACTURERS MAY NEGATIVELY IMPACT OUR PROFITABILITY.

The success of each of our dealerships depends to a great extent on vehicle manufacturers':

- financial condition;
- marketing efforts;
- vehicle design;
- production capabilities;
- reputation;
- management; and
- labor relations.

Adverse conditions affecting these and other important aspects of manufacturers' operations and public relations may adversely affect our ability to market their automobiles to the public and, as a result, significantly and detrimentally affect our profitability.

IF STATE DEALER LAWS ARE REPEALED, WEAKENED OR SUPERSEDED BY OUR FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS WITH MANUFACTURERS, OUR DEALERSHIPS WILL BE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO TERMINATION, NON-RENEWAL OR RENEGOTIATION OF THEIR DEALER AGREEMENTS.

State dealer laws generally provide that a manufacturer may not terminate or refuse to renew a dealer agreement unless it has first provided the dealer with written notice setting forth good cause and stating the grounds for termination or nonrenewal. Some state dealer laws allow dealers to file protests or petitions or attempt to comply with the manufacturer's criteria within the notice period to avoid the termination or nonrenewal. Though unsuccessful to date, manufacturers' lobbying efforts may lead to the repeal or revision of state dealer laws. We have framework agreements with a majority of our manufacturers. Among other provisions, these agreements attempt to limit the protections available to dealers under state dealer laws. If dealer laws are repealed in the states in which we operate, manufacturers may be able to terminate our franchises without providing advance notice, an opportunity to cure or a showing of good cause. Without the protection of state dealer laws, it may also be more difficult for our dealers to renew their dealer agreements upon expiration. In addition, these laws restrict the ability of automobile manufacturers to directly enter the retail market in the future. If

manufacturers obtain the ability to directly retail vehicles and do so in our markets, such competition could have a material adverse effect on us. See "Business-Dealer and Framework Agreements."

RISKS RELATED TO OUR ACQUISITION STRATEGY

IF WE ARE UNABLE TO ACQUIRE AND SUCCESSFULLY INTEGRATE ADDITIONAL DEALERSHIPS, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO REALIZE DESIRED RESULTS FROM OUR GROWTH THROUGH ACQUISITION STRATEGY AND ACQUIRED OPERATIONS WILL DRAIN RESOURCES FROM COMPARATIVELY PROFITABLE OPERATIONS.

The automobile retailing industry is considered a mature industry in which relatively slow growth is expected in industry unit sales. Accordingly, our future growth depends in large part on our ability to acquire additional dealerships, manage expansion, control costs in our operations and consolidate acquired dealerships into our organization. In pursuing our strategy of acquiring other dealerships, we face risks commonly encountered with growth through acquisitions. These risks include, but are not limited to:

- failing to close announced transactions under contract or failing to enter into contracts for transactions under letters of intent;
- failing to obtain manufacturers' consents to acquisitions of additional franchises;
- incurring significantly higher capital expenditures and operating expenses;
- failing to integrate the operations and personnel of the acquired dealerships;
- entering new markets with which we are unfamiliar;
- incurring undiscovered liabilities at acquired dealerships;
- disrupting our ongoing business;

- diverting our management resources;
- failing to maintain uniform standards, controls and policies;
- impairing relationships with employees, manufacturers and customers as a result of changes in management;
- causing increased expenses for accounting and computer systems; and
- incorrectly valuing acquired entities.

We may not adequately anticipate all the demands that our growth will impose on our personnel, procedures and structures, including our financial and reporting control systems, data processing systems and management structure. Moreover, our failure to retain qualified management personnel at any acquired dealership may increase the risk associated with integrating the acquired dealership. If we cannot adequately anticipate and respond to these demands, we may fail to realize acquisition synergies and our resources will be focused on incorporating new operations into our structure rather than on areas that may be more profitable. Moreover, manufacturer consent is required before we can acquire additional dealerships and, in some cases, to issue additional equity. If we incorrectly value acquisition targets or fail to successfully integrate acquired businesses we may be required to take write downs of the goodwill attributed to the acquired businesses, which could be significant. See "—Risk Factors Related to our Dependence on Vehicle Manufacturers—Manufacturers' Restrictions on Acquisitions May Limit our Future Growth."

WE MAY BE UNABLE TO CAPITALIZE ON ACQUISITION OPPORTUNITIES BECAUSE OF FINANCING CONSTRAINTS.

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We have substantial indebtedness and, as a result, significant debt service obligations. Our substantial indebtedness could limit the future availability of debt financing to fund acquisitions. We intend to finance our platform acquisitions in part by issuing shares of common stock. The extent to which we will be able or willing to issue common stock for acquisitions will depend on the market value of our common stock from time to time and the willingness of potential acquisition candidates to accept common stock as part of the consideration for the sale of their businesses. See "—Risk Factors Related to our Dependence on Vehicle Manufacturers—Manufacturers' Stock Ownership Restrictions Limit our Ability to Issue Additional Equity, Which May Hamper our Ability to Meet our Financing Needs or Carry out our Acquisition Strategy."

We cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain additional financing in the future by issuing stock or additional debt securities, and using cash to complete acquisitions may substantially limit our operating or financial flexibility or our ability to meet our debt service obligations. If we are unable to obtain financing on acceptable terms, we may be required to reduce the scope of our presently anticipated expansion, which may materially and adversely affect our growth strategy.

THE COMPETITION WITH OTHER DEALER GROUPS TO ACQUIRE AUTOMOTIVE DEALERSHIPS IS INTENSE, AND WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO FULLY IMPLEMENT OUR GROWTH THROUGH ACQUISITION STRATEGY IF ATTRACTIVE TARGETS ARE ACQUIRED BY COMPETING GROUPS OR PRICED OUT OF OUR REACH DUE TO COMPETITIVE PRESSURES.

We believe that the United States automotive retailing market is fragmented and offers many potential acquisition candidates that meet our targeting criteria. However, we compete with several other national dealer groups, some of which may have greater financial and other resources, and competition with existing dealer groups and dealer groups formed in the future for attractive acquisition targets may result in fewer acquisition opportunities and increased acquisition costs. We will have to forego acquisition opportunities to the extent that we cannot negotiate acquisitions on acceptable terms.

RISKS RELATED TO COMPETITION

THE LOSS OF KEY PERSONNEL AND LIMITED MANAGEMENT AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR OPERATIONS AND GROWTH.

Our success depends to a significant degree upon the continued contributions of our management team, particularly our senior management and service and sales personnel. Additionally, manufacturer dealer agreements may require the prior approval of the applicable manufacturer before any change is made in dealership general managers. We do not have employment agreements with most of our dealership managers and other key dealership personnel. Consequently, the loss of the services of one or more of these key employees may materially impair the efficiency and productivity of our operations.

In addition, we may need to hire additional managers as we expand. The market for qualified employees in the industry and in the regions in which we operate, particularly for general managers and sales and service personnel, is highly competitive and may subject us to increased labor costs during periods of low unemployment. The loss of the services of key employees or the inability to attract additional qualified managers may adversely affect the ability of our dealerships to conduct their operations in accordance with the standards set by our headquarters management.

SUBSTANTIAL COMPETITION IN AUTOMOBILE SALES AND SERVICES MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR PROFITABILITY.

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The automotive retailing and servicing industry is highly competitive with respect to price, service, location and selection. Our competition includes:

- franchised automobile dealerships in our markets that sell the same or similar new and used vehicles that we offer;

- other national or regional affiliated groups of franchised dealerships;
- privately negotiated sales of used vehicles;
- service center chain stores; and
- independent service and repair shops.

We do not have any cost advantage in purchasing new vehicles from manufacturers. We typically rely on advertising, merchandising, sales expertise, service reputation and dealership location to sell new and used vehicles. Our dealer agreements do not grant us the exclusive right to sell a manufacturer's product within a given geographic area. Our revenues or profitability may be materially and adversely affected if competing dealerships expand their market share or are awarded additional franchises by manufacturers that supply our dealerships.

RISKS RELATED TO THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

OUR BUSINESS WILL BE HARMED IF OVERALL CONSUMER DEMAND SUFFERS FROM A SEVERE OR SUSTAINED DOWNTURN IN CONSUMER SPENDING.

Our business is heavily dependent on consumer demand and preferences. Our revenues will be materially and adversely affected if there is a severe or sustained downturn in overall levels of consumer spending. Retail vehicle sales are cyclical and historically have experienced periodic downturns characterized by oversupply and weak demand. These cycles are often dependent on general economic conditions and consumer confidence, as well as the level of discretionary personal income and credit availability. Future recessions may have a material adverse effect on our retail business, particularly sales of new and used automobiles. Our sales of trucks and bulk sales of vehicles to corporate customers are also cyclical and dependent on overall levels of economic activity. In addition, severe or sustained increases in gasoline prices may lead to a reduction in automobile purchases or a shift in buying patterns from luxury/SUV models (which typically provide higher profit margins to retailers) to smaller, more economical vehicles (which typically have lower margins).

OUR BUSINESS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY UNFAVORABLE CONDITIONS IN OUR LOCAL MARKETS, EVEN IF THOSE CONDITIONS ARE NOT PROMINENT NATIONALLY.

Our performance is also subject to local economic, competitive and other conditions prevailing in our platforms' particular geographic areas. Our dealerships currently are located in the Atlanta, Austin, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Charlottesville, Dallas-Fort Worth, Fayetteville, Fort Pierce, Fresno, Greensboro, Greenville, Houston, Jackson, Jacksonville, Little Rock, Orlando, Portland, Richmond, St. Louis, Tampa and Texarkana markets. Although we intend to pursue acquisitions outside of these markets, our current operations are based in these areas. As a consequence, our results of operations depend substantially on general economic conditions and consumer spending levels in the Southeast and Texas, and to a lesser extent in the Northwest and Midwest.

THE SEASONALITY OF THE AUTOMOBILE RETAIL BUSINESS MAGNIFIES THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR SECOND AND THIRD QUARTER RESULTS.

The automobile industry is subject to seasonal variations in revenues. Demand for automobiles is generally lower during the first and fourth quarters of each year. Accordingly, we expect our revenues and operating results generally to be lower in our first and fourth quarters than in our second and third quarters. Therefore, if conditions surface during the second or third quarters that retard automotive sales, such as war, high fuel costs, depressed economic conditions or similar adverse conditions, our revenues for the year will be disproportionately adversely affected.

OUR BUSINESS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY IMPORT PRODUCT RESTRICTIONS AND FOREIGN TRADE RISKS THAT MAY IMPAIR OUR ABILITY TO SELL FOREIGN VEHICLES PROFITABLY.

A significant portion of our new vehicle business involves the sale of vehicles, parts or vehicles composed of parts that are manufactured outside the United States. 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 other countries. The United States 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.

OTHER RISKS RELATED TO OUR BUSINESS

OUR SUBSTANTIAL LEVERAGE COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO OPERATE OUR BUSINESS AND ADVERSELY IMPACT OUR COMPLIANCE WITH COMMITTED CREDIT FACILITY AND OTHER DEBT COVENANTS.

We are highly leveraged and have significant debt service obligations. As of December 31, 2003, we had total debt of \$592.4 million, excluding floor plan notes payable. In addition, we and our subsidiaries may incur additional debt from time to time to finance acquisitions or capital expenditures or for other purposes, subject to the restrictions contained in our Committed Credit Facility and the indentures governing our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 and our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014. We will have substantial debt service obligations, consisting of required cash payments of principal and interest, for the foreseeable future.

In addition, the operating and financial restrictions and covenants in our debt instruments, including the Committed Credit Facility, our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 indenture and our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 indenture, may adversely affect our ability to finance our future operations or capital needs or to pursue certain business activities. In particular, our Committed Credit Facility requires us to maintain certain financial ratios. Our ability to comply with these ratios may be affected by events beyond our control. A breach of any of the covenants in our debt instruments or our inability to comply with the required financial ratios could result in an event of default, which, if not cured or waived, could have a material adverse effect on us. In the event of any default under the Committed Credit Facility, the lenders thereunder, or the "Lenders", could elect to declare all borrowings outstanding, together with accrued and unpaid interest and other fees, to be due and payable, to require us to apply all of our available cash to repay these borrowings or to prevent us from making debt service payments on our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 and our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014, any of which would be an event

of default under the 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 indenture and the 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 indenture. Our substantial debt service obligations could increase our vulnerability to adverse economic or industry conditions.

The terms of our Committed Credit Facility require us on an ongoing basis to meet certain financial ratios, including a fixed charge coverage ratio of no less than 1.2 to 1. During January 2003, we reported to the Lenders that we did not meet our fixed charge coverage ratio requirement as of December 31, 2002. The Lenders subsequently agreed to waive this fixed charge coverage ratio default by letter dated February 2, 2003. While we were out of compliance with the covenant, we were unable to access the facility for new borrowings and were assessed interest at a higher default rate. As of March 31, 2003, we reported to the Lenders that we were in compliance with our fixed charge coverage ratio requirement. As of December 31, 2003, the fixed charge coverage ratio was approximately 1.5 to 1.

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See "—Risks Related to the Automotive Industry—Our Capital Costs and Our Results of Operations may be Materially and Adversely Affected by a Rising Interest Rate Environment" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources."

RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY OUR COMMITTED CREDIT FACILITY AND THE INDENTURES GOVERNING OUR 9% SENIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES DUE 2012 AND OUR 8% SENIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES DUE 2014 LIMIT OUR ABILITY TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL FINANCING AND TO PURSUE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES.

The operating and financial restrictions and covenants in our debt instruments, including our Committed Credit Facility, our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 and our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014, may adversely affect our ability to finance our future operations or capital needs or to pursue certain business activities. In particular, our Committed Credit Facility and the indentures governing our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 and our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 require us to maintain certain financial ratios. Our ability to comply with these ratios may be affected by events beyond our control. A breach of any of these covenants or our inability to comply with the required financial ratios could result in a default under our Committed Credit Facility. In the event of any default under our Committed Credit Facility, the Lenders could elect to declare all borrowings outstanding, together with accrued and unpaid interest and other fees, to be due and payable, to require us to apply all of our available cash to repay these borrowings or to prevent us from making debt service payments on our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 and our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014, any of which would be an event of default under the indentures governing our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 and our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014.

OUR CAPITAL COSTS AND OUR RESULTS OF OPERATIONS MAY BE MATERIALLY AND ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY A RISING INTEREST RATE ENVIRONMENT.

We finance our purchases of new and, to a lesser extent, used vehicle inventory using floor plan credit facilities under which we are charged interest at floating rates. In addition, we obtain capital for general corporate purposes, dealership acquisitions and real estate purchases and improvements under predominantly floating interest rate credit facilities. Therefore, excluding the potential mitigating effects from interest rate hedging techniques, our interest expenses will rise with increases in interest rates. Rising interest rates are generally associated with increasing macro economic business activity, and improvements in gross domestic product. However, rising interest rates may also have the effect of depressing demand in the interest rate sensitive aspects of our business, particularly new and used vehicle sales, because many of our customers finance their vehicle purchases. As a result, rising interest rates may have the effect of simultaneously increasing our costs and reducing our revenues. Given our debt composition as of December 31, 2003, each one percent increase in market interest rates would increase our total annual interest expense, including floor plan interest, by \$8.9 million.

We receive interest credit assistance from certain automobile manufacturers, which is reflected as a reduction in the cost of inventory on the balance sheet. Although we can provide no assurance as to the amount of future floor plan credits, it is our expectation, based on historical data, that an increase in prevailing interest rates would result in increased interest credit assistance from certain automobile manufacturers.

GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION COMPLIANCE COSTS MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR PROFITABILITY.

We are subject to a wide range of federal, state and local laws and regulations, such as local licensing requirements, consumer protection and privacy laws and environmental requirements governing, among other things, discharges into the air and water, aboveground and underground

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storage of petroleum substances and chemicals, handling and disposal of wastes and remediation of contamination arising from spills and releases. If we or our properties violate these laws and regulations, we may be subject to civil and criminal penalties, or a cease and desist order may be issued against our operations that are not in compliance. Our future acquisitions may also be subject to governmental regulation, including antitrust reviews. Future laws and regulations relating to our business may be more stringent than current laws and regulations and require us to incur significant additional costs.

IF WE ARE UNABLE TO RETAIN KEY MANAGEMENT OR OTHER PERSONNEL, WE MAY BE UNABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOP OUR BUSINESS.

We depend on our executive officers as well as other key personnel. Not all our key personnel are bound by employment agreements, and those with employment agreements are bound only for a limited period of time. If we are unable to retain our key personnel, we may be unable to successfully develop and implement our business plans. Further, we do not maintain "key man" life insurance policies on any of our executive officers or key personnel.

OUR BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL RESULTS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY CLAIMS ALLEGING VIOLATIONS OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN OUR ADVERTISING, SALES, AND FINANCE AND INSURANCE ACTIVITIES.

Our business is highly regulated. In the past several years, private plaintiffs and state attorney generals have increased their scrutiny of advertising, sales, and finance and insurance activities in the sale and leasing of motor vehicles. The conduct of our business is subject to numerous federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding unfair, deceptive and/or fraudulent trade practices (including advertising, marketing, sales, insurance, repair and promotion practices), truth-

in-lending, consumer leasing, fair credit practices, equal credit opportunity, privacy, insurance, motor vehicle finance, installment finance, closed-end credit, usury and other installment sales. Vehicle lessors could be subject to claims of negligent leasing in connection with their lessees' vehicle operation. We could be susceptible to such claims or related actions if we fail to operate our business in accordance with practices designed to avert such liability. Claims arising out of actual or alleged violations of law may be asserted against us or any of our dealers by individuals, either individually or through class actions, or by governmental entities in civil or criminal investigations and proceedings. Such actions may expose us to substantial monetary damages and legal defense costs, injunctive relief and criminal and civil fines and penalties, including suspension or revocation of our licenses and franchises to conduct dealership operations.

Available Information

Our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and any amendments to those reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act are made available free of charge on our Internet site at <http://www.asburyauto.com>, on the same day that the information is filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 2. Properties

We have 140 franchises situated in 97 dealership locations throughout eleven states. We lease 62 of these locations and own the remainder. We have five locations in Mississippi and three locations in North Carolina where we lease the land but own the building facilities. These locations are included in

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the leased column of the table below. In addition, we operate 23 collision repair centers. We lease 14 of these collision repair centers and own the remainder.

Platform	Dealerships		Collision Repair Centers	
	Owned	Leased	Owned	Leased
Arkansas	1	5	1	1
Atlanta	2	10(a)	2	2
Fresno	–	1	–	–
Jacksonville	14	3	4	1
Mississippi	–	7(b)	–	1
North Carolina	14	7	1	2
Oregon	–	8	–	–
St. Louis	4	1	1	–
Tampa	–	12	–	2
Texas	–	8	–	5
Total	35	62	9	14

(a) One of our dealerships in Atlanta that leases a new vehicle facility operates a separate used vehicle facility that is owned.

(b) Includes one pending divestiture as of December 31, 2003.

We lease our corporate headquarters, which is located at 3 Landmark Square, Stamford, Connecticut. In addition, we have entered into a lease for space located at 622 Third Avenue, 37th Floor, New York, New York, with the intention of relocating our corporate office in April 2004.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we and our nine platforms are named in claims involving the manufacture of automobiles, contractual disputes and other matters arising in the ordinary course of our business. Currently, other than the proceedings described below, no legal proceedings are pending against us or the nine platforms that, in management's opinion, if adversely determined, would be expected to have a material effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or financial statement disclosures.

We are currently involved in a breach of contract action in Arkansas that commenced on or about February 24, 2004 relating to amounts allegedly due the parties from whom Asbury purchased assets related to the pilot "Price 1" program. Asbury discontinued this program in the third quarter of 2003. Patric Brosh, Mark Lunsford, Mel Anderson and their companies, NCAS, L.L.C. and New Century Auto Sales Corporation, seek damages in excess of \$23.0 million for purported breach of their Purchase Agreement and Employment Agreements due to discontinuation of the pilot Price 1 program. We believe that any claim for amounts in excess of those already paid under those agreements is meritless pursuant to the specific terms of the agreements and we are vigorously defending our position in this action.

On November 4, 2003, a decision was rendered in the private arbitration proceeding relating to amounts claimed by the estate of Brian E. Kendrick. Mr. Kendrick, our former Chief Executive Officer, died in October 2001. The arbitration panel unanimously concluded that we had fully satisfied our obligations under Mr. Kendrick's employment agreement when we tendered the 2001 bonus payment of approximately \$0.5 million and 17,876 shares of stock in early 2002, and no further amounts were due to Mr. Kendrick's estate. Mr. Kendrick's estate had sought damages in excess of \$30.0 million in connection with alleged oral agreements and oral amendments to Mr. Kendrick's written employment agreement.

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

None.

PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters

Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "ABG". The following table shows the high and low closing sale prices per share of our common stock as reported by the New York Stock Exchange.

	High	Low
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2002		
First Quarter (from March 13, 2002)	\$ 16.80	\$ 15.25
Second Quarter	22.25	12.80
Third Quarter	13.48	8.71
Fourth Quarter	9.60	7.30
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003		
First Quarter	9.45	5.95
Second Quarter	13.70	7.25
Third Quarter	18.20	13.09
Fourth Quarter	18.99	15.20

On March 5, 2004, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange was \$17.50 per share, and there were approximately 74 record holders of our common stock.

We intend to retain all our earnings to finance the growth and development of our business, including future acquisitions. Our Committed Credit Facility prohibits us from declaring or paying cash dividends or other distributions to our stockholders. We do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. Any future change in our dividend policy will be made at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on the then applicable contractual restrictions on us contained in our financing credit facilities and other agreements, our results of operations, earnings, capital requirements and other factors considered relevant by our board of directors.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

Income Statement Data:	For the Years Ended December 31,				
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
	(in thousands, except per share data)				
Revenues:					
New vehicle	\$ 2,909,641	\$ 2,644,798	\$ 2,480,202	\$ 2,326,538	\$ 1,750,355
Used vehicle	1,183,901	1,158,144	1,102,921	1,000,182	731,601
Parts, service and collision repair	551,498	497,164	465,487	413,687	320,529
Finance and insurance, net	131,465	115,159	102,179	84,667	58,692
Total revenues	4,776,505	4,415,265	4,150,789	3,825,074	2,861,177
Cost of sales	4,036,201	3,718,947	3,507,041	3,255,645	2,446,181
Gross profit	740,304	696,318	643,748	569,429	414,996
Selling, general and administrative expenses	580,938	537,846	498,133	430,497	323,871
Depreciation and amortization	20,212	19,062	27,645	22,526	16,105
Impairment of goodwill	37,930	—	—	—	—
Income from operations	101,224	139,410	117,970	116,406	75,020
Floor plan interest expense	(18,800)	(17,860)	(26,065)	(34,552)	(21,424)
Other interest expense	(40,238)	(38,423)	(44,481)	(41,200)	(23,933)
Interest income	499	1,200	2,499	5,802	2,997
Net losses from unconsolidated affiliates	—	(100)	(3,248)	(6,066)	(616)
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	750	(72)	(361)	(1,531)	2,368
Loss on extinguishment of debt	—	—	(1,433)	—	—
Other income (expense), net	(2,369)	(427)	1,908	815	151
Total other expense, net	(60,158)	(55,682)	(71,181)	(76,732)	(40,457)
Income before income tax expense, minority interest and discontinued operations	41,066	83,728	46,789	39,674	34,563
Income tax expense	21,268	39,318	4,980	3,570	1,742

Minority interest in subsidiary earnings	—	—	1,240	9,740	20,520
Income from continuing operations	19,798	44,410	40,569	26,364	12,301
Discontinued operations	(4,611)	(6,325)	3,615	4,351	3,348
Net income	\$ 15,187	\$ 38,085	\$ 44,184	\$ 30,715	\$ 15,649
Earnings per common share:					
Basic	\$ 0.47	\$ 1.15			
Diluted	\$ 0.46	\$ 1.15			

As of December 31,

Balance Sheet Data:	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
	(in thousands)				
Working Capital	\$ 254,983	\$ 167,141	\$ 147,617	\$ 150,481	\$ 121,759
Inventories	650,397	591,839	496,054	558,164	437,272
Total assets	1,814,279	1,605,644	1,465,013	1,408,223	1,037,644
Floor plan notes payable	602,167	528,591	451,375	499,332	385,263
Total debt (including current portion)	592,378	475,152	538,337	471,664	324,260
Total shareholders'/members' equity	433,707	426,951	347,907	325,883	201,188

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

OVERVIEW

We are a national automotive retailer, operating 140 franchises at 97 dealership locations in 11 states and 21 markets in the U.S., offering 35 different brands of vehicles. We also operate 23 collision repair centers that serve our markets.

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Our revenues are derived from three basic products: the sale of new and used cars and light trucks; maintenance and collision repair services and the sale of automotive parts (collectively, "fixed operations"); and the arrangement of vehicle financing and the sale of various insurance and warranty products (collectively, "F&I"). Additionally, we operate a heavy truck business offering four brands in Atlanta, Georgia. We evaluate the results of our new and used vehicle sales based on unit volumes; our fixed operations based on gross profit dollars; and F&I based gross profit per vehicle retailed ("PVR").

Since inception, we have grown through the acquisition of 9 platforms and numerous tuck-in acquisitions. All acquisitions were accounted for using the purchase method of accounting; and the operations of the acquired dealerships are included in the consolidated statements of income commencing on the date acquired. As a result, we evaluate our revenue and gross profit on a same store basis in order to determine organic growth.

Our gross profit varies with our revenue mix. The sale of vehicles generally results in lower gross profit margins, while parts, service, collision repair, and finance and insurance revenues produce higher gross profit margins. As a result, when vehicle sales decrease as a percentage of total sales, we expect that our overall gross profit percentage would increase.

Selling, general and administrative expenses ("SG&A") consist primarily of fixed and incentive-based compensation, advertising, rent, insurance, utilities and other typical operating expenses. A significant portion of our selling expenses are variable (such as sales commissions), or controllable expenses (such as advertising), generally allowing our cost structure to adapt in response to trends in our business. We evaluate these and our other general and administrative expenses as a percentage of gross profit.

Sales of motor vehicles (particularly new vehicles) have historically fluctuated with general macroeconomic conditions including general business cycles, consumer confidence, availability of consumer credit, fuel prices and interest rates. Although these factors may impact our business, we believe that any future negative trends may be mitigated by the performance of our used vehicles sales, parts, service and collision repair operations, our variable cost structure, regional diversity and advantageous brand mix.

Our operations are subject to modest seasonal variations that are somewhat offset by our regional diversity. We typically generate more revenue and operating income in the second and third quarters than in the first and fourth quarters. Seasonality is based upon, among other things, weather conditions, manufacturer incentive programs, model changeovers and consumer buying patterns.

Over the past several years certain automobile manufacturers have used a combination of vehicle pricing and financing incentive programs, which have impacted customer demand for new vehicles. These programs serve to increase competition for late model used vehicles. We foresee the manufacturers continuing to use these incentive programs in the future and, as a result, we will continue to monitor our used inventory mix in order to carry higher levels of used vehicle inventory at lower price points in order to reduce competition with our new vehicle sales. In addition, we expect to continue to expand our service capacity in order to meet anticipated future demand, as the relatively high volume of new vehicles sales resulting from the highly "incentivized" new vehicle market will drive service demand in the future.

We expect the industry-wide gain in market share of the luxury and mid-line import brands to continue in the near future. We feel that our brand mix, which is heavily weighted toward these brands, is well positioned to take advantage of this continued shift in customer buying habits.

Interest rates over the past several years have been at historical lows. We do not believe that changes in interest rates significantly impact customer buying patterns, as changes in interest rates do not dramatically increase the monthly payment of a financed vehicle. For example, the monthly

payment for a typical vehicle financing transaction in which a customer finances \$25,000 at 5.5% over 60 months only increases by \$5.80 with a 50 basis point increase in interest rates.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Year Ended December 31, 2003, Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2002

Net income for the year ended December 31, 2003, was \$15.2 million or \$0.47 per basic share, including a \$4.6 million loss from discontinued operations principally related to our Price 1 pilot program, and other significant charges including a \$37.9 charge related to the impairment of goodwill at our Oregon platform and other non-operational expenses as discussed in more detail below. Net income for the year ended December 31, 2002, was \$38.1 million or \$1.15 per share. For the year ended December 31, 2002, tax affected pro forma net income was \$44.3 million or \$1.34 per share. Pro forma net income from continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2002, was \$50.7 million or \$1.49 per share. The pro forma results for the prior year exclude a nonrecurring deferred income tax charge required by SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes," related to our change in tax status from a limited liability company to a "C" corporation in conjunction with our March 2002 initial public offering ("IPO"). In addition, the pro forma results from continuing operations also assume that we were a publicly traded "C" corporation for the entire period. A reconciliation of pro forma net income from continuing operations to GAAP net income from continuing operations follows. See "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Information."

Income from continuing operations before income taxes totaled \$41.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2003, down from \$83.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2002. Income from continuing operations before income taxes for the year ended December 31, 2003, includes the following items (i) a non-cash goodwill impairment charge of \$37.9 million (\$29.2 million after-tax) related to our Oregon platform (see further discussion below under "Impairment of Goodwill"), (ii) a one-time charge of \$2.5 million (\$1.6 million after tax) related to the termination of our agreement to acquire the Bob Baker dealerships and (iii) \$3.2 million (\$2.0 million after-tax) in connection with management changes at our Oregon and Texas platforms and at the corporate level. In addition, we experienced an increase in insurance costs of approximately \$4.0 million in 2003. Approximately 25% of the increase is the result of the full year impact of our directors' and officers' insurance, which we did not have for most of the first quarter of 2002, as we were not a publicly traded company until March 14, 2002, with the remaining portion of the insurance increase reflecting the overall trend in the insurance environment. Offsetting the increase in insurance costs during 2003 are the impact of concentrated expense reduction initiatives focusing on personnel costs and consulting services in the second and third quarters and on dealership advertising in the fourth quarter. Also contributing to the increase in adjusted income from operations was the performance of our Arkansas platform, which was underperforming during 2002.

Revenues-	For the Years Ended December 31,		Increase (Decrease)	% Change
	2003	2002		
	(in thousands, except for unit data)			
New vehicle data:				
Retail revenues—same store(1)	\$ 2,731,889	\$ 2,600,506	\$ 131,383	5%
Retail revenues—acquisitions	129,857	981		
Total new retail revenues	2,861,746	2,601,487	260,259	10%
Fleet revenues—same store(1)	47,372	43,311	4,061	9%
Fleet revenues—acquisitions	523	—		
Total fleet revenues	47,895	43,311	4,584	11%
New vehicle revenue, as reported	\$ 2,909,641	\$ 2,644,798	\$ 264,843	10%
New retail units—same store(1)	94,531	95,160	(629)	(1%)
New retail units—actual	98,601	95,197	3,404	4%
Used vehicle data:				
Retail revenues—same store(1)	\$ 861,175	\$ 888,858	\$ (27,683)	(3%)
Retail revenues—acquisitions	41,938	721		
Total used retail revenues	903,113	889,579	13,534	2%
Wholesale revenues—same store(1)	266,539	268,530	(1,991)	(1%)
Wholesale revenues—acquisitions	14,249	35		
Total wholesale revenues	280,788	268,565	12,223	5%
Used vehicle revenue, as reported	\$ 1,183,901	\$ 1,158,144	\$ 25,757	2%
Used retail units—same store(1)	56,824	58,027	(1,203)	(2%)

Used retail units—actual		59,211	58,076	1,135	2%
Parts, service and collision repair:					
Revenues—same store(1)	\$	524,416	\$ 496,928	\$ 27,488	6%
Revenues—acquisitions		27,082	236		
Parts, service and collision repair revenue, as reported	\$	551,498	\$ 497,164	\$ 54,334	11%
Finance and insurance, net:					
Platform revenues—same store(1)	\$	124,167	\$ 115,069	\$ 9,098	8%
Corporate revenues		2,693	—		
Revenues—acquisitions		4,605	90		
Finance and insurance revenue, as reported	\$	131,465	\$ 115,159	\$ 16,306	14%
Total revenue:					
Same store(1)	\$	4,555,558	\$ 4,413,202	\$ 142,356	3%
Corporate		2,693	—		
Acquisitions		218,254	2,063		
Total revenue, as reported	\$	4,776,505	\$ 4,415,265	\$ 361,240	8%

(1) Same store amounts include the results of dealerships for the identical months for each period presented in the comparison, commencing with the first full month in which the dealership was owned by us.

Revenues of \$4.8 billion for the year ended December 31, 2003, represented a \$361.2 million or 8% increase over the year ended December 31, 2002. Same store revenue grew \$142.4 million or 3%, with the remainder derived from acquired dealerships. On a same store basis, new retail units were down 1%. However, same store new vehicle retail revenues were up 5% reflecting an increase in our average selling price driven by our strong luxury and mid-line import sales mix. Used retail vehicle unit sales increased 2%, despite a 2% decrease on a same store basis. Manufacturer incentive programs on

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new vehicles and a competitive used vehicle market negatively impacted used retail unit sales volume and sales revenue per used vehicle. Fixed operations increased 6% on a same store basis due to our focus on "customer pay" business, service adviser training, expansion of our product offerings, implementation of advertising campaigns and growth in our import warranty business. We achieved 8% same store growth in Platform F&I, as we continue to benefit from increased product offerings, the utilization of menus in the F&I sales process, the maturation of our corporate sponsored programs and the sharing of best practices between our platforms. Platform F&I excludes revenue resulting from contracts negotiated by our corporate office, that is not attributable to retail units sold during the respective period.

Gross Profit-	For the Years Ended December 31,		Increase (Decrease)	% Change	
	2003	2002			
(in thousands, except for unit and per vehicle data)					
New vehicle data:					
Retail gross profit—same store(1)	\$	203,905	\$ 212,808	\$ (8,903)	(4%)
Retail gross profit—acquisitions		9,663	70		
Total new retail gross profit		213,568	212,878	690	*
Fleet gross profit—same store(1)		1,293	1,426	(133)	(9%)
Fleet gross profit—acquisitions		3	—		
Total fleet gross profit		1,296	1,426	(130)	(9%)
New vehicle gross profit, as reported	\$	214,864	\$ 214,304	\$ 560	*
New retail units—same store(1)		94,531	95,160	(629)	(1%)
New retail units—actual		98,601	95,197	3,404	4%
Used vehicle data:					
Retail gross profit—same store(1)	\$	102,424	\$ 107,183	\$ (4,759)	(4%)
Retail gross profit—acquisitions		4,144	98		

Total used retail gross profit	106,568	107,281	(713)	(1%)
Wholesale gross profit—same store(1)	(1,661)	(3,018)	1,357	45%
Wholesale gross profit—acquisitions	(320)	3		
Total wholesale gross profit	(1,981)	(3,015)	1,034	34%
Used vehicle gross profit, as reported	\$ 104,587	\$ 104,266	\$ 321	*
Used retail units—same store(1)	56,824	58,027	(1,203)	(2%)
Used retail units—actual	59,211	58,076	1,135	2%
Parts, service and collision repair:				
Gross profit—same store(1)	\$ 274,344	\$ 262,421	\$ 11,923	5%
Gross profit—acquisitions	15,044	168		
Parts, service and collision repair gross profit, as reported	\$ 289,388	\$ 262,589	\$ 26,799	10%

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Finance and insurance, net:				
Platform gross profit—same store(1)	\$ 124,167	\$ 115,069	\$ 9,098	8%
Gross profit—corporate	2,693	—		
Gross profit—acquisitions	4,605	90		
Finance and insurance gross profit, as reported	\$ 131,465	\$ 115,159	\$ 16,306	14%
Platform gross profit PVR—same store(1)	\$ 820	\$ 751	\$ 69	9%
Platform gross profit PVR—actual	\$ 816	\$ 751	\$ 65	9%
Gross profit PVR—actual	\$ 833	\$ 751	\$ 82	11%
Total gross profit:				
Gross profit—same store(1)	\$ 704,472	\$ 695,889	\$ 8,583	1%
Gross profit—corporate	2,693	—		
Gross profit—acquisitions	33,139	429		
Total gross profit, as reported	\$ 740,304	\$ 696,318	\$ 43,986	6%

* Rounds to less than 1%.

(1) Same store amounts include the results of dealerships for the identical months for each period presented in the comparison, commencing with the first full month in which the dealership was owned by us.

Gross profit for the year ended December 31, 2003, increased \$44.0 million or 6% over the year ended December 31, 2002. Same store gross profit increased 1% year over year driven by significant growth in finance and insurance and fixed operations, of 8% and 5%, respectively. Same store gross profit on new and used retail vehicle sales for the year ended December 31, 2003, decreased 4% as compared to the prior year as competition negatively impacted new vehicle margins and as manufacturer incentive programs on new vehicles reduced the sales volumes of comparatively higher margin used vehicles. Same store finance and insurance platform gross profit PVR increased 9%. We believe that finance and insurance platform gross profit provides a more accurate measure of our finance and insurance performance than finance and insurance PVR, as it excludes revenue resulting from corporate negotiated contracts, which is not attributable to retail units sold.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses-

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2003 were \$580.9 million, up 8% from \$537.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2002. SG&A as a percentage of gross profit was 78.5% and 77.2% for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Advertising expense as a percentage of gross profit increased slightly to 6.2% for the year ended December 31, 2003, as compared to 6.1% year ended December 31, 2002. The increase in SG&A expenses due to charges of \$3.2 million associated with management changes at our Oregon and Texas platforms and at the corporate level, expense deterioration in several platforms in the first quarter of 2003 and \$4.0 million of incremental insurance costs due to the full year impact of our directors and officers insurance and the effect of the insurance environment, which was off-set by our successful expense reduction initiatives during the second and third quarters of 2003, which focused on personnel and consulting services, and during the fourth quarter, with our focus on reducing advertising per vehicle retailed.

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Depreciation and Amortization-

Depreciation and amortization expense increased approximately \$1.2 million to \$20.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2003, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2002. This increase is primarily related to depreciation of fixed assets acquired during 2003.

Impairment of Goodwill-

In accordance with SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," we assess goodwill and other intangibles for impairment on an annual basis, or more frequently if circumstances warrant. Upon adoption of SFAS No. 142 on January 1, 2002, we determined, based on how our business was organized and managed at that time, each of our platforms qualified as a reporting unit for the purpose of assessing goodwill for impairment. Impairment of goodwill occurs if the net book value of a platform exceeds its estimated fair value. During the fourth quarter of 2003, in connection with our annual impairment test, we determined that the fair value of our Oregon platform declined below its book basis due to the delay in its expected recovery following changes of top level management; the reduction in retail used vehicle sales volumes due to manufacturer rebates and incentives on new vehicles; the delay in the timing of the anticipated recovery of the Oregon economy; and the decline in its market share. We engaged a third party valuation firm to determine the fair value of the Oregon platform, which resulted in a non-cash impairment charge of \$37.9 million. As a result of this charge, our Oregon platform's goodwill was reduced to \$12.0 million.

Despite the reasons stated above, we expect improvement at our Oregon platform in the future through productivity initiatives, recent changes at the top level of management and expense reduction initiatives implemented by the new management team. While we expect the local economy to recover due to the projected overall improvement in the United States economy, the projections used in our goodwill impairment test do not include the impacts of any such recovery. We must exercise significant judgment in assessing the recoverability of goodwill and we can provide no assurance that future impairment charges will not be required if the performance of our platforms, including our Oregon platform, does not meet or exceed the projections of future cash flow used in our impairment analysis.

Other Income (Expense)-

Floor plan interest expense increased 5% to \$18.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2003. This increase was due to higher average inventory levels during 2003 as compared to 2002. The increase in non-floor plan interest expense of \$1.8 million from the prior year to \$40.2 million was principally attributable to the higher interest rate on our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012, which were outstanding for the entire year in 2003, as compared to the lower variable rate interest associated with our committed credit facility during 2002.

Income Tax Provision-

Income tax expense was \$21.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2003 compared to \$39.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2002. Our effective tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2003, was 51.8% compared to 39.8% for the period in 2002 subsequent to our March 2002 IPO. Excluding the \$37.9 million goodwill impairment charge associated with our Oregon platform and the related \$8.7 million tax benefit, our effective tax rate was 38.0% for the year ended December 31, 2003. As we operate nationally, our effective tax rate is dependent upon our geographic revenue mix. We evaluate our effective tax rate periodically based on our revenue sources. We will continue to evaluate our effective tax rate in the future, and expect that our annual effective tax rate will fluctuate between 37% and 38% for the year ending December 31, 2004.

From January 1, 2002 through the date of our IPO, we were structured as a limited liability company and only provided a tax provision in accordance with SFAS No. 109 for the nine "C"

corporations that we owned directly or indirectly during that period. Effective with our IPO, which closed March 19, 2002, we converted to a corporation and became subject to federal, state and local income taxes. During the year ended December 31, 2002, we recorded, in accordance with SFAS No. 109, a one-time, non-recurring charge of \$11.6 million related to the establishment of a net deferred tax liability, in connection with our conversion. This liability represented the difference between the financial statement and tax basis of our assets and liabilities at the conversion date.

Discontinued Operations-

During the year ended December 31, 2003, we completed the sale of five "full service" automotive dealerships and one ancillary business. In addition, we closed six "Thomason Select" used-only lots in Oregon and one ancillary business, our four Price 1 pilot program used vehicle stores and one full service dealership. As of December 31, 2003, we were actively pursuing the sale of three franchises and one dealership facility. The \$4.6 million loss from discontinued operations includes the operating losses of the dealerships mentioned above, as well as a net loss of \$0.1 million on the sale of dealerships and related real estate during of the 2003. The loss from discontinued operations for the year ended December 31, 2002, was \$6.3 million, which included the results of operations of the dealerships mentioned above and the operating losses and net loss on the sale of five dealerships during 2002.

Year Ended December 31, 2002, Compared to Year December 31, 2001

Net income for the year ended December 31, 2002, was \$38.1 million, or \$1.15 per share. Tax affected pro forma net income for the year ended December 31, 2002, was \$44.3 million or \$1.34 per share. These pro forma results (i) exclude a non-recurring charge of \$11.6 million related to the establishment of a net deferred tax liability associated with our conversion to a corporation and (ii) include a pro forma tax charge of \$5.3 million as if we were a corporation for the entire period. Tax affected pro forma net income for the year ended December 31, 2002, excluding the after tax losses from discontinued operations of \$6.3 million, was \$50.7 million, or \$1.49 per share, assuming the 4.5 million shares of our common stock issued in the IPO on March 14, 2002 were offered on January 1, 2002.

Income from continuing operations before income taxes totaled \$83.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2002, up 48% over the year ended December 31, 2001, after adjusting for the \$9.6 million of goodwill amortization during 2001, as required by SFAS No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets." SFAS No. 142 required companies to stop amortizing goodwill beginning January 1, 2002. The increase can be primarily attributed to higher retail volumes combined with increased margins on new and used vehicles, the continued strength of both our parts, service and collision repair and finance and insurance businesses, and the impact of lower interest rates on floor plan and non-floor plan financing. Included in discontinued operations for the year ended December 31, 2002, was a pre-tax loss of \$7.3 million from our Price 1 Auto Stores. The Price 1 pilot program was terminated in the third quarter of 2003. Tax affected pro forma net income and per share amounts have not been provided for the prior year, as we believe that such comparisons with the current year would not be meaningful due to changes in our tax status.

Revenues-	For the Years Ended December 31,		Increase (Decrease)	% Change
	2002	2001		
(in thousands, except for unit data)				
New vehicle data:				
Retail revenues-same store (1)	\$ 2,474,755	\$ 2,433,956	\$ 40,799	2%
Retail revenues-acquisitions	126,732	—		
Retail revenues-divestitures (2)	—	8,521		
Total new retail revenues	2,601,487	2,442,477	159,010	7%
Fleet revenues-same store (1)	33,998	37,725	(3,727)	(10%)
Fleet revenues-acquisitions	9,313	—		
Fleet revenues-divestitures (2)	—	—		
Total fleet revenues	43,311	37,725	5,586	15%
New vehicle revenue, as reported	\$ 2,644,798	\$ 2,480,202	\$ 164,596	7%
New retail units-same store (1)	91,046	92,780	(1,734)	(2%)
New retail units-actual	95,197	93,195	2,002	2%
Used vehicle data:				
Retail revenues-same store (1)	\$ 814,739	\$ 861,226	\$ (46,487)	(5%)
Retail revenues-acquisitions	74,840	—		
Retail revenues-divestitures (2)	—	3,099		
Total used retail revenues	889,579	864,325	25,254	3%
Wholesale revenues-same store (1)	241,928	237,770	4,158	2%
Wholesale revenues-acquisitions	26,637	—		
Wholesale revenues-divestitures (2)	—	826		
Total wholesale revenues	268,565	238,596	29,969	13%
Used vehicle revenue, as reported	\$ 1,158,144	\$ 1,102,921	\$ 55,223	5%
Used retail units-same store (1)	54,466	58,396	(3,930)	(7%)
Used retail units-actual	58,076	58,612	(536)	(1%)
Parts, service and collision repair:				
Revenues-same store (1)	\$ 473,891	\$ 463,478	\$ 10,413	2%
Revenues-acquisitions	23,273	—		
Revenues-divestitures (2)	—	2,009		
Parts, service and collision repair revenue, as reported	\$ 497,164	\$ 465,487	\$ 31,677	7%
Finance and insurance, net:				
Platform revenues-same store (1)	\$ 109,789	\$ 102,011	\$ 7,778	8%
Revenues-acquisitions	5,370	—		
Revenues-divestitures (2)	—	168		
Finance and insurance revenue, as reported	\$ 115,159	\$ 102,179	\$ 12,980	13%
Total revenue:				
Same store (1)	\$ 4,149,100	\$ 4,136,166	\$ 12,934	*
Acquisitions	266,165	—		
Divestitures (2)	—	14,623		
Total revenue, as reported	\$ 4,415,265	\$ 4,150,789	\$ 264,476	6%

* Rounds to less than 1%.

- (1) Same store amounts include the results of dealerships for the identical months for each period presented in the comparison, commencing with the first full month in which the dealership was owned by us.
- (2) The results of operations of divestitures made in fiscal year 2001 are included in the "as reported" numbers for 2001 for the period through the date of disposal. The results of operations of divestitures made in fiscal year 2002 are accounted for under SFAS No. 144 as "discontinued operations" and accordingly are not included in 2001 or 2002 sales or gross profit amounts for "same store" or "as reported".

Revenues for the year ended December 31, 2002, increased \$264.5 million, or 6%, over the year ended December 31, 2001, to \$4.4 billion. Acquisition revenue, net of 2001 divestitures, of \$251.5 million accounted for the majority of the increase, as same store revenue was relatively flat on a year-to-year basis. Same store new retail units were down 2%, while related revenues were up 2% driven by a shift to higher priced vehicles such as SUVs, light trucks and minivans. Used retail units were down 7% on a same store basis, as new vehicle incentives continued to attract higher-end used car buyers, contributing to an overall weak used car market. We were able to partially make up for the unit decrease by shifting our mix to higher priced certified used vehicles, light trucks and SUVs, resulting in a 5% decline in same store used retail revenues period over period. Fixed operations revenues were up 2% on a same store basis, primarily from successful customer retention and new service product offerings. Same store finance and insurance revenues were up 8% principally due to the continued focus on menu selling, the maturing of our preferred product provider programs and the introduction of new products.

<i>Gross Profit-</i>	For the Years Ended December 31,		Increase (Decrease)	% Change
	2002	2001		
(dollars in thousands, except for unit and per vehicle data)				
New vehicle data:				
Retail gross profit-same store (1)	\$ 202,444	\$ 201,016	\$ 1,428	1%
Retail gross profit-acquisitions	10,434	—		
Retail gross profit-divestitures (2)	—	540		
Total new retail gross profit	212,878	201,556	11,322	6%
Fleet gross profit-same store (1)	1,214	2,171	(957)	(44%)
Fleet gross profit-acquisitions	212	—		
Fleet gross profit-divestitures (2)	—	—		
Total fleet gross profit	1,426	2,171	(745)	(34%)
New vehicle gross profit, as reported	\$ 214,304	\$ 203,727	\$ 10,577	5%
New retail units-same store (1)	91,046	92,780	(1,734)	(2%)
New retail units-actual	95,197	93,195	2,002	2%
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Used vehicle data:				
Retail gross profit-same store (1)	\$ 99,228	\$ 100,706	\$ (1,478)	(1%)
Retail gross profit-acquisitions	8,053	—		
Retail gross profit-divestitures (2)	—	332		
Total used retail gross profit	107,281	101,038	6,243	6%
Wholesale gross profit-same store (1)	(2,448)	(3,427)	979	29%
Wholesale gross profit-acquisitions	(567)	—		
Wholesale gross profit-divestitures (2)	—	(107)		
Total wholesale gross profit	(3,015)	(3,534)	519	15%
Used vehicle gross profit, as reported	\$ 104,266	\$ 97,504	\$ 6,762	7%
Used retail units-same store (1)	54,466	58,396	(3,930)	(7%)
Used retail units-actual	58,076	58,612	(536)	(1%)
Parts, service and collision repair:				
Gross profit-same store (1)	\$ 248,282	\$ 239,467	\$ 8,815	4%
Gross profit-acquisitions	14,307	—		
Gross profit-divestitures (2)	—	871		
Parts, service and collision repair gross profit, as reported	\$ 262,589	\$ 240,338	\$ 22,251	9%
Finance and insurance, net:				

Gross profit-same store (1)	\$ 109,789	\$ 102,011	\$ 7,778	8%
Gross profit-acquisitions	5,370	—		
Gross profit-divestitures (2)	—	168		
Finance and insurance gross profit, as reported	\$ 115,159	\$ 102,179	\$ 12,980	13%
Gross profit per vehicle retailed — same store	\$ 755	\$ \$675	\$ 80	12%
Gross profit per vehicle retailed — actual	\$ 751	\$ \$673	\$ 78	12%
Total gross profit:				
Same store (1)	\$ 658,509	\$ 641,944	\$ 16,565	3%
Acquisitions	37,809	—		
Divestitures (2)	—	1,804		
Total gross profit, as reported	\$ 696,318	\$ 643,748	\$ 52,570	8%

- (1) Same store amounts include the results of dealerships for the identical months for each period presented in the comparison, commencing with the first full month in which the dealership was owned by us.
- (2) The results of operations of divestitures made in fiscal year 2001 are included in the "as reported" numbers for 2001 for the period through the date of disposal. The results of operations of divestitures made in fiscal year 2002 are accounted for under SFAS No. 144 as "discontinued operations" and accordingly are not included in 2001 or 2002 sales or gross profit amounts for "same store" or "as reported".

Gross profit for the year ended December 31, 2002, was \$696.3 million, up \$52.6 million, or 8%, over the year ended December 31, 2001. Same store gross profit growth accounted for \$16.6 million of the increase, with the remainder made up of acquisitions, net of 2001 divestitures. We achieved significant same store growth in both fixed operations and finance and insurance which was slightly offset by weaker used vehicle retail gross profit performance caused by diminished volumes.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses-

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2002, increased \$39.7 million, or 8%, over the year ended December 31, 2001. SG&A as a percentage of gross profit was 77.2% and 77.4% for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Increased variable compensation related to higher gross profit, incremental expense flow through from acquisitions, increased insurance costs of \$5.5 million and a \$1.0 million charge for the re-audit of our prior year financial statements contributed to the overall increase in SG&A. As a result, SG&A expenses as a percentage of revenues increased to 12.2% for the year ended December 31, 2002, compared to 12.0% for the year ended December 31, 2001.

Depreciation and Amortization-

Depreciation and amortization expense decreased \$8.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2002, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2001. The decrease is primarily the result of the adoption of SFAS No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," which requires that goodwill and other indefinite life intangibles no longer be amortized beginning on January 1, 2002.

Other Income (Expense)-

Floor plan interest expense decreased to \$17.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2002, compared with \$26.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2001. This decline was primarily due to lower interest rates. Non-floor plan interest expense decreased by \$6.1 million from the prior year, as interest expense on our Committed Credit Facility was reduced by debt repayments resulting from the use of proceeds from our IPO in March 2002 and the implementation of a consolidated cash management system in the third quarter of 2002, more than offset the incremental interest expense of our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 issued in June 2002. Net losses from unconsolidated affiliates for the year ended December 31, 2001, were related to our share of losses in an automotive finance company and the write-off of an equity investment. The \$0.1 million loss for the year ended December 31, 2002, represents the write-off of the remaining investment in that finance company. Other income (expense) typically represents third party rental and sublease income on certain of our real estate properties. Such amounts were offset in 2002 by charges of \$0.6 million related to certain non-operating expenses associated with our IPO and \$0.6 million related to two loan guarantees, while 2001 included a gain on an interest rate swap transaction of \$0.4 million.

Income Tax Provision-

During the year ended December 31, 2002, we recorded, in accordance with SFAS No. 109, a one-time non-recurring charge of \$11.6 million related to the establishment of a net deferred tax liability in connection with our conversion from a limited liability company to a corporation. This liability represented the difference between the financial statement and tax basis of our assets and liabilities at the conversion date. Our pro forma tax rate for 2002 was 39.8%. During the year ended December 31, 2001, we were structured as a limited liability company and only provided a tax provision in accordance with SFAS No. 109 on the "C" corporations that we owned directly or indirectly during that period.

Discontinued Operations-

The \$6.3 million loss from discontinued operations for the year ended December 31, 2002, reflects the combined net operating losses of dealerships sold during the period beginning January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003, or pending sale as of December 31, 2003, plus the approximately \$1.6 million loss on disposal of five dealerships and related real estate assets sold during 2002. Income from discontinued operations of \$3.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2001, reflects the

combined net operating losses of dealerships sold during the period beginning January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003, or pending sale as of December 31, 2003.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

We require cash to fund working capital needs, finance acquisitions of new dealerships and fund capital expenditures. We believe that our cash and cash equivalents on hand as of December 31, 2003, our funds generated through future operations and the funds available for borrowings under our Committed Credit Facility (as defined below), Floor Plan Facilities (as defined below), mortgage notes and proceeds from sale/leaseback transactions will be sufficient to fund our debt service and working capital requirements, commitments and contingencies, acquisitions and any seasonal operating requirements for the foreseeable future.

As of December 31, 2003, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$106.7 million. As of December 31, 2003, we did not have any amounts outstanding under the Committed Credit Facility and had \$250.0 million available for future borrowings. We had an aggregate borrowing capacity of \$695.0 million under our Floor Plan Facilities, of which we had \$92.8 available for future borrowings as of December 31, 2003.

Credit Facilities-

On January 17, 2001, we entered into a committed credit facility with Ford Motor Credit Company, General Motors Acceptance Corporation and DaimlerChrysler Services North America, LLC (the "Lenders") with total availability (the "Lenders' Commitment") of \$550.0 million. The committed credit facility is used for acquisition financing, working capital and cash management purposes. On June 6, 2003, we signed the First Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the "ARCA"), retaining all the essential provisions of our original committed credit facility, but reducing the Lenders' Commitment to \$450.0 million and increasing our working capital borrowing capacity from \$25.0 million to \$75.0 million. Our decision to amend the existing committed credit facility was driven by our desire to reduce the commitment fee paid to the Lenders, which is based on the unused portion of the facility, and to extend the facility by one year through January 2006. All borrowings under the ARCA and our original committed credit facility (collectively the "Committed Credit Facility") bear interest at variable rates based on one-month LIBOR plus a specified percentage that is dependent upon our adjusted debt level as of the end of each quarter. The weighted average interest rate was 9.8% for the year ended December 31, 2003, which includes \$12.5 million of fees incurred in the origination of our Committed Credit Facility that are being amortized over the original term of the facility, ending in January 2004. Excluding the amortization of debt issuance costs, the weighted average interest rate was 6.2% for the year ended December 31, 2003.

In December 2003, we repaid all of the outstanding indebtedness under our Committed Credit Facility with the proceeds from the issuance of our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 and simultaneously reduced the Lenders' Commitment to \$250.0 million. As of December 31, 2003, we did not have any amounts outstanding under the Committed Credit Facility and had \$250.0 million available for future borrowings.

During the third quarter of 2002, we obtained consent from the Lenders for a cash management sublimit of \$75.0 million under our Committed Credit Facility. The cash management sublimit allows us to repay up to \$75.0 million of debt outstanding under our Committed Credit Facility using cash that has been centrally collected by our cash management system. We may borrow the net amount repaid under the cash management sublimit on short-term notice for general corporate purposes. Borrowings under the cash management sublimit are limited to the lesser of \$75.0 million or the amount outstanding under our Committed Credit Facility. As of December 31, 2003, we had no borrowings

available under our cash management sublimit because we did not have any amounts outstanding under our Committed Credit Facility.

The Committed Credit Facility requires a guarantee from each of our direct and indirect subsidiaries and imposes a blanket lien upon all our assets and the assets of such subsidiaries, and contains covenants that, among other things, place significant restrictions on our ability to incur additional debt, encumber our property and other assets, repay other debt, dispose of assets, invest capital and permit our subsidiaries to issue equity securities. The Committed Credit Facility also imposes mandatory minimum requirements with regard to the terms of our proposed acquisitions, before we can borrow funds under the facility to finance the transactions. The terms of the Committed Credit Facility require us on an ongoing basis to meet certain financial ratios, including a current ratio, as defined in our Committed Credit Facility, of at least 1.2 to 1, a fixed charge coverage ratio, as defined in our Committed Credit Facility, of no less than 1.2 to 1, and a leverage ratio, as defined in our Committed Credit Facility, of no greater than 4.4 to 1. A breach of these covenants or any other of the covenants in the facility would be cause for acceleration of repayment and termination of the facility by the Lenders. This Committed Credit Facility also contains provisions for default upon, among other things, a change of control, a material adverse change, the non-payment of obligations and a default under certain other agreements. The terms of the Committed Credit Facility provides that a default under the Floor Plan Facilities described below, among other obligations, constitutes a default under the Committed Credit Facility. As of December 31, 2003, we were in compliance with all of the covenants.

During January 2003, we reported to the Lenders that we did not meet our fixed charge coverage ratio requirement as of December 31, 2002. The Lenders subsequently waived this fixed charge coverage ratio default by letter dated February 2, 2003. Non-financed capital expenditures are deducted from the numerator of our fixed charge coverage covenant calculation. The fixed charge coverage ratio default would therefore not have occurred had we obtained financing for two large self-funded real estate projects by the end of 2002. During the first quarter of 2003, we obtained financing for both properties and at March 31, 2003, we were in compliance with this covenant. Currently, we are in full compliance with all of our financial covenants as required under our various financing arrangements.

The Committed Credit Facility also contains provisions for default upon, among other things, a change of control, a material adverse change, the nonpayment of obligations and a default under other agreements. The terms of the Committed Credit Facility provide that a default under the Floor Plan Facilities described below, among other obligations, constitutes a default under the Committed Credit Facility.

The Committed Credit Facility requires us to apply 80% of the net proceeds of equity offerings and 100% of the net proceeds of debt offerings to outstanding indebtedness under the Committed Credit Facility. Our subsidiaries have guaranteed, and substantially all of our future subsidiaries will be required to guarantee, our obligations under the Committed Credit Facility. Substantially all of our assets not subject to security interests granted to floor plan lenders are subject to security interests to the Lenders. We pay annually in arrears a commitment fee for the Committed Credit Facility of 0.35% of the undrawn amount available to us. The Committed Credit Facility provides for an indefinite series of one-year extensions at our request, if approved by the Lenders at their sole discretion.

Conversely, we can terminate the Committed Credit Facility by repaying all of the outstanding balances under the facility and the related uncommitted floor plan lines plus a termination fee. The termination fee, equal to 2% of the Lender's Commitment under our Committed Credit Facility as of December 31, 2003, declines to one percent of the Lenders' Commitment under the Committed Credit Facility as of January 17, 2004 and will decline to zero percent as of January 17, 2005.

Floor Plan Financing-

We finance substantially all of our new vehicle inventory and a portion of our used vehicle inventory under the floor plan financing credit facilities (the "Floor Plan Facilities"). The Floor Plan Facilities provide used vehicle financing up to a fixed percentage of the value of each financed used vehicle. In connection with the ARCA, total availability under our Floor Plan Facilities was reduced from \$750.0 million to \$695.0 million, which is distributed among the Lenders as follows (in thousands):

Ford Motor Credit Company	\$	275,000
DaimlerChrysler Financial Services North America, L.L.C.		315,000
General Motors Acceptance Corporation		105,000
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Total Floor Plan Lines	\$	695,000
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In addition, we have total availability of \$32.2 million as of December 31, 2003, under ancillary floor plan facilities with Comerica Bank and Navistar Financial for our heavy trucks business within our Atlanta platform.

We are required to make monthly interest payments on our Floor Plan Facilities, but are not required to repay the principal prior to the sale of the vehicle. The Floor Plan Facilities also provide used vehicle financing up to a fixed percentage of the value of each financed used vehicle. The Floor Plan Facilities require a guarantee from each of our intermediate subsidiaries and participating subsidiary dealers and place a blanket lien on all of our assets and the assets of such subsidiaries, including a security interest in the financed vehicles as well as the related sales proceeds. The terms of certain floor plan arrangements impose upon us and our subsidiaries ongoing covenants including financial ratio requirements. As of December 31, 2003, we were in compliance with these financial covenants. Amounts financed under the Floor Plan Facilities bear interest at variable rates, which are typically tied to LIBOR or the prime rate. The weighted average annualized interest rate on our floor plan facilities was 3.4% during the year ended December 31, 2003. Historically, certain vehicle manufacturers have offered floor plan assistance, which increase or decrease in conjunction with changes in prevailing interest rates.

9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012-

On June 5, 2002, we issued our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 in the aggregate principal amount of \$250.0 million, receiving net proceeds of \$241.5 million. The costs related to the issuance of the 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 were capitalized and are being amortized to interest expense over the term of the notes. The net proceeds from the 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 issuance were utilized to repay certain indebtedness under our Committed Credit Facility. We pay interest on the notes on June 15 and December 15 of each year until maturity on June 15, 2012. At any time on or after June 15, 2007, we may, at our option, choose to redeem all or a portion of the notes at a redemption price that begins at 104.5% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes and reduces in each calendar year by 1.5% until the price reaches 100% of the aggregate principal amount in 2010 and thereafter. On or before June 15, 2005, we may, at our option, use the net proceeds of one or more equity offerings to redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes at a redemption price equal to 109% of their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon. At any time before June 15, 2007, we may, at our own option, choose to redeem all or a portion of the notes at a price equal to 100% of their principal amount plus the make-whole premium set forth in the indenture governing the 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012.

Our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 are guaranteed by substantially all of our current subsidiaries and all of our future domestic restricted subsidiaries that have outstanding indebtedness, incur or guarantee any other indebtedness. The 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 and the subsidiary guarantees rank behind all of our and the subsidiary guarantors' current and future indebtedness, other than trade payables, except any future indebtedness that expressly provides that it ranks equally with, or is subordinated in right of payment to, the 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 and subsidiary guarantees. The 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 rank equally with all of our and our subsidiary guarantors' existing and future senior subordinated indebtedness, including the 8% Subordinated Notes due 2014 and our subsidiaries' guarantees thereof, except for guarantees of our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 by our present and future Toyota and Lexus dealership subsidiaries, which guarantee the 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012, but do not guarantee the 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014, except under certain circumstances. The terms of our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012, in certain circumstances, restrict our ability to, among other things, incur additional indebtedness and sell assets.

8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014-

On December 23, 2003, we issued our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 in the aggregate principal amount of \$200.0 million, receiving net proceeds of \$193.3 million. The issuance of the notes was exempt from registration pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. We expect to exchange the notes in a registered offering for \$200.0 million of new notes with identical terms during the second quarter of 2004. The costs related to the issuance of these notes were capitalized and are being amortized to interest expense over the term of these notes. The net proceeds from the issuance of our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 were used to repay all of our outstanding indebtedness under our Committed Credit Facility. We pay interest on these notes on March 15 and September 15 of each year until maturity on March 15, 2014. At any time on or after March 15, 2009, we may, at our option, choose to redeem all or a portion of these notes at a redemption price that begins at 104.0% of the aggregate principal amount of these notes and reduces in each calendar year by approximately 1.3% until the price reaches 100% of the aggregate principal amount in 2012 and thereafter. On or before March 15, 2007, we may, at our option, use the net proceeds of one or more equity offerings to redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of these notes at a redemption price equal to 108% of their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon. At any time before March 15, 2009, we may, at our own option, choose to redeem all or a portion of these notes at a price equal to 100% of their principal amount plus the make-whole premium set forth in the indenture governing our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014.

Our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 are guaranteed by all of our current subsidiaries (other than our current Toyota and Lexus dealership subsidiaries) and all of our future domestic restricted subsidiaries (other than our future Toyota and Lexus dealership subsidiaries) that have outstanding indebtedness, incur or guarantee any other indebtedness. Our current Toyota and Lexus dealership subsidiaries do not guarantee these notes and our future Toyota and Lexus subsidiaries will not be required to guarantee these notes, except in certain circumstances. Our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 and the subsidiary guarantees rank behind all of our and the subsidiary guarantors' current and future indebtedness, other than trade payables, except any future indebtedness that expressly provides that it ranks equally with, or is subordinated in right of payment to, our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 and subsidiary guarantees. Our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 rank equally with all of our and our subsidiary guarantors' existing and future senior subordinated indebtedness, including our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 and our subsidiaries' guarantees thereof, except for guarantees of our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 by our present and future Toyota and Lexus dealership subsidiaries, which do not and will not be required to guarantee the notes, except under certain circumstances. Our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 are effectively junior to all existing and future indebtedness and liabilities of our current and future Toyota and Lexus

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dealership subsidiaries. The terms of our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014, in certain circumstances, restrict our ability to, among other things, incur additional indebtedness and sell assets.

Mortgage Notes-

As of December 31, 2003, we had outstanding 22 real estate mortgages at 6 of our platforms with principal balances totaling \$116.7 million. The mortgage notes bear interest at fixed and variable rates (the weighted average interest rate was 4.7% for the year ended December 31, 2003). These obligations are collateralized by the related property, plant and equipment with a carrying value of \$179.7 million as of December 31, 2003, and mature between 2004 and 2015. Under the terms of our Committed Credit Facility, no guarantees from us or any of our subsidiaries are allowed in support of our mortgage notes; however, certain indebtedness which was in place prior to the Committed Credit Facility is subject to certain guarantees. Our Lenders have taken a second mortgage position behind the respective first lien holder on all of our financed real estate except for one property. The terms of certain mortgage debt require our subsidiaries to comply with specific financial ratio requirements and other ongoing covenants. As of December 31, 2003, we were in compliance with specific financial ratios and other ongoing covenants required by the terms of certain mortgage debt.

Guarantees-

We have guaranteed two loans made by financial institutions, one directly to a former platform executive, and another indirectly to a non-consolidated entity controlled by a current platform executive, which totaled approximately \$4.3 million at December 31, 2003.

Contractual Obligations-

As of December 31, 2003, we had the following contractual obligations (in thousands):

	Total	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Thereafter
Floor plan notes payable	\$ 602,167	\$ 602,167	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Long-term debt, including capital lease obligations	592,378	33,250	23,493	17,133	23,341	4,204	490,957
Operating leases	379,006	39,696	38,624	36,885	35,672	34,632	193,497
Acquisitions under contract	77,000	77,000	—	—	—	—	—
Employment contracts	10,741	5,973	2,608	1,323	670	167	—
Interest on fixed rate debt	364,516	41,214	39,961	39,022	38,743	38,640	166,936
Guarantee liability	4,345	4,345	—	—	—	—	—
Total	\$ 2,030,153	\$ 803,645	\$ 104,686	\$ 94,363	\$ 98,426	\$ 77,643	\$ 851,390

Debt Covenants-

We are subject to certain financial covenants in connection with our debt and lease agreements, including the financial covenants described below. Our Committed Credit Facility includes certain financial ratios with the following requirements: (i) a current ratio of at least 1.2 to 1, of which our ratio was approximately 1.3 to 1 as of December 31, 2003; (ii) a fixed charge coverage ratio of at least 1.2 to 1, of which our ratio was approximately 1.5 to 1 as of December 31, 2003 and (iii) leverage ratio of not more than 4.4 to 1, of which our ratio was approximately 0.8 to 1 as of December 31, 2003. A breach of these covenants could cause an acceleration of repayment and termination of the facility by the Lenders. Certain of our lease agreements include financial ratios with the following requirements: (i) a liquidity ratio of at least 1.2 to 1, of which we were approximately 1.3 to 1 as of December 31, 2003 and (ii) a EBITDA coverage ratio of at least 1.5 to 1, of which we were approximately 2.4 to 1 as of December 31, 2003. A breach of these covenants would give rise to certain lessor remedies under our various lease agreements, the most severe of which include the following: (a) termination of the

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applicable lease, (b) termination of certain of the tenant's lease rights, such as renewal rights and rights of first offer or negotiation relating to the purchase of the premises, and/or (c) a liquidated damages claim equal to the extent to which the accelerated rents under the applicable lease for the remainder of the lease term exceed the fair market rent over the same periods. As of December 31, 2003, we were in compliance with our debt and lease agreement covenants.

Cash Flow

Operating Activities-

Net cash provided by operating activities totaled \$96.6 million, \$65.1 million, and \$95.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Cash flows from operating activities include net income adjusted for non-cash items and changes in working capital, including changes in floor plan notes payable related to vehicle inventory purchases.

During 2003, differences in the timing of inventory purchases and the payment of related floor plan notes payable resulted in additional cash flow from operations of \$34.1 million. These timing differences are temporary, and we expect that future changes in inventory will correlate directly with changes in the related floor plan notes payable.

During 2001 and in 2002 prior to our March 2002 IPO, with the exception of our "C" corporations, we were structured as a limited liability company and accordingly all income tax liability for our non-"C" corporation entities was passed through to our members. Accordingly, we did not pay or accrue for income taxes associated with our non-"C" corporations entities.

Investing Activities-

Net cash used in investing activities totaled \$124.8 million, \$68.5 million and \$97.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Cash flows from investing activities relate primarily to capital expenditures, acquisition and divestiture activity, dispositions of fixed assets and purchase and sales of investments.

Capital expenditures were \$54.6 million, \$54.6 million and \$48.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Our capital investments consisted of required improvements of our existing dealerships, upgrades of existing facilities and construction of new facilities. Future capital expenditures will be primarily related to operational improvements to maintain our current operations or to provide us with acceptable rates of return on investment and manufacturer-required spending to upgrade existing dealership facilities. We expect that capital expenditures will total between \$50.0 million and \$60.0 million during 2004.

Cash used for acquisitions, net of cash and cash equivalents acquired, was \$79.9 million, \$20.5 million and \$50.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

Proceeds from the sale of assets totaled \$3.6 million, \$0.7 million and \$2.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The proceeds from the sale of assets in 2003 related primarily to the sale of a dealership facility and related real estate, which we had previously leased to an unaffiliated third party. We continuously evaluate our investments in property and equipment and from time to time sell assets that are not critical to our operations.

Financing Activities-

Cash flows from financing activities include proceeds from the issuance of senior subordinated notes, borrowings and repayments under our Committed Credit Facility and mortgages, proceeds from the issuance of shares of our common stock, treasury stock purchases, proceeds from sale/leaseback transactions and contributions from and distributions to members.

During 2003, we received net proceeds of \$193.3 million from the issuance of our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014, of which a substantial portion was used to repay the outstanding indebtedness under our Committed Credit Facility, with the remaining funds being reserved for future acquisitions and general corporate purposes. During 2002, we received net proceeds of \$241.2 million from the issuance of our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012, which were used to repay the outstanding indebtedness under our Committed Credit Facility.

During 2003, our proceeds from borrowings included \$98.1 million under our Committed Credit Facility for acquisitions and working capital, mortgages on dealership facilities and related real estate of \$12.4 million and loans associated with construction projects of \$5.1 million.

During 2003, we repaid all amounts outstanding under our Committed Credit Facility with the proceeds from the issuance of our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 and the proceeds from certain of our sale/leaseback transactions.

During 2002, we received net proceeds of \$65.4 million from the sale of shares of our common stock in our IPO, which were used to repay the outstanding indebtedness under our Committed Credit Facility. During 2001, we paid \$2.4 million for legal and accounting fees in connection with our IPO.

During 2003 and 2002, we paid \$9.7 million and \$5.4 million, respectively, to repurchase shares of our common stock. Included in the amount paid during 2003 was \$1.3 million related to shares of our common stock purchased and accrued for in 2002. To date we have repurchased 1,590,013 shares of our common stock.

During 2003, we received proceeds of \$9.5 million from the sale of assets under sales/leaseback transactions and advances from lessors in connection with future sale/leaseback transactions. These sale/leaseback transactions related primarily to facility construction and improvement projects at four of our dealership locations.

We distributed \$3.0 million, \$11.6 million and \$22.6 million to our members during 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively, to cover their income tax liabilities. The 2003 distribution represented our final limited liability company distribution to our members.

Sale/Leaseback Transactions

During the year ended December 31, 2003, we sold, in connection with six sale/leaseback agreements, certain land and building assets. We received proceeds of \$4.5 million from the purchasers of these assets. In addition, the purchasers paid \$18.6 million directly to the Lenders of our Committed Credit Facility. In connection with the sale of certain of these assets, we recognized a loss of \$0.2 million, which is included in gain (loss) on the sale of assets on the accompanying Statements of Income. In connection with the sale of certain other of these assets, we recognized a gain of \$0.3 million, which is included in other assets on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets and is being amortized as an offset to rent expense over the lease term. Under the terms of these agreements, we have committed to leaseback the properties from the purchaser for periods ranging from 15 to 22 years.

In addition, we have entered into agreements with an unaffiliated third party, under which the third party advances funds to us equal to the fair value of the land and the cost of construction for the facilities. Upon completion of the construction, we will execute the sale/leaseback agreements and transfer the ownership of the land and buildings to the third party, and enter into a long-term operating lease with the third party. During the year ended December 31, 2003, we received advances of \$13.5 million from the third party associated with the future sale/leaseback transactions, of which \$8.5 million was paid directly to our lenders.

During the first quarter of 2004, we entered into an agreement with an unaffiliated third party in connection with future sale/leaseback transactions, under which we intend to sell certain land and buildings with a net book value of approximately \$101.0 million to the third party for a sales price in excess of book value and enter into long-term operating leases for the related facilities. We intend to use approximately \$65.0 million of the proceeds from these transactions to repay the related mortgage indebtedness.

Acquisitions and Divestitures

During the year ended December 31, 2003, we acquired seven automotive dealerships (thirteen franchises) for approximately \$79.9 million in cash, which were funded under our Committed Credit Facility. The resulting preliminary estimate of goodwill and manufacturer franchise rights from these transactions was approximately \$42.2 million and \$30.0 million, respectively.

During the year ended December 31, 2003, we completed the sale of five "full service" automotive dealerships and one ancillary business. In addition, we closed six "Thomason Select" used-only lots in Oregon and one ancillary business, our four Price 1 pilot program used vehicle stores and one full service dealership. Generally, we divest of relatively small dealerships and ancillary businesses that are not profitable.

Pending Acquisitions and Divestitures

As of December 31, 2003, we had executed contracts to acquire six automotive dealerships representing combined annual revenues of approximately \$330.0 million for \$77.0 million in cash. During the first quarter of 2004, we acquired three of these automotive dealerships, for a total of \$38.2 million, which was funded from our cash on hand. One of the dealerships acquired is located in Sacramento, California, which represents our 22nd market. Our preliminary purchase price allocation related to these dealerships resulted in \$33.6 million to be allocated to goodwill and manufacturer franchise rights. We estimate that the annual revenues of the acquired dealerships total \$170.0 million, based on historical performance.

As of December 31, 2003, we were actively pursuing the divestiture of three franchises and one dealership facility.

Stock Repurchase Restrictions

Pursuant to the indentures governing our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 and our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014, we are restricted in our ability to repurchase shares of our common stock. As of December 31, 2003, our ability to repurchase shares was limited to an aggregate purchase price of \$17.0 million due to these restrictions.

Off Balance Sheet Transactions

We had no off balance sheet transactions during the years presented other than those already disclosed in Notes 17 and 18 of our consolidated financial statements.

APPLICATION OF CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the periods presented. Actual amounts could differ from those estimates. On an ongoing basis, management evaluates its estimates and assumptions and the effects of revisions are reflected in the financial statements in the

period in which they are determined to be necessary. The accounting policies described below are those that most frequently require management to make estimates and judgments, and therefore are critical to understanding our results of operations. Senior management has discussed the development and selection of these accounting estimates and the related disclosures with the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors.

Inventories-

Our inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. We use the specific identification method to value our vehicle inventories and the "first-in, first-out" method ("FIFO") to account for our parts inventories. We maintain a reserve for specific inventory units where cost basis exceeds fair value. These reserves were \$4.6 million and \$3.9 million as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. In assessing lower of cost or market for new vehicles, we primarily consider the aging of vehicles along with the timing of annual and model changeovers. The assessment of lower of cost or market for used vehicles considers recent data and trends such as loss histories, current aging of the inventory and current market conditions.

Notes Receivable-Finance Contracts-

As of December 31, 2003 and 2002, we had outstanding notes receivable from finance contracts of \$33.1 million and \$30.3 million, respectively (net of an allowance for credit losses of \$4.7 million and \$4.6 million, respectively). These notes have initial terms ranging from 12 to 60 months, and are collateralized by the related vehicles. The assessment of our allowance for credit losses considers historical loss ratios and the performance of the current portfolio with respect to past due accounts. We continually analyze our current portfolio against our historical performance. In addition, we attribute minimal value to the underlying collateral in our assessment of the reserve.

We receive commissions from the sale of various insurance and vehicle service contracts to customers and through the arrangement of financing vehicles for customers. We may be charged back ("chargeback") for such commissions in the event of early termination of the contracts by customers. The revenues from financing fees and commissions are recorded at the time of the sale of the vehicles and a reserve for future chargebacks is established at that time. The reserve considers our historical chargeback experience, including timing, as well as national industry trends. This data is evaluated on a product-by-product basis. These reserves were \$11.8 million and \$11.4 million as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets-

Our intangible assets relate primarily to goodwill and manufacturer franchise rights associated with acquisitions of dealerships, which we account for under the purchase method of accounting as required by SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations." The operations of the acquired dealerships are included in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income commencing on the date of acquisition. In accordance with SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," we do not amortize goodwill and other intangible assets, which are deemed to have indefinite lives, but test these assets for impairment at least annually, or more frequently if any event occurs or circumstances change that indicate possible impairment. We have determined that manufacturer franchise rights have an indefinite life as there are no legal, contractual, economic or other factors that limit their useful lives and they are expected to generate cash flows indefinitely due to the historically long lives of the manufacturers' brand names. Goodwill and franchise rights are allocated to each reporting unit at the platform and dealership level, respectively. The fair market value of our manufacturer franchise rights is determined at the acquisition date through discounting the projected cash flows attributable to each franchise.

Goodwill represents the excess cost of the businesses acquired over the fair market value of the identifiable net assets.

Upon adoption of SFAS No. 142 on January 1, 2002, we determined that each of our platforms qualified as a reporting unit as we operated in one segment, and our platforms are one level below our corporate level, discrete financial information existed for each platform and the management of each platform directly reviewed the platform's performance. We are continuously adapting our operating structure and searching for ways to standardize policies, share best practices and centralize administrative functions. In the future, if we determine that our platforms no longer meet the requirements of a reporting unit, we will reevaluate the reporting units with respect to the changes in our reporting structure.

We review platform goodwill and manufacturer franchise rights for impairment during the fourth quarter of each year. The first step of the impairment test identifies potential impairments by comparing the estimated fair value of each reporting unit with its corresponding net book value, including goodwill. If the net book value of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, the second step of the impairment test determines the potential impairment loss by comparing the estimated fair value of goodwill with its carrying amount. If the estimated fair value of goodwill is less than the carrying amount, the carrying value of goodwill is adjusted to reflect its estimated fair value. As a result, a severe and sustained reduction in one of our platform's operations could lead to an impairment charge. We performed our annual impairment test as of October 1, 2003, and recorded a goodwill impairment pre-tax charge associated with our Oregon platform of \$37.9 million in accordance with SFAS No.142.

All other intangible assets are deemed to have definite lives and are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the asset ranging from 3-15 years and are tested for impairment when circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the asset might be impaired.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Certain of our directors, shareholders and their affiliates, and platform management, have engaged in transactions with us. These transactions primarily relate to long-term operating leases of facilities. This practice is fairly common in the automotive retail industry. Rent expense attributable to related parties was \$13.4 million, \$13.8 million and \$12.2 million, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively, and future minimum payments under related party long-term non-cancelable operating leases as of December 31, 2003, were \$90.7 million. We believe that these transactions and our other related party transactions, as described below, involved terms comparable to terms that would be obtained from unaffiliated third parties.

For the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, \$0.6 million, \$1.0 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, was paid to an advertising entity in which one of our directors had a minority interest.

During 2003 and 2002, we paid \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, in legal fees to a law firm in which one of our directors was Of Counsel.

In 2003, we sold land to one of our directors for \$0.8 million and entered into a long-term operating lease with the director for the property. The land is contiguous to other property owned by this director, for which we currently have long-term operating leases. We purchased the land for \$0.8 million in January 2003.

In 2003, we acquired one dealership facility consisting on five franchises from an executive of one of our platforms for \$8.0 million.

In 2002, we acquired land from one of our directors for \$3.7 million for the purpose of expanding the operations of one of our dealerships facilities and for the construction of a new body shop facility.

We have an option to acquire certain properties from one of our shareholders, which we currently lease. The purchase option, initially based on the aggregate appraised value, adjusts each year for movements in the Consumer Price Index. The purchase option of \$52.2 million as of December 31, 2003, can only be exercised in total.

NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In January 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued FASB Interpretation No. 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities ("VIEs"), an interpretation of APB No. 50," ("FIN 46"). FIN 46 requires certain variable interest entities to be consolidated by the primary beneficiary of the entity if the equity investors in the entity do not have the characteristics of a controlling financial interest or have sufficient equity at risk for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support from other parties. FIN 46, as amended in December 2003, is effective in the first quarter of 2004. The adoption of FIN 46 will not impact our results of operations, financial position or financial statement disclosures as we have no VIEs.

In April 2003, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 149, "Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." SFAS No. 149 amends and clarifies the accounting for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts, and for hedging activities under SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." SFAS No. 149 is generally effective for contracts entered into or modified after June 30, 2003 and for hedging relationships designated after June 30, 2003. The adoption of SFAS No. 149 on July 1, 2003, had no impact on our results of operations, financial position or financial statement disclosures.

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 150, "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Both Liabilities and Equity." SFAS No. 150 establishes standards for how an issuer classifies and measures certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity. SFAS No. 150 requires that certain financial instruments be classified as liabilities that were previously considered equity. The adoption of this standard on July 1, 2003, as required, had no impact on our results of operations, financial position or financial statement disclosures.

RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Tax Affected Pro Forma Net Income-

For analysis purposes, in Management's Discussion and Analysis we discuss pro forma net income from continuing operations and related earnings per share for the twelve months ended December 31, 2002. The consolidated statement of income reconciles GAAP net income to tax affected pro forma net income by assuming that we were taxed as a "C" corporation for all 12 months of 2002 and excluding the one-time charge for our conversion from a limited liability company to a corporation. The following

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table assumes that all discontinued entities were sold prior to 2002 and all shares issued in our IPO were outstanding on January 1, 2002 (in thousands, except for per share data):

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2002
Tax affected pro forma net income	\$ 44,339
Discontinued operations	6,325
Pro forma net income from continuing operations	\$ 50,664
Pro forma earnings per share:	
Basic	\$ 1.49
Diluted	\$ 1.49
Pro forma common shares and share equivalents:	
Weighted average shares outstanding-	
Basic	33,065
Adjustment for 4,500 shares offered March 14, 2002 as if offered on January 1, 2002	887
Pro forma basic shares	33,952
Dilutive effect of common share equivalents (stock options)	8
Pro forma diluted shares	33,960

Platform Finance and Insurance Gross Profit PVR-

We evaluate our finance and insurance gross profit performance on a PVR basis by dividing our total finance and insurance gross profit by the number of retail vehicles sold. During 2003, we renegotiated a contract with one of our third party finance and insurance product providers, which resulted in the recognition of income that was not attributable to retail vehicles sold during the year. We believe that platform finance and insurance, which excludes the additional revenue derived from contracts negotiated by our corporate office, provides a more accurate measure of our finance and insurance operating performance. The following table reconciles finance and insurance gross profit to platform finance and insurance gross profit, and provides the necessary components to calculate platform finance and insurance gross profit PVR(in thousands, except for unit and per vehicle data):

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2003
Finance and insurance gross profit, net (as reported)	\$ 131,465
Less: Corporate finance and insurance gross profit	(2,693)
Platform finance and insurance gross profit	\$ 128,772
Platform finance and insurance gross profit PVR	\$ 816

Retail units sold:	
New retail units	98,601
Used retail units	59,211
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Total	157,812
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Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Interest Rate Risk

We are exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates on a significant portion of our outstanding indebtedness. Based on \$285.2 million of variable rate long-term debt (including the current portion) outstanding at December 31, 2003, a 1% change in interest rates would result in a change of approximately \$2.9 million to our annual other interest expense. Based on floor plan amounts outstanding at December 31, 2003, a 1% change in the interest rates would result in a \$6.0 million change to annual floor plan interest expense.

We received interest credit assistance from certain automobile manufacturers of \$24.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2003, which is reflected as a reduction in the cost of inventory on the balance sheet. Although we can provide no assurance as to the amount of future floor plan credits, it is our expectation, based on historical data, that an increase in prevailing interest rates would result in increased interest credit assistance from certain automobile manufacturers.

Interest Rate Hedges

We use interest rate swaps to manage our capital structure. In December 2003, we entered into two forward interest rate swaps with a combined notional principal amount of \$200.0 million, which will provide a hedge against changes in the interest rates of our variable rate floor plan notes payable for a period of eight years beginning in March 2006. The swap agreements were designated and qualify as interest rate hedges of future changes in interest rates of our variable rate floor plan indebtedness and we expect that these hedges will contain minor ineffectiveness once they become effective in March 2006. As of December 31, 2003, the swaps had a fair value of \$1.0 million, which was included in other assets and accumulated other comprehensive loss on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheet.

During December 2003, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement with a notional principal amount of \$200.0 million as a hedge against changes in the fair value of our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014. Under the terms of swap agreement, we are required to make variable rate payments based on six-month LIBOR and receive a fixed rate of 8.0%. This swap agreement was designated and qualifies as a fair value hedge of our fixed rate senior subordinated debt and did not contain any ineffectiveness. As of December 31, 2003, the swap agreement had a fair value of \$1.7 million, which was included in other liabilities and accumulated other comprehensive loss on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheet.

During the second quarter of 2002 and in connection with the issuance of our 9% Subordinated Notes due 2012, we terminated three swap agreements, having a combined total notional principal amount of \$300.0 million, all maturing in November 2003. In connection with these terminations, we incurred a loss of \$0.2 million which was amortized to interest expense over the remainder of the original term of the agreement.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders'/members' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended

December 31, 2003. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, as of January 1, 2002 the Company changed its method of accounting for goodwill to conform to Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets."

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Stamford, Connecticut
March 5, 2004

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(dollars in thousands, except share data)

	December 31,	
	2003	2002
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 106,711	\$ 22,613
Contracts-in-transit	93,881	91,190
Current portion of restricted marketable securities	1,591	1,499
Accounts receivable (net of allowance of \$2,371 and \$2,122, respectively)	114,201	96,090
Inventories	650,397	591,839
Deferred income taxes	8,811	9,044
Prepaid and other assets	36,417	37,314
Total current assets	1,012,009	849,589
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net	266,991	257,305
GOODWILL	404,143	402,133
RESTRICTED MARKETABLE SECURITIES	2,974	4,892
OTHER ASSETS	98,629	61,866
ASSETS HELD FOR SALE	29,533	29,859
Total assets	\$ 1,814,279	\$ 1,605,644
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Floor plan notes payable	\$ 602,167	\$ 528,591
Current maturities of long-term debt	33,250	36,412
Accounts payable	42,882	40,120
Accrued liabilities	78,727	77,325
Total current liabilities	757,026	682,448
LONG-TERM DEBT	559,128	438,740
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	22,179	29,972
OTHER LIABILITIES	17,507	15,580
LIABILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH ASSETS HELD FOR SALE	24,732	11,953
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:		

Preferred stock, \$.01 par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized	—	—
Common stock, \$.01 par value, 90,000,000 shares authorized, 34,022,008 and 34,000,000 shares issued, including shares held in treasury, respectively	340	340
Additional paid-in capital	411,082	410,718
Retained earnings	37,832	22,645
Treasury stock, at cost; 1,590,013 and 772,824 shares held, respectively	(15,064)	(6,630)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(483)	(122)
Total shareholders' equity	433,707	426,951
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 1,814,279	\$ 1,605,644

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(in thousands, except per share data)

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
REVENUES:			
New vehicle	\$ 2,909,641	\$ 2,644,798	\$ 2,480,202
Used vehicle	1,183,901	1,158,144	1,102,921
Parts, service and collision repair	551,498	497,164	465,487
Finance and insurance, net	131,465	115,159	102,179
Total revenues	4,776,505	4,415,265	4,150,789
COST OF SALES:			
New vehicle	2,694,777	2,430,494	2,276,475
Used vehicle	1,079,314	1,053,878	1,005,417
Parts, service and collision repair	262,110	234,575	225,149
Total cost of sales	4,036,201	3,718,947	3,507,041
GROSS PROFIT	740,304	696,318	643,748
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Selling, general and administrative	580,938	537,846	498,133
Depreciation and amortization	20,212	19,062	27,645
Impairment of goodwill	37,930	—	—
Income from operations	101,224	139,410	117,970
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):			
Floor plan interest expense	(18,800)	(17,860)	(26,065)
Other interest expense	(40,238)	(38,423)	(44,481)
Interest income	499	1,200	2,499
Net losses from unconsolidated affiliates	—	(100)	(3,248)
Gain (loss) on sale of assets, net	750	(72)	(361)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	—	(1,433)
Other income (expense)	(2,369)	(427)	1,908
Total other expense, net	(60,158)	(55,682)	(71,181)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes and minority interest	41,066	83,728	46,789
INCOME TAX EXPENSE:			
Income tax expense	21,268	27,765	4,980
Tax adjustment upon conversion from an L.L.C. to a corporation	—	11,553	—
Total income tax expense	21,268	39,318	4,980
MINORITY INTEREST IN SUBSIDIARY EARNINGS	—	—	1,240

Net income from continuing operations	19,798	44,410	40,569
DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS, net of tax	(4,611)	(6,325)	3,615
Net income	\$ 15,187	38,085	\$ 44,184
PRO FORMA INCOME TAX EXPENSE (BENEFIT):			
Income tax expense		5,559	
Net tax effect of 2003 discontinued operations		(260)	
Tax adjustment upon conversion from an L.L.C. to a corporation		(11,553)	
Tax affected pro forma net income		\$ 44,339	
EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE:			
Basic	\$ 0.47	\$ 1.15	
Diluted	\$ 0.46	\$ 1.15	
PRO FORMA EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE:			
Basic		\$ 1.34	
Diluted		\$ 1.34	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING:			
Basic	32,648	33,065	
Diluted	32,715	33,073	

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ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS'/MEMBERS' EQUITY

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Contributed Capital	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total
(dollars in thousands)							
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2001	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 306,573	\$ 19,310	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 325,883
Comprehensive Income:							
Net income	—	—	—	44,184	—	—	44,184
Change in fair value of interest rate swaps	—	—	—	—	—	1,656	1,656
Comprehensive income							45,840
Issuance of equity interest for acquisitions	—	—	5,000	—	—	—	5,000
Distributions	—	—	—	(22,606)	—	—	(22,606)
Members' equity repurchased	—	—	(3,710)	—	—	—	(3,710)
Members' equity surrendered in purchase price of settlement	—	—	(2,500)	—	—	—	(2,500)
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2001	—	—	305,363	40,888	—	1,656	347,907
Contributions	—	—	800	—	—	—	800
Distributions	—	—	—	(14,590)	—	—	(14,590)
Comprehensive Income:							
Net income	—	—	—	38,085	—	—	38,085
Change in fair value of interest rate swaps, net of \$127 tax benefit	—	—	—	—	—	(1,858)	(1,858)
Amortization of loss on interest rate swaps, net of \$47 tax effect	—	—	—	—	—	80	80
Comprehensive income							36,307
Stock and stock option compensation	—	614	—	—	—	—	614
Proceeds from initial public offering, net	45	62,498	—	—	—	—	62,543
Purchase of 772,824 shares of common stock	—	—	—	—	(6,630)	—	(6,630)

Reclassification of members' equity due to the exchange of membership interests for shares of common stock	295	347,606	(306,163)	(41,738)	—	—	—
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2002	340	410,718	—	22,645	(6,630)	(122)	426,951
Comprehensive Income:							
Net income	—	—	—	15,187	—	—	15,187
Change in fair value of interest rate swaps, net of \$260 tax benefit	—	—	—	—	—	(483)	(483)
Amortization of loss on interest rate swaps, net of \$80 tax effect	—	—	—	—	—	122	122
Comprehensive income							14,826
Issuance of common stock in connection with the exercise of stock options		295					295
Stock and stock option compensation	—	69	—	—	—	—	69
Purchase of 817,189 shares of common stock	—	—	—	—	(8,434)	—	(8,434)
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003	\$ 340	\$ 411,082	\$ —	\$ 37,832	\$ (15,064)	\$ (483)	\$ 433,707

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(in thousands)

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net income	\$ 15,187	\$ 38,085	\$ 44,184
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities—			
Depreciation and amortization	20,212	19,062	27,645
Depreciation and amortization from discontinued operations	1,325	4,866	2,699
Impairment of goodwill	37,930	—	—
Amortization of deferred financing fees	5,333	4,548	3,568
Change in allowance for doubtful accounts	249	(253)	(21)
(Gain) loss on sale of assets	(750)	72	361
Loss on sale of discontinued operations	123	1,622	—
Deferred income taxes	(6,927)	15,682	(499)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	—	1,433
Other adjustments	4,353	787	4,896
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions and divestitures—			
Contracts-in-transit	(2,691)	1,854	(16,490)
Accounts receivable, net	(38,177)	(30,317)	(20,004)
Proceeds from the sale of accounts receivable	19,958	17,136	17,624
Inventories	(3,553)	(79,898)	106,081
Floor plan notes payable	37,646	73,945	(80,812)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	11,446	8,145	12,344
Other	(5,054)	(10,215)	(7,594)
Net cash provided by operating activities	96,610	65,121	95,415
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Capital expenditures	(54,633)	(54,592)	(48,922)
Acquisitions (net of cash and cash equivalents acquired of \$—, \$26 and \$1,049 in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively)	(79,866)	(20,459)	(50,150)
Proceeds from the sale of assets	3,578	692	2,083
Proceeds from the sale of discontinued operations	7,845	5,173	—
Maturity of restricted marketable securities	1,826	1,826	885
Net receipt (issuance) of finance contracts	(2,846)	(45)	121
Other investing activities	(750)	(1,069)	(1,200)

Net cash used in investing activities	(124,846)	(68,474)	(97,183)
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from issuance of senior subordinated notes	200,000	250,000	—
Proceeds from borrowings	115,510	71,108	399,717
Payment of debt issuance costs	(6,740)	(8,742)	(12,530)
Repayments of debt	(193,557)	(396,177)	(343,401)
Proceeds from initial public offering, net	—	65,415	(2,437)
Purchase of treasury stock	(9,700)	(5,364)	—
Proceeds from sale leaseback activity	9,536	—	—
Distributions to members	(3,010)	(11,580)	(22,606)
Contributions from members	—	800	—
Repurchase of members' equity	—	—	(3,710)
Proceeds from the exercise of stock options	295	—	—
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	112,334	(34,540)	15,033
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	84,098	(37,893)	13,265
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	22,613	60,506	47,241
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year	\$ 106,711	\$ 22,613	\$ 60,506
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:			
Cash paid for—			
Interest (net of amounts capitalized, see Note 7)	\$ 53,865	\$ 51,947	\$ 69,276
Income taxes	\$ 16,578	\$ 28,482	\$ 4,647

See Note 16 for non-cash investing activities

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001

1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. is a national automotive retailer, operating 140 franchises at 97 dealerships as of December 31, 2003. We offer an extensive range of automotive products and services, including new and used vehicles and related finance and insurance, vehicle maintenance and repair services, replacement parts and service contracts. We offer, collectively, 35 domestic and foreign brands of new vehicles. Our retail network is organized into nine regional dealership groups, or "platforms," which are located in 20 markets in Southeastern, Midwestern, Southwestern and Northwestern United States. In April 2003, we entered the Fresno market through the acquisition of Mercedes-Benz of Fresno, with the intention of ultimately building a platform in Northern California through additional "tuck-in" acquisitions. Including Fresno, we operate dealerships in 21 markets.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements reflect the consolidated accounts of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. and our wholly owned subsidiaries. The equity method of accounting is used for investments in which we have significant influence. Generally, this represents common stock ownership or partnership equity of at least 20% but not more than 50%. All intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the periods presented. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and the effects of revisions are reflected in the consolidated financial statements in the period they are determined to be necessary.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include highly liquid investments that have an original maturity of three months or less at the date of purchase.

Contracts-In-Transit

Contracts-in-transit represent receivables from finance companies for the portion of the vehicle purchase price financed by customers through sources arranged by us.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. We use the specific identification method to value vehicle inventories and the "first-in, first-out" method ("FIFO") to account for our parts inventories. We assess the lower of cost or market reserve requirement on an individual unit basis, based on historical loss rates, the age and composition of the inventory and current market conditions. The lower of cost or market reserves were \$4.6 million and \$3.9 million as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Additionally, we receive advertising and interest credit assistance from certain

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automobile manufacturers. These credits are accounted for as purchase discounts and are reflected as reductions to the inventory cost on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets and as a reduction of cost of sales in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income when the related vehicle is sold. At December 31, 2003 and 2002, advertising and interest credits from automobile manufacturers reduced inventory cost by \$4.6 million and \$4.1 million, respectively; and reduced the cost of sales from continuing operations for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, by \$32.5 million, \$30.0 million and \$29.5 million, respectively.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost and depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Leasehold improvements are capitalized and amortized over the lesser of the life of the lease or the useful life of the related asset. The range of estimated useful lives is as follows (in years):

Buildings and improvements	10-39
Machinery and equipment	5-10
Furniture and fixtures	3-10
Company vehicles	3-5

Expenditures for major additions or improvements, which extend the useful lives of assets, are capitalized. Minor replacements, maintenance and repairs, which do not improve or extend the lives of such assets, are charged to operations as incurred.

We review property and equipment for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standard ("SFAS") No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets." If the carrying value exceeds the sum of the future undiscounted cash flows to be generated by the asset, the asset would be adjusted to its net recoverable value and an impairment loss would be charged to operations in the period identified.

We capitalize interest on borrowings during the active construction period of major capital projects. Capitalized interest is added to the cost of the assets and is amortized over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

In accordance with SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," we do not amortize goodwill and other intangible assets, which are deemed to have indefinite lives, but test these assets for impairment at least annually, or more frequently if any event occurs or circumstances change that indicate possible impairment. We have determined that manufacturer franchise rights have an indefinite life as there are no legal, contractual, economic or other factors that limit their useful lives and they are expected to generate cash flows indefinitely due to the historically long lives of the manufacturers' brand names. Goodwill and franchise rights are allocated to each reporting unit at the platform and dealership level, respectively. The fair market value of our manufacturer franchise rights is determined at the acquisition date through discounting the projected cash flows attributable to each franchise.

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Goodwill represents the excess cost of the businesses acquired over the fair market value of the identifiable net assets.

Upon adoption of SFAS No. 142 on January 1, 2002, we determined that each of our platforms qualified as a reporting unit as we operated in one segment, and our platforms are one level below our corporate level, discrete financial information existed for each platform and the management of each platform directly reviewed the platform's performance. We are continuously adapting our operating structure and searching for ways to leverage our corporate office in order to standardize policies, share best practices and centralize administrative functions. In the future, if we determine that our platforms no longer meet the requirements of a reporting unit, we will reevaluate the reporting units with respect to the changes in our reporting structure.

We review platform goodwill and manufacturer franchise rights for impairment during the fourth quarter of each year. The first step of the impairment test identifies potential impairments by comparing the estimated fair value of each reporting unit with its corresponding net book value, including goodwill. If the net book value of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value, the second step of the impairment test determines the potential impairment loss by comparing the estimated fair value of goodwill with its carrying amount. If the estimated fair value of goodwill is less than the carrying amount, the carrying value of goodwill is adjusted to reflect its estimated fair value. As a result, a severe and sustained reduction in one of our platform's operations could lead to an impairment charge. As described in Note 8, we performed our annual impairment test as of October 1, 2003, and recorded a goodwill impairment pre-tax charge associated with our Oregon platform of \$37.9 million in accordance with SFAS No. 142.

All other intangible assets are deemed to have definite lives and are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the asset ranging from 3-15 years and are tested for impairment when circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the asset might be impaired.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Financial instruments consist primarily of accounts receivable, accounts payable, restricted marketable securities, floor plan notes payable, long-term debt and interest rate swap agreements (see Note 12). The carrying amounts of our accounts receivable, accounts payable, restricted investments and floor plan notes payable approximate fair value due either to length of maturity or existence of variable interest rates, which approximate market rates. As of December 31, 2003, our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 and our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 had a carrying value of \$250.0 million and \$200.0 million, respectively, and a fair market value, based on current market prices, of \$263.8 million and \$202.0 million, respectively.

Equity-Based Compensation

We account for equity-based compensation issued to employees in accordance with Accounting Principles Board ("APB") Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees." APB No. 25 requires the use of the intrinsic value method, which measures compensation cost as the excess, if any, of the quoted market price of the stock at the measurement date over the amount an employee must pay to acquire the stock. The following table provides pro forma net earnings and earnings per share as

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if the fair-value-based method of accounting had been applied as required by SFAS No. 123 "Accounting for Stock—Based Compensation," and as amended by SFAS No. 148 "Accounting for Stock—Based Compensation-Transition and Disclosure."

	2003	2002	2001
	(in thousands, except per share data)		
Net income	\$ 15,187	\$ 38,085	\$ 44,184
Adjustment to net income:			
Stock-based compensation expense included in net income, net of tax	69	82	—
Pro forma stock-based compensation expense, net of tax	(3,676)	(3,636)	(566)
Pro forma net income	\$ 11,580	\$ 34,531	\$ 43,618
Net income per common share—basic (as reported)	\$ 0.47	\$ 1.15	
Pro forma net income per common share—basic	\$ 0.35	\$ 1.04	
Net income per common share—diluted (as reported)	\$ 0.46	\$ 1.15	
Pro forma net income per common share—diluted	\$ 0.35	\$ 1.04	

Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

We utilize derivative financial instruments to manage our capital structure, not for speculation. The types of risks hedged are those relating to the variability of future earnings, cash flows and changes in the fair value of our financial instruments caused by movements in interest rates. We document our risk management strategy and assess hedge effectiveness at the inception and during the term of each hedge.

Derivatives are reported at fair value on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. The gain or loss on the effective portion of a hedge is initially reported as a component of other comprehensive income (loss). Amounts in accumulated other comprehensive income are reclassified into net income in the same period in which the hedge transaction affects earnings. The measurement of hedge ineffectiveness is based on a comparison of the change in fair value of the actual interest rate swap and the change in fair value of a hypothetical interest rate swap with terms that identically match the critical terms of the debt. The ineffective portion of these interest rate swaps is reported in other income (expense) in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income.

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 services is recognized upon delivery of parts to the customer or when vehicle service work is performed. Manufacturer incentives and rebates, including holdbacks, are not recognized until earned in accordance with the respective manufacturers' incentive programs.

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We receive commissions from the sale of vehicle service contracts, credit life insurance and disability insurance to customers. In addition, we arrange financing for customers through various institutions and receive commissions equal to the difference between the loan rates charged to customers over predetermined financing rates set by the financing institution.

We may be charged back ("chargebacks") for financing fees, insurance or vehicle service contract commissions in the event of early termination of the contracts by customers. The revenues from financing fees and commissions are recorded at the time of the sale of the vehicles and a reserve for future chargebacks is established based on historical operating results and the termination provisions of the applicable contracts. Finance, insurance and vehicle service contract revenues, net of estimated chargebacks, are included in finance and insurance revenue in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income.

Advertising

We expense production and other costs of advertising as incurred, net of earned advertising credits and volume discounts. Advertising expense from continuing operations totaled \$50.3 million, \$48.2 million and \$45.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, net of earned advertising credits and volume discounts of \$4.9 million, \$5.9 million and \$3.7 million, respectively, and is included in selling, general and administrative expense in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income.

Income Taxes

We use the liability method to account for income taxes in accordance with SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the expected future tax consequences of differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis using currently enacted tax rates. The effect on deferred assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period when the change is enacted. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when it is more likely than not that some portion or all the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

During fiscal year 2001 and in fiscal year 2002 up through the date of our initial public offering, we consisted primarily of limited liability companies and partnerships, which were treated as partnerships for tax purposes. Under this structure, such companies and partnerships were not subject to income taxes. Therefore, no provision for federal or state income taxes was included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements for these limited liability companies and partnerships prior to our initial public offering on March 14, 2002. However, we also have nine subsidiaries that are "C" corporations under the provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, we followed the liability method of accounting for income taxes in accordance with SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes," for earnings of these subsidiaries for all twelve months of 2002 and 2001.

Discontinued Operations

In accordance with, SFAS No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets," certain amounts reflected in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets as of

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December 31, 2003 and 2002, have been reclassified to Assets Held for Sale and Liabilities Associated with Assets Held for Sale. In addition, the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income and Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, have been reclassified to reflect such operations as of December 31, 2003, as if we had classified those discontinued operations during the respective fiscal years (see Note 14).

Statements of Cash Flows

The net change in floor plan financing of inventories, which is a customary in our industry, is reflected as an operating activity in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments, which potentially subject us to concentration of credit risk, consist principally of cash deposits. We maintain cash balances in financial institutions with strong credit ratings. Generally, amounts invested with financial institutions are in excess of FDIC insurance limits.

Concentrations of credit risk with respect to contracts-in-transit and accounts receivable are limited primarily to automakers and financial institutions. Credit risk arising from receivables from commercial customers is minimal due to the large number of customers comprising our customer base.

For the year ended December 31, 2003, Honda, Ford, Toyota, Nissan, Lexus, Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Acura accounted for 18%, 11%, 9%, 8%, 6%, 6%, 5% and 5% of our revenues from new vehicle sales, respectively. No other franchise accounted for more than 5% of our total new vehicle revenues in 2003.

Segment Reporting

We follow the provisions of SFAS No. 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information." Based upon definitions contained in SFAS No. 131, we have determined that we operate in one segment and have no international operations.

Our operating businesses (dealerships) deliver the same products and services to a common customer group. Our customers are generally individuals. Our businesses generally follow the same management and marketing strategies, and each operate in a similar regulatory environment. We evaluate performance and allocate resources based on the operating results of our individual dealerships.

New Accounting Pronouncements

In January 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued FASB Interpretation No. 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities ("VIEs"), an interpretation of APB No. 50" ("FIN 46"). FIN 46 requires certain variable interest entities to be consolidated by the primary beneficiary of the entity if the equity investors in the entity do not have the characteristics of a controlling financial interest or have sufficient equity at risk for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support from other parties. FIN 46, as amended in December 2003, is effective

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in the first quarter of 2004. The adoption of FIN 46 will not impact our results of operations, financial position or financial statement disclosures as we have no VIEs.

In April 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 149, "Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." SFAS No. 149 amends and clarifies the accounting for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts, and for hedging activities under SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." SFAS No. 149 is generally effective for contracts entered into or modified after

June 30, 2003 and for hedging relationships designated after June 30, 2003. The adoption of SFAS No. 149 on July 1, 2003 had no impact on our results of operations, financial position or financial statement disclosures.

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 150, "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Both Liabilities and Equity." SFAS No. 150 establishes standards for how an issuer classifies and measures certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity. SFAS No. 150 requires that certain financial instruments be classified as liabilities that were previously considered equity. The adoption of this standard on July 1, 2003 had no impact on our results of operations, financial position or financial statement disclosures.

3. INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING

On March 14, 2002, we offered 4.5 million shares of our common stock at a price of \$16.50 per share in our initial public offering ("IPO") resulting in net proceeds of \$62.5 million. Upon the closing of the IPO on March 19, 2002, Asbury Automotive Group L.L.C. became a wholly owned direct and indirect subsidiary of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. Membership interests in the limited liability company were exchanged for 29.5 million shares of our common stock in the new corporation on the basis of 295,000 shares of our common stock for each 1% of membership interest.

4. ACQUISITIONS

Acquisitions are accounted for under the purchase method of accounting and the assets acquired and liabilities assumed were recorded at their fair value as of the acquisition dates. The operations of the acquired dealerships are included in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income commencing on the date of acquisition.

During 2003, 2002 and 2001, we acquired seven, six and seven automotive dealerships, respectively, for an aggregate purchase price of \$79.9 million, \$19.7 million and \$56.2 million, respectively. These acquisitions were funded through our acquisition Committed Credit Facility, with the exception of an acquisition in 2001 of which \$5.0 million of the aggregate purchase price was satisfied through the issuance of equity interest in certain of our selling shareholders. In addition, we paid \$0.8 million in 2002 as final settlement of purchase price contingencies for prior year acquisitions.

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The following table summarizes our acquisitions:

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
	(in thousands)		
Cash paid for businesses acquired	\$ 79,866	\$ 19,665	\$ 51,199
Equity issued	—	—	5,000
Goodwill	(42,178)	(10,861)	(40,317)
Estimated fair value of net tangible and other intangible assets acquired	\$ 37,688	\$ 8,804	\$ 15,882

The allocation of purchase price for acquisitions is as follows:

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
	(in thousands)		
Working capital	\$ 3,877	\$ 2,891	\$ 7,213
Fixed assets	4,200	981	6,454
Other assets	—	1,755	153
Goodwill	42,178	10,861	40,317
Franchise rights	30,000	3,000	5,000
Other liabilities	(389)	—	(865)
Acquisition of minority interest (deficit)	—	177	(2,073)
Total purchase price	\$ 79,866	\$ 19,665	\$ 56,199

The allocation of purchase price to assets acquired and liabilities assumed for certain 2003 acquisitions has been based on preliminary estimates of fair value and may be revised as additional information concerning valuation of such assets and liabilities becomes available. Amounts for certain of the 2003 acquisitions are subject to final purchase price adjustments for items such as settlement of purchase price contingencies and seller's representations regarding the adequacy of certain reserves.

5. ACCOUNTS AND NOTES RECEIVABLE

Accounts Receivable

We have agreements to sell certain of our trade receivables, without recourse as to credit risk, in an amount not to exceed \$25.0 million per year. The receivables are sold at a discount, which is included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income. The discounts totaled \$0.5 million, \$0.4 million and \$0.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. As December 31, 2003, 2002

and 2001, \$20.5 million, \$17.5 million and \$18.1 million of receivables, respectively, were sold under these agreements and were reflected as reductions of trade accounts receivable.

Notes Receivable—Finance Contracts (included in Other Assets)

Notes receivable for finance contracts, included in prepaid and other current assets and other assets on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets, have initial terms ranging from 12 to 60 months bearing interest at rates ranging from 8% to 31% and are collateralized by the related vehicles. Notes receivable for finance contracts consists of the following:

	As of December 31,	
	2003	2002
(in thousands)		
Gross contract amounts due	\$ 37,831	\$ 34,892
Less—Allowance for credit losses	(4,715)	(4,622)
Notes receivable—finance contracts	33,116	30,270
Current maturities, net	(12,412)	(12,206)
Notes receivable—finance contracts, net of current portion	\$ 20,704	\$ 18,064

Contractual maturities of gross notes receivable-finance contracts at December 31, 2003 are as follows (in thousands):

2004	\$ 12,412
2005	10,218
2006	9,413
2007	4,959
2008	815
Thereafter	14
Total notes receivable—finance contracts	\$ 37,831

6. INVENTORIES

Inventories consist of the following:

	As of December 31,	
	2003	2002
(in thousands)		
New vehicles	\$ 517,227	\$ 464,500
Used vehicles	90,683	86,392
Parts and accessories	42,487	40,947
Total inventories	\$ 650,397	\$ 591,839

7. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

Property and equipment, net consist of the following:

	As of December 31,	
	2003	2002
(in thousands)		
Land	\$ 68,988	\$ 68,390
Buildings and leasehold improvements	187,639	175,808
Machinery and equipment	46,363	35,688
Furniture and fixtures	28,629	28,333
Company vehicles	8,899	9,261

Total	340,518	317,480
Less—Accumulated depreciation	(73,527)	(60,175)
Property and equipment, net	\$ 266,991	\$ 257,305

During 2003 and 2002, we capitalized \$0.8 million and \$0.9 million, respectively, of interest in connection with various capital expansion projects. Depreciation expense from continuing operations was \$19.3 million, \$18.0 million and \$16.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

For the year ended December 31, 2003, we sold, in connection with six sale/leaseback agreements, certain land and buildings for \$23.1 million. In connection with the sale of certain of these assets, we recognized a loss of \$0.2 million, which is included in gain (loss) on the sale of assets on the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income. In connection with the sale of certain other of these assets, we recognized a gain of \$0.3 million, which is included in other assets on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets and is being amortized as an offset to rent expense over the lease term. Under the terms of these agreements, we entered into long-term operating leases on the facilities, currently ranging from 15 to 22 years.

8. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

2003 Goodwill Impairment

We test our goodwill and indefinite lived intangible assets annually using a discounted cash flow valuation model. In accordance with SFAS No. 142, impairment of goodwill occurs if the net book value of a reporting unit exceeds its estimated fair value. We retained a third-party valuation firm to assist in determining the implied fair value of goodwill at our Oregon platform. Upon completion of our impairment test as of October 1, 2003, we recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$37.9 million (\$29.2 million after-tax) to reduce the carrying value of goodwill associated with our Oregon platform.

The decrease in the estimated fair value of the Oregon platform from the estimated fair value measured in prior period impairment tests primarily reflects:

- a delay in the expected recovery of the Oregon platform following changes at the top level of platform management;

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- a reduction in retail used vehicle sales volumes due to manufacturer rebates and incentives on new vehicles;
- a delay in the timing of the anticipated recovery of the Oregon economy; and
- a decline in our market share.

We expect improvement at our Oregon platform in the future through productivity initiatives, recent changes at the top level of management and expense reduction initiatives implemented by the new management team. While we expect the local economy to recover due to the projected overall improvement in the United States economy, the projections used in our goodwill impairment test do not include the impacts of any such recovery. We must exercise significant judgment in assessing the recoverability of goodwill and we can provide no assurance that future impairment charges will not be required if the performance of our platforms, including our Oregon platform, does not meet or exceed the projections of future cash flow used in our impairment test.

Goodwill and Manufacturer Franchise Rights

Goodwill represents the excess of cost of businesses acquired over the fair market value of the identifiable net assets. Goodwill is allocated to each reporting unit at the platform level. The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the year ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 are as follows (in thousands):

Balance as of December 31, 2001	\$ 392,856
Additions related to current year acquisitions	10,861
Additions related to prior year acquisitions	274
Goodwill associated with current year divestitures	(1,858)
Balance as of December 31, 2002	402,133
Additions related to current year acquisitions	42,178
Additions related to prior year acquisitions	6
Goodwill impairment—Oregon platform	(37,930)
Goodwill associated with current year divestitures	(1,871)
Other adjustments	(373)
Balance as of December 31, 2003	\$ 404,143

Goodwill amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 2001 was \$9.6 million. Before the adoption of SFAS No.142 on January 1, 2002, goodwill was being amortized over 40 years. If goodwill had not been amortized, income before income taxes, minority interest, and discontinued operations would have been \$56.4 million and net income would have been \$53.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2001.

The fair market value of our manufacturer franchise rights is determined at the acquisition date through discounting the projected cash flows attributable to each franchise. For the year ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, we allocated \$30.0 million and \$2.0 million, respectively, of the purchase

price of our acquisitions to manufacturer franchise rights. Manufacturer franchise rights totaled \$38.0 million and \$8.0 million as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

Intangible Assets with Definite Lives

Intangible assets consist of the following (included in other assets on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets):

	As of December 31,	
	2003	2002
	(in thousands)	
Amortizable intangible assets-		
Noncompete agreements	\$ 5,331	\$ 5,331
Lease agreements (amortization is included in rent expense)	6,527	6,527
Total	11,858	11,858
Less: Accumulated amortization	(8,665)	(7,369)
Definite—lived intangible assets, net	\$ 3,193	\$ 4,489

Amortization expense from continuing operations was \$0.9 million, \$1.0 million and \$1.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Future estimated amortization expense is as follows (in thousands):

For the years ended December 31:	
2004	\$ 488
2005	105
2006	100
2007	100
2008	100
Thereafter	\$ 2,300

9. ASSETS HELD FOR SALE

Assets and liabilities classified as held for sale as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 include dealerships held for sale, real estate held for sale and certain land and buildings which we intend to sell

under sale/leaseback agreements in the future. A summary of balance sheet information related to assets and liabilities held for sale is as follows:

Net assets held for sale consist of the following:

	As of December 31,	
	2003	2002
	(in thousands)	
Assets:		
Inventories	\$ 2,116	\$ 12,952
Property and equipment, net	27,417	16,867
Other	—	40
Total assets	29,533	29,859
Liabilities:		
Floor plan notes payable	1,954	11,828
Other liabilities	22,778	125
Total liabilities	24,732	11,953
Net assets held for sale	\$ 4,801	\$ 17,906

In connection with anticipated sale/leaseback transactions, we incurred costs associated with the acquisition of real estate and the construction of facilities that are expected to be completed and sold within one year. Accordingly, these costs are included in Assets Held for Sale on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. The book value of the land and construction-in-progress totaled \$22.8 million and \$8.3 million as of December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002, respectively. Under these agreements, an unaffiliated third party purchased land at its fair value and is advancing funds to us equal to the cost of construction incurred for the facilities. We capitalize the cost of the land, construction and rent during the construction period, and record a corresponding liability equal to the amount of the advanced funds, included in Liabilities Associated with Assets Held for Sale on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

In connection with certain sale/leaseback transactions we have entered into agreements with the lessor under which we have either transferred title of the land we owned in exchange for an advance equal to the fair value of the land, or the lessor has purchased land on our behalf. In both instances, the lessor has committed to advance us the cost of constructing dealership facilities on the related land, as incurred. We have granted the lessor an option to require us to repurchase the land and return all advances if we do not complete the agreed upon construction of the dealership facilities within a specified time period. As a result of this option, we continue to carry the cost of the land in assets held for sale on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. We are currently constructing the dealership facilities and expect that construction will be completed within the time period specified under these agreements. Upon completion of the construction, we will execute the sale/leaseback agreements and transfer the ownership of the dealership facilities to the third party, satisfying the related obligations, and remove the cost of the land and the related liability from the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. As the capital expenditures and related advances from the lessors have

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already been reflected in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, the final execution of these sales/leaseback transactions will have no effect on our liquidity.

10. FLOOR PLAN NOTES PAYABLE

We finance a substantial portion of our new vehicle inventory and a portion of our used vehicle inventory under our floor plan financing credit facilities (the "Floor Plan Facilities"). The Floor Plan Facilities also provide used vehicle financing up to a fixed percentage of the value of each financed used vehicle. We are required to make monthly interest payments on the amount financed, but are not required to repay the principal prior to the sale of the vehicle. These Floor Plan Facilities require a guarantee from each of our intermediate subsidiaries, and participating subsidiary dealers grant a blanket lien on all of our assets and the assets of such subsidiaries, including a security interest in the financed vehicles as well as the related sales proceeds. The terms of our Floor Plan Facilities impose upon our subsidiaries and us certain financial covenants. As of December 31, 2003, we were in compliance with these financial covenants.

On June 6, 2003, in connection with our First Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (see Note 11), total availability under the Floor Plan Facilities was reduced from \$750.0 million to \$695.0 million, which is distributed among our lenders as follows (in thousands):

Ford Motor Credit Company	\$	275,000
DaimlerChrysler Financial Services North America, L.L.C.		315,000
General Motors Acceptance Corporation		105,000
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Total Floor Plan Facilities	\$	695,000
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In addition, we have total availability of \$32.2 million as of December 31, 2003, under ancillary floor plan facilities with Comerica Bank and Navistar Financial for our heavy trucks business within our Atlanta platform. As of December 31, 2003 and 2002, we had \$602.2 million and \$528.6 million outstanding, respectively, under our floor plan notes payable.

Amounts financed under the floor plan notes payable bear interest at variable rates, which are typically based on LIBOR or the prime rate. The weighted average interest rate on our floor plan notes payable was 3.4% and 3.9% for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

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11. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consists of the following:

	As of December 31,	
	2003	2002
	(in thousands)	
9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014	200,000	—
Term notes payable to financing institutions bearing interest at a variable rate (the weighted average interest rates, excluding amortization of deferred finance fees, were 6.2% and 6.6% for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively)	—	88,549
Mortgage notes payable to banks and financing institutions bearing interest at fixed and variable rates (the weighted average interest rates were 4.7% and 5.5% for years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively)	116,664	116,864
Notes payable to financing institutions collateralized by loaner vehicles bearing interest at variable rates (the weighted average interest rates were 3.6% and 4.9% for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively), maturing at various dates during 2004	15,744	10,357

Non-interest bearing note payable to former shareholders of one of our subsidiaries, net of unamortized discount of \$371 and \$698 as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, determined at an effective interest rate of 6.8%, payable in semiannual installments of approximately \$913, due January 2006, collateralized by marketable securities	4,228	5,727
Capital lease obligations	4,226	1,177
Other notes payable	1,516	2,478
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	592,378	475,152
Less—current portion	(33,250)	(36,412)
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Long—term portion	\$ 559,128	\$ 438,740
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The aggregate maturities of long-term debt at December 31, 2003, are as follows (in thousands):

2004	\$ 33,250
2005	23,493
2006	17,133
2007	23,341
2008	4,204
Thereafter	490,957
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	\$ 592,378
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9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012

On June 5, 2002, we issued our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 in the aggregate principal amount of \$250.0 million, receiving net proceeds of \$242.1 million. The costs related to the issuance of the notes were capitalized and are being amortized to interest expense over the term of the notes. The net proceeds from the notes issuance were utilized to repay a substantial portion of the outstanding indebtedness under our Committed Credit Facility (as defined below). We pay interest on these notes on June 15 and December 15 of each year until maturity on June 15, 2012. At any time on or after June 15, 2007, we may, at our option, choose to redeem all or a portion of these notes at the

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redemption prices set forth in the indenture governing our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012. On or before June 15, 2005, we may, at our option, use the net proceeds of one or more equity offerings to redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes at a redemption price set forth in the note indenture and unpaid interest thereon. At any time before June 15, 2007, we may, at our option, choose to redeem all or a portion of the notes at a price equal to 100% of their principal amount plus the make-whole premium set forth in the note indenture.

Our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 are guaranteed by substantially all of our current subsidiaries and all of our future domestic restricted subsidiaries that have outstanding indebtedness, incur or guarantee any other indebtedness. The 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 and the subsidiary guarantees rank behind all of our and the subsidiary guarantors' current and future indebtedness, other than trade payables, except any future indebtedness that expressly provides that it ranks equally with, or is subordinated in right of payment to, the 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 and subsidiary guarantees. The 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 rank equally with all of our and our subsidiary guarantors' existing and future senior subordinated indebtedness, including the 8% Subordinated Notes due 2014 and our subsidiaries' guarantees thereof, except for guarantees of our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 by our present and future Toyota and Lexus dealership subsidiaries, which guarantee the 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012, but do not guarantee the 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014, except under certain circumstances. The terms of our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012, in certain circumstances, restrict our ability to, among other things, incur additional indebtedness and sell assets.

8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014

On December 23, 2003, we issued our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 in the aggregate principal amount of \$200.0 million, receiving net proceeds of \$193.3 million. The issuance of the notes was exempt from registration pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. We expect to exchange the notes in a registered offering for \$200 million of new notes with identical terms during the first quarter of 2004. The costs related to the issuance of these notes were capitalized and are being amortized to interest expense over the term of these notes. The net proceeds from the issuance of our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 were used to repay all of our outstanding indebtedness under our Committed Credit Facility (as defined below). We pay interest on these notes on March 15 and September 15 of each year until maturity on March 15, 2014. At any time on or after March 15, 2009, we may, at our option, choose to redeem all or a portion of these notes at the redemption prices set forth in the indenture governing our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014. On or before March 15, 2007, we may, at our option, use the net proceeds of one or more equity offerings to redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of these notes at a redemption price set forth in the note indenture and unpaid interest thereon. At any time before March 15, 2009, we may, at our option, choose to redeem all or a portion of these notes at a price equal to 100% of their principal amount plus the make-whole premium set forth in the note indenture.

Our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 are guaranteed by all of our current subsidiaries (other than our current Toyota and Lexus dealership subsidiaries) and all of our future domestic restricted subsidiaries (other than our future Toyota and Lexus dealership subsidiaries) that have outstanding indebtedness, incur or guarantee any other indebtedness (see Note 22). Our current Toyota

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and Lexus dealership subsidiaries do not guarantee these notes and our future Toyota and Lexus subsidiaries will not be required to guarantee these notes, except in certain circumstances. The notes and the subsidiary guarantees rank behind all of our and the subsidiary guarantors' current and future indebtedness, other than trade payables, except any future indebtedness that expressly provides that it ranks equally with, or is subordinated in right of payment to, the notes and subsidiary guarantees. The notes rank equally with all of our and our subsidiary guarantors' existing and future senior subordinated indebtedness, including our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 and our subsidiaries' guarantees thereof, except for guarantees of our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 by our present and future Toyota and Lexus dealership subsidiaries, which do not and will not be required to guarantee our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014, except under certain circumstances. The notes are effectively subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and liabilities of our current and future Toyota and Lexus dealership subsidiaries. The terms of our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014, in certain circumstances, restrict our ability to, among other things, incur additional indebtedness and sell assets.

Credit Facility-

On January 17, 2001, we entered into a committed credit facility with Ford Motor Credit Company, General Motors Acceptance Corporation and DaimlerChrysler Services North America, LLC (the "Lenders") with total availability (the "Lenders' Commitment") of \$550.0 million. On June 6, 2003, we signed the First Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the "ARCA"), retaining all the essential provisions of our original committed credit facility, but reducing the Lenders' Commitment to \$450.0 million and increasing our working capital borrowing capacity from \$25.0 million to \$75.0 million. Our decision to amend the existing committed credit facility was driven by our desire to reduce the commitment fee paid to the Lenders, which is based on the unused portion of the facility, and to extend the facility through January 2006. All borrowings under the ARCA and our original committed credit facility (collectively the "Committed Credit Facility") bear interest at variable rates based on one-month LIBOR plus a specified percentage that is dependent upon our adjusted debt level at the end of each calendar quarter.

In December 2003, we repaid all of the outstanding indebtedness under our Committed Credit Facility with the proceeds from the issuance of our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 and simultaneously reduced the Lenders' Commitment to \$250.0 million. As of December 31, 2003, we do not have any amounts outstanding under the Committed Credit Facility and have \$250.0 million available for future borrowings.

During the third quarter of 2002, we obtained consent from the Lenders for a cash management sublimit of \$75.0 million under our Committed Credit Facility. The cash management sublimit allows us to repay up to \$75.0 million of debt outstanding under our Committed Credit Facility using cash that has been centrally collected by our cash management system. We may borrow the net amount repaid under the cash management sublimit on short-term notice for general corporate purposes. Borrowings under the cash management sublimit are limited to the lesser of \$75.0 million or the amount outstanding under our Committed Credit Facility. As of December 31, 2003, we had no borrowings available under our cash management sublimit because we did not have any amounts outstanding under our Committed Credit Facility.

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The Committed Credit Facility requires a guarantee from each of our direct and indirect subsidiaries and imposes a blanket lien upon all our assets and the assets of such subsidiaries, and contains covenants that, among other things, place significant restrictions on our ability to incur additional debt, encumber our property and other assets, repay other debt, dispose of assets, invest capital and permit our subsidiaries to issue equity securities. The Committed Credit Facility also imposes mandatory minimum requirements with regard to the terms of our proposed acquisitions, before we can borrow funds under the facility to finance the transactions. The terms of the Committed Credit Facility require us on an ongoing basis to meet certain financial ratios, including a current ratio, as defined in our Committed Credit Facility, of at least 1.2 to 1, a fixed charge coverage ratio, as defined in our Committed Credit Facility, of no less than 1.2 to 1, and a leverage ratio, as defined in our Committed Credit Facility, of no greater than 4.4 to 1. A breach of these covenants or any other of the covenants in the facility would be cause for acceleration of repayment and termination of the facility by the Lenders. This Committed Credit Facility also contains provisions for default upon, among other things, a change of control, a material adverse change, the non-payment of obligations and a default under certain other agreements. The terms of the Committed Credit Facility provides that a default under the Floor Plan Facilities, among other obligations, constitutes a default under the Committed Credit Facility. As of December 31, 2003, we were in compliance with all of the covenants.

The Committed Credit Facility requires us to apply 80% of the net proceeds of equity offerings and 100% of the net proceeds of debt offerings to outstanding indebtedness under the Committed Credit Facility. Our subsidiaries have guaranteed, and substantially all of our future subsidiaries will be required to guarantee, our obligations under the Committed Credit Facility. Substantially all of our assets not subject to security interests granted to floor plan lenders are subject to security interests to the Lenders. We pay annually in arrears a commitment fee for the Committed Credit Facility of 0.35% of the undrawn amount available to us. The Committed Credit Facility provides for an indefinite series of one-year extensions at our request, if approved by the Lenders at their sole discretion. Conversely, we can terminate the Committed Credit Facility by repaying all of the outstanding balances under the facility and the related uncommitted floor plan lines plus a termination fee. The termination fee, equal to 2% of the Lender's commitment under the Committed Credit Facility as of December 31, 2003, declines to one percent of the Lenders' Commitment under the Committed Credit Facility as of January 17, 2004 and will decline to zero percent as of January 17, 2005.

Mortgage Notes Payable-

As of December 31, 2003, we had 22 real estate mortgages outstanding at 6 of our platforms. These obligations are collateralized by the related property, plant and equipment with a carrying value of \$179.7 million as of December 31, 2003, and mature between 2004 and 2015. Under the terms of our Committed Credit Facility, no guarantees from us or any of our subsidiaries are allowed in support of our mortgage notes; however, certain indebtedness, which was in place prior to the Committed Credit Facility, is subject to guarantees. Our Lenders have taken a second mortgage position behind the respective first lien holder on all of our financed real estate except for one property. As of December 31, 2003, we were in compliance with specific financial ratios and other ongoing covenants required by the terms of certain mortgage debt.

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12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

In December 2003, we entered into two forward interest rate swaps with a combined notional principal amount of \$200.0 million, which will provide a hedge against changes in the interest rates of our variable rate floor plan notes payable for a period of eight years beginning in March 2006. The swap agreements were designated and qualify as interest rate hedges of future changes in interest rates of our variable rate floor plan indebtedness and we expect that these hedges

will contain minor ineffectiveness once they become effective. As of December 31, 2003, the swaps had a fair value of \$1.0 million, which was included in other assets and accumulated other comprehensive loss on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheet.

During December 2003, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement with a notional principal amount of \$200.0 million as a hedge against changes in the fair value of our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014. Under the terms of the swap agreement, we are required to make variable rate payments based on six-month LIBOR and receive a fixed rate of 8.0%. This swap agreement was designated and qualifies as a fair value hedge of our fixed rate senior subordinated debt and did not contain any ineffectiveness. As of December 31, 2003, the swap agreement had a fair value of \$1.7 million, which was included in other liabilities and accumulated other comprehensive loss on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheet.

In November 2001, we entered into three interest rate swap agreements to reduce the effects of changes in interest rates on our floating LIBOR rate long-term debt during 2001. The agreements had a combined total notional principal amount of \$300.0 million, all maturing in November 2003. For the year ended December 31, 2001, the ineffectiveness reflected in earnings was \$0.1 million. During 2002 we terminated our three interest rate swap agreements and immediately entered into three new interest rate swap agreements for the same combined notional principal amount, with the same maturity date, November 2003. The new swap agreements also required us to pay fixed rates with a weighted average of approximately 3% and receive in return amounts calculated at one-month LIBOR. The swap agreements were designated and qualified as cash flow hedges of our forecasted variable interest rate payments and did not contain any ineffectiveness. In June 2002, in connection with the issuance of our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012, we cancelled our three interest rate swap agreements. Upon cancellation of the swaps, we realized a \$0.2 million loss, net of tax benefit, in other comprehensive income (loss), which is included in other assets on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets and was amortized as interest expense over the original term of the agreement.

13. INCOME TAXES

Effective with our IPO, which closed March 19, 2002, we converted to a corporation and became subject to federal, state and local income taxes. Prior to the conversion to a corporation, except for nine subsidiaries which were already corporations, Asbury Automotive Group L.L.C. was comprised primarily of limited liability companies and partnerships (with Asbury Automotive Group L.L.C. as the parent), which were treated as one partnership for tax purposes and accordingly we did not record income tax expense or income tax liabilities for these entities. During 2001 and prior to our IPO in 2002, we recorded income tax only for the nine "C" Corporations in accordance with SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes."

In connection with the IPO and in accordance with SFAS No. 109, we recorded a one-time, non-recurring charge of \$11.6 million for deferred taxes upon the exchange of the limited liability

company interests in Asbury Automotive Group L.L.C. for shares of our common stock. This charge reflects the net deferred tax liability associated with the difference between the financial statement and tax basis of our assets and liabilities as of the conversion date.

The components of our income tax provisions from continuing operations are as follows:

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
(in thousands)			
Current:			
Federal	\$ 25,440	\$ 19,920	\$ 4,854
State	2,755	3,716	625
Subtotal	28,195	23,636	5,479
Deferred:			
Federal	(6,042)	14,181	(443)
State	(885)	1,501	(56)
Subtotal	(6,927)	15,682	(499)
Total	\$ 21,268	\$ 39,318	\$ 4,980

A reconciliation of the statutory federal rate to the effective tax rate from continuing operations is as follows:

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
(in thousands)			
Provision at the statutory rate	\$ 14,373	\$ 29,305	\$ 16,948
Increase (decrease) resulting from:			
State income tax, net	1,232	4,018	2,298
Goodwill amortization	—	—	204
Impairment of goodwill	5,474	—	—
Net deferred tax liability resulting from conversion to a corporation	—	11,553	—

Tax benefit of L.L.C. structure	—	(5,605)	(14,543)
Other	189	47	73
Provision for income taxes	\$ 21,268	\$ 39,318	\$ 4,980

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The tax effects of these temporary differences representing deferred tax assets (liabilities) result principally from the following:

	December 31,	
	2003	2002
	(in thousands)	
Reserves and accruals	\$ 11,579	\$ 8,848
Net operating loss and alternative minimum tax credit carryforwards	656	699
Tax goodwill amortization	(16,362)	(18,233)
Depreciation	(7,773)	(10,517)
Other	(812)	(1,026)
Valuation allowance	(656)	(699)
Net deferred tax liability	\$ (13,368)	\$ (20,928)
	(in thousands)	
Balance sheet classification:	2003	2002
	(in thousands)	
Deferred tax assets:		
Current	\$ 11,403	\$ 13,077
Long term	3,292	39
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Current	(2,592)	(4,033)
Long term	(25,471)	(30,011)
Net deferred tax liability	\$ (13,368)	\$ (20,928)

We have federal net operating loss ("NOL") carryforwards of \$1.2 million and state NOL carryforwards of \$4.5 million that are attributable to certain of our "C" corporation subsidiaries and are subject to separate return year limitations. The NOL carryforwards begin to expire in 2015. Pursuant to our accounting policy, a valuation allowance was recorded on these carryforwards.

14. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS AND DIVESTITURES

During the year December 31, 2003, we placed into discontinued operations seven full-service dealership locations (eight franchises), 10 used-only dealership locations and two ancillary businesses. Five full service dealerships and one ancillary business were divested during the year ended December 31, 2003, and two dealerships (three franchises) were held for sale as of December 31, 2003. As of December 31, 2003, all of the 10 used-only dealership locations and the remaining ancillary business had been closed. The accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001 have been reclassified to reflect our discontinued operations status as of December 31, 2003, as though the aforementioned businesses had been classified as discontinued operations during each respective fiscal year.

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A summary of statement of income information relating to the discontinued operations is as follows:

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
	(in thousands)		
Revenues	\$ 58,644	\$ 121,963	\$ 153,900
Cost of sales	50,900	104,064	125,191
Gross profit	7,744	17,899	28,709
Operating expenses	14,892	25,837	23,255
Income (loss) from operations	(7,148)	(7,938)	5,454
Other, net	(165)	(705)	(1,839)

Net income (loss)	(7,313)	(8,643)	3,615
Loss on disposition of discontinued operations	(123)	(1,622)	—
Income (loss) before income taxes	(7,436)	(10,265)	3,615
Related tax benefit	2,825	3,940	—
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$ (4,611)	\$ (6,325)	\$ 3,615

15. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by our weighted-average common shares outstanding during the year. Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average common shares and common share equivalents outstanding during the year.

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The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

	For the Year Ended December 31,	
	2003	2002
	(in thousands, except per share data)	
Net income applicable to common shares:		
Continuing operations	\$ 19,798	\$ 44,410
Discontinued operations	(4,611)	(6,325)
Net Income	\$ 15,187	\$ 38,085
Earnings per share:		
Basic—		
Continuing operations	\$ 0.61	\$ 1.34
Discontinued operations	(0.14)	(0.19)
Net income	\$ 0.47	\$ 1.15
Diluted—		
Continuing operations	\$ 0.61	\$ 1.34
Discontinued operations	(0.15)	(0.19)
Net income	\$ 0.46	\$ 1.15
Common shares and common share equivalents:		
Weighted-average shares outstanding	32,648	33,065
Basic shares	32,648	33,065
Shares issuable with respect to common share equivalents (stock options)	67	8
Diluted equivalent shares	32,715	33,073

16. NON-CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITY

For the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, approximately \$5.7 million and \$4.8 million, respectively, of the proceeds from the sale of dealerships were paid directly to the Lenders of our Committed Credit Facility.

For the year ended December 31, 2003, approximately \$27.1 million of the proceeds from sale/leaseback transactions were paid directly to our lenders.

During the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 we entered into capital leases for land and buildings of \$3.7 million, \$— and \$0.1 million, respectively.

During 2003, 2002 and 2001, we borrowed \$17.7 million, \$10.1 million and \$10.3 million, respectively, under our loaner vehicle financing arrangements in connection with the purchase of loaner vehicles.

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17. OPERATING LEASES

We lease various facilities and equipment under long-term operating lease agreements, including leases with our shareholders/employees or entities controlled by our shareholders/employees. In instances where we entered into leases in which the rent escalates at fixed rates over time, we record the rent expense on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease. Rent expense from continuing operations amounted to \$32.7 million, \$27.6 million and \$24.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Of these amounts, \$13.4 million, \$13.8 million and \$12.2 million, respectively, were paid to entities controlled by our shareholders or employees.

Future minimum payments under long-term, non-cancelable operating leases as of December 31, 2003, are as follows:

	Related Parties	Third Parties	Total
	(in thousands)		
2004	\$ 14,575	\$ 25,121	\$ 39,696
2005	14,579	24,045	38,624
2006	14,355	22,530	36,885
2007	14,375	21,297	35,672
2008	13,654	20,978	34,632
Thereafter	19,116	174,381	193,497
Total	\$ 90,654	\$ 288,352	\$ 379,006

We have an option to acquire certain properties from one of our directors, which we currently lease. The purchase option, initially based on the aggregate appraised value, adjusts each year for movements in the Consumer Price Index. The purchase option of \$52.2 million as of December 31, 2003, can only be exercised in total.

18. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

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.

We are involved in legal proceedings and claims, which arise in the ordinary course of our business and with respect to certain of these claims, we have been indemnified by the sellers of dealerships we have acquired. We do not expect that the amount of ultimate liability with respect to these actions will materially affect 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.

We have guaranteed two loans made by financial institutions either directly to management or to non-consolidated entities controlled by management, which totaled approximately \$4.3 million at December 31, 2003. One of these guarantees, made on behalf of a former platform executive, was made in conjunction with the former executive acquiring equity in us. The primary obligor of this note is the former platform executive. This guarantee was made in November 1998. In each of these cases we believed that it was important for each of the individuals to have equity at risk. The second guarantee is made by a corporation we acquired in October 1998 and guarantees an industrial revenue bond, which we are legally required to guarantee. The primary obligor of the note is a non-dealership business entity and that entity's partners as individuals.

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Certain of our directors, shareholders and their affiliates, and platform management, have engaged in transactions with us. These transactions primarily relate to long-term operating leases of facilities (see Note 17). We believe that these transactions and our other related party transactions involve terms comparable to terms that would be obtained from unaffiliated third parties.

For the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, \$0.6 million, \$1.0 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, was paid to an advertising entity in which one of our directors had a substantial interest.

During 2003 and 2002, we paid \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, in legal fees to a law firm in which one of our directors was Of Counsel.

In 2003, we sold land to one of our directors for \$0.8 million and entered into a long-term operating lease with the director for the property. The land is contiguous to other property owned by this director, for which we currently have long-term operating leases. We purchased the land for \$0.8 million in January 2003.

In 2003, we acquired one dealership facility consisting of five franchises from an executive of one of our platforms for \$8.0 million.

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In 2002, we acquired land from one of our directors for \$3.7 million for the purpose of expanding the operations of one of our dealerships facilities and for the construction of a new body shop facility.

20. EQUITY BASED ARRANGEMENTS

In connection with the IPO on March 14, 2002, all options to acquire membership interests in the equity of the limited liability company were exchanged for 1,072,738 options to purchase common stock in Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. As a result, we have established two fixed stock option plans under which we may grant non-qualified stock options to our officers and employees at prices granted at fair market value on the date of the grant. For all the plans, the stock options become exercisable over a three-year vesting period and expire ten years after the grant date. As of December 31, 2003, there were 5,800,730 stock options available for grant under our stock option plans, of which 2,798,397 were outstanding.

The following table summarizes our outstanding member interest stock options:

	Membership Interest Percentage
Options outstanding January 1, 2001	.004%
Granted	.039
Canceled	(.002)
Options outstanding December 31, 2001	.041%
Granted	.007
Options outstanding March 13, 2002	.048%

On March 14, 2002 in connection with our IPO, member interest options outstanding were converted to stock options to purchase shares of our common stock.

	Stock Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Options outstanding March 14, 2002	1,072,738	\$ 16.56
Granted	1,072,439	\$ 16.05
Cancelled	(32,756)	\$ 16.12
Options outstanding December 31, 2002	2,112,421	\$ 16.31
Granted	942,850	\$ 12.03
Exercised	(22,008)	\$ 13.43
Canceled	(234,866)	\$ 14.78
Options outstanding December 31, 2003	2,798,397	\$ 15.02

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Range of Exercise Prices	Options Outstanding			Options Exercisable	
	Number Outstanding	Weighted Average Remaining Contract Life Years	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number Outstanding	Weighted Average Exercise Price
\$5.00 – \$9.99	53,500	9.0	\$ 7.74	11,167	\$ 8.75
\$10.00 – \$14.99	1,013,112	8.8	\$ 11.77	111,487	\$ 13.33
\$15.00 – \$19.99	1,731,785	8.2	\$ 17.14	584,509	\$ 17.11
	2,798,397			707,163	

We apply APB No. 25 and the related interpretations in accounting for our stock option plans. Accordingly, we are required to provide the expanded disclosures required under SFAS No. 148 for stock-based compensation granted, including disclosure of pro forma net earnings and earnings per share had compensation expense relating to the grants been measured under the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123 (see Note 2). The weighted average fair value of stock options granted during 2003, 2002 and 2001 were \$6.63, \$8.17 and \$9.00, respectively, and were estimated using the Black-Scholes option valuation model with the following weighted-average assumptions:

	2003	2002	2001
Expected life of option	5 years	5 years	5 years
Risk-free interest rate	2.7%	4.7%	4.2%
Expected volatility	63%	55%	54%
Expected dividend yield	0%	0%	0%

21. RETIREMENT PLANS

Prior to 2001, we and several of our subsidiaries had existing 401(k) salary deferral/savings plans for the benefit of substantially all of our employees. In 2001, we consolidated all of our existing 401(k) salary deferral/savings plans into one plan (the "Plan") with the exception of one platform's plan. Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after one year of service. Employees electing to participate in the Plan may contribute up to 40% of their annual compensation limited to the maximum amount that can be deducted for income tax purposes each year. We match 50% of each employee's contributions up to 4%, with a maximum match of 2% of an employee's salary. Participants vest evenly over three years after entering the Plan. Expenses from continuing operations related to employer matching contributions totaled \$2.4 million, \$2.5 million and \$2.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

22. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 are guaranteed by all of our current subsidiaries, other than our current Toyota and Lexus dealership subsidiaries, and all of our future domestic restricted subsidiaries, other than our future Toyota and Lexus dealership facilities. The following tables set forth, on a condensed consolidating basis, our balance sheets, statements of income and statements of cash flows, for our guarantor and non-guarantor subsidiaries for all financial statement periods presented in our Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet

December 31, 2003

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(in thousands)				
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 98,927	\$ 7,784	\$ —	\$ 106,711
Inventories	—	601,923	48,474	—	650,397
Other current assets	—	206,910	47,991	—	254,901
Total current assets	—	907,760	104,249	—	1,012,009
Property and equipment, net	—	262,450	4,541	—	266,991
Goodwill	—	342,831	61,312	—	404,143
Other assets	—	90,800	10,803	—	101,603
Investment in subsidiaries	433,707	69,240	—	(502,947)	—
Assets held for sale	—	29,533	—	—	29,533
Total assets	\$ 433,707	\$ 1,702,614	\$ 180,905	\$ (502,947)	\$ 1,814,279
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Current Liabilities:					
Floor plan notes payable	\$ —	\$ 558,586	\$ 43,581	\$ —	\$ 602,167
Other current liabilities	—	93,064	61,795	—	154,859
Total current liabilities	—	651,650	105,376	—	757,026
Long-term debt	—	559,079	49	—	559,128
Other liabilities	—	33,446	6,240	—	39,686
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	—	24,732	—	—	24,732
Shareholders' equity	433,707	433,707	69,240	(502,947)	433,707
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 433,707	\$ 1,702,614	\$ 180,905	\$ (502,947)	\$ 1,814,279

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Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet

December 31, 2002

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(in thousands)				
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 18,779	\$ 3,834	\$ —	\$ 22,613
Inventories	—	541,728	50,111	—	591,839
Other current assets	—	195,596	39,541	—	235,137
Total current assets	—	756,103	93,486	—	849,589
Property and equipment, net	—	252,338	4,967	—	257,305
Goodwill	—	340,821	61,312	—	402,133
Other assets	—	62,895	3,863	—	66,758
Investment In subsidiaries	426,951	58,911	—	(485,862)	—
Assets held for sale	—	29,859	—	—	29,859
Total assets	\$ 426,951	\$ 1,500,927	\$ 163,628	\$ (485,862)	\$ 1,605,644
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Current Liabilities:					
Floor plan notes payable	\$ —	\$ 484,134	\$ 44,457	\$ —	\$ 528,591
Other current liabilities	—	99,205	54,652	—	153,857
Total current liabilities	—	583,339	99,109	—	682,448
Long-term debt	—	438,523	217	—	438,740
Other liabilities	—	40,161	5,391	—	45,552
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	—	11,953	—	—	11,953
Shareholders' equity	426,951	426,951	58,911	(485,862)	426,951
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 426,951	\$ 1,500,927	\$ 163,628	\$ (485,862)	\$ 1,605,644

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Condensed Consolidating Statement of Income

For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(in thousands)				
Revenues	\$ —	\$ 4,145,551	\$ 645,634	\$ (14,680)	\$ 4,776,505
Cost of sales	—	3,495,577	555,304	(14,680)	4,036,201
Gross profit	—	649,974	90,330	—	740,304
Operating expenses:					
Selling, general and administrative	—	514,030	66,908	—	580,938
Depreciation and amortization	—	18,683	1,529	—	20,212
Impairment of goodwill	—	37,930	—	—	37,930
Income from operations	—	79,331	21,893	—	101,224
Other income (expense):					
Floor plan interest expense	—	(17,403)	(1,397)	—	(18,800)
Other interest expense	—	(36,405)	(3,833)	—	(40,238)
Other expense	—	(689)	(431)	—	(1,120)

Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	15,187	10,064	—	(25,251)	—
Total other expense, net	15,187	(44,433)	(5,661)	(25,251)	(60,158)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	15,187	34,898	16,232	(25,251)	41,066
Income tax expense	—	15,100	6,168	—	21,268
Net income from continuing operations	15,187	19,798	10,064	(25,251)	19,798
Loss from discontinued operations	—	(4,611)	—	—	(4,611)
Net income	\$ 15,187	\$ 15,187	\$ 10,064	\$ (25,251)	\$ 15,187

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Condensed Consolidating Statement of Income

For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(in thousands)				
Revenues	\$ —	\$ 3,821,167	\$ 609,200	\$ (15,102)	\$ 4,415,265
Cost of sales	—	3,207,889	526,160	(15,102)	3,718,947
Gross profit	—	613,278	83,040	—	696,318
Operating expenses:					
Selling, general and administrative	—	475,064	62,782	—	537,846
Depreciation and amortization	—	17,345	1,717	—	19,062
Income from operations	—	120,869	18,541	—	139,410
Other income (expense):					
Floor plan interest expense	—	(16,470)	(1,390)	—	(17,860)
Other interest expense	—	(35,919)	(2,504)	—	(38,423)
Other income	—	554	47	—	601
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	38,085	7,913	—	(45,998)	—
Total other expense, net	38,085	(43,922)	(3,847)	(45,998)	(55,682)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	38,085	76,947	14,694	(45,998)	83,728
Income tax expense	—	23,568	4,197	—	27,765
Tax adjustment upon conversion from an LLC to a corporation	—	8,969	2,584	—	11,553
Net income from continuing operations	38,085	44,410	7,913	(45,998)	44,410
Loss from discontinued operations	—	(6,325)	—	—	(6,325)
Net income	38,085	38,085	7,913	(45,998)	38,085
Pro forma income tax expense (benefit):					
Income tax expense	—	3,648	1,651	—	5,299
Tax adjustment upon conversion from an L.L.C. to a corporation	—	(8,969)	(2,584)	—	(11,553)
Tax affected pro forma net income	\$ 38,085	\$ 43,406	\$ 8,846	\$ (45,998)	\$ 44,339

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Condensed Consolidating Statement of Income

For the Year Ended December 31, 2001

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(in thousands)				
Revenues	\$ —	\$ 3,561,585	\$ 602,550	\$ (13,346)	\$ 4,150,789
Cost of sales	—	2,998,907	521,480	(13,346)	3,507,041
Gross profit	—	562,678	81,070	—	643,748
Operating expenses:					
Selling, general and administrative	—	438,830	59,303	—	498,133
Depreciation and amortization	—	23,309	4,336	—	27,645
Income from operations	—	100,539	17,431	—	117,970
Other income (expense):					
Floor plan interest expense	—	(23,300)	(2,765)	—	(26,065)
Other interest expense	—	(41,285)	(3,196)	—	(44,481)
Other income (expense)	—	(689)	54	—	(635)
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	44,184	11,524	—	(55,708)	—
Total other expense, net	44,184	(53,750)	(5,907)	(55,708)	(71,181)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes and minority interest	44,184	46,789	11,524	(55,708)	46,789
Income tax expense	—	4,980	—	—	4,980
Minority interest in subsidiary earnings	—	1,240	—	—	1,240
Net income from continuing operations	44,184	40,569	11,524	(55,708)	40,569
Income from discontinued operations	—	3,615	—	—	3,615
Net income	\$ 44,184	\$ 44,184	\$ 11,524	\$ (55,708)	\$ 44,184

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(in thousands)				
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ —	\$ 90,439	\$ 6,171	\$ —	\$ 96,610
Cash flow from investing activities:					
Capital expenditures	—	(53,523)	(1,110)	—	(54,633)
Acquisitions	—	(79,866)	—	—	(79,866)
Other investing activities	—	9,653	—	—	9,653
Net cash used in investing activities	—	(123,736)	(1,110)	—	(124,846)
Cash flow from financing activities:					
Proceeds from issuance of senior subordinated notes	—	200,000	—	—	200,000
Proceeds from borrowings	—	115,510	—	—	115,510
Payment of debt issuance costs	—	(6,740)	—	—	(6,740)
Repayments of debt	—	(192,446)	(1,111)	—	(193,557)
Purchase of treasury stock	—	(9,700)	—	—	(9,700)
Proceeds from sale leaseback transactions	—	9,536	—	—	9,536
Distributions to members	—	(3,010)	—	—	(3,010)
Other financing activities	—	295	—	—	295

Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	—	113,445	(1,111)	—	112,334
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	—	80,148	3,950	—	84,098
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	—	18,779	3,834	—	22,613
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ —	\$ 98,927	\$ 7,784	\$ —	\$ 106,711

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Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(in thousands)				
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ —	\$ 66,405	\$ (1,284)	\$ —	\$ 65,121
Cash flow from investing activities:					
Capital expenditures	—	(53,775)	(817)	—	(54,592)
Acquisitions	—	(20,459)	—	—	(20,459)
Other investing activities	—	6,577	—	—	6,577
Net cash used in investing activities	—	(67,657)	(817)	—	(68,474)
Cash flow from financing activities:					
Proceeds from issuance of senior subordinated notes	—	250,000	—	—	250,000
Proceeds from borrowings	—	71,108	—	—	71,108
Payment of debt issuance costs	—	(8,742)	—	—	(8,742)
Repayments of debt	—	(391,901)	(4,276)	—	(396,177)
Proceeds from initial public offering, net	—	65,415	—	—	65,415
Purchase of treasury stock	—	(5,364)	—	—	(5,364)
Distributions to members	—	(11,580)	—	—	(11,580)
Other financing activities	—	800	—	—	800
Net cash used in financing activities	—	(30,264)	(4,276)	—	(34,540)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	—	(31,516)	(6,377)	—	(37,893)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	—	50,295	10,211	—	60,506
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ —	\$ 18,779	\$ 3,834	\$ —	\$ 22,613

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Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31, 2001

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(in thousands)				
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ —	\$ 87,147	\$ 8,268	\$ —	\$ 95,415
Cash flow from investing activities:					
Capital expenditures	—	(47,259)	(1,663)	—	(48,922)
Acquisitions	—	(50,150)	—	—	(50,150)
Other investing activities	—	1,889	—	—	1,889
Net cash used in investing activities	—	(95,520)	(1,663)	—	(97,183)

Cash flow from financing activities:					
Proceeds from borrowings	—	399,717	—	—	399,717
Payment of debt issuance costs	—	(12,530)	—	—	(12,530)
Repayments of debt	—	(340,941)	(2,460)	—	(343,401)
Payments related to initial public offering	—	(2,437)	—	—	(2,437)
Distributions to members	—	(22,606)	—	—	(22,606)
Repurchase of members' equity	—	(3,710)	—	—	(3,710)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	—	17,493	(2,460)	—	15,033
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	—	9,120	4,145	—	13,265
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	—	41,175	6,066	—	47,241
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ —	\$ 50,295	\$ 10,211	\$ —	\$ 60,506

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23. CONDENSED QUARTERLY REVENUES AND EARNINGS (UNAUDITED):

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
	(in thousands, except per share data)			
Year Ended December 31, 2003				
Revenues(1)	\$ 1,080,483	\$ 1,246,244	\$ 1,284,968	\$ 1,164,810
Gross profit(1)	\$ 172,181	\$ 190,741	\$ 197,893	\$ 179,489
Net income (loss)(3)	\$ 7,097	\$ 12,273	\$ 16,244	\$ (20,427)
Net income (loss) per common share:				
Basic(3)	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.50	\$ (0.63)
Diluted(3)	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.50	\$ (0.62)
Year Ended December 31, 2002				
Revenues(1)	\$ 1,042,407	\$ 1,122,205	\$ 1,190,224	\$ 1,060,429
Gross profit(1)	\$ 167,397	\$ 177,053	\$ 184,125	\$ 167,743
Net income	\$ 5,162	\$ 12,780	\$ 14,644	\$ 5,499
Net income per common share:				
Basic(2)	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.16
Diluted(2)	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.16

- (1) For the first three quarters of 2003 and 2002, both revenues and gross profit were different from the comparable amounts previously reported in the filed Form 10-Q. The differences resulted from our reporting units, which were deemed discontinued operations subsequent to the filing of the respective Form 10-Q (see Note 14).
- (2) The sum of income per common share for the four quarters does not equal total income per common share due to changes in the average number of shares outstanding during the respective periods.
- (3) In the fourth quarter of 2003, we recorded a goodwill impairment charge of \$37.9 million (\$29.2 million after tax) or \$0.89 per share.

24. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Acquisitions and Divestitures

During first quarter of 2004, we acquired three automotive dealerships for a total purchase price of \$38.2 million and our preliminary allocation of purchase price resulted in \$33.6 million to be allocated to goodwill and manufacturer franchise rights. We estimate that the annual revenues of the acquired franchises total \$170.0 million, based on historical performance.

During the first quarter of 2004, we completed the sale of a franchise that was classified as discontinued operations as of December 31, 2003.

Sale/Leaseback Agreement

During the first quarter of 2004, we entered into an agreement with an unaffiliated third party in connection with future sale/leaseback transactions, under which we intend to sell certain land and buildings with a net book value of approximately \$101.0 million to the third party for a sales price in excess of book value and enter into long term operating leases for the related facilities. We intend to use approximately \$65.0 million of the proceeds from these transactions to repay the related mortgage indebtedness.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

During the year ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 (including the reaudit of our financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000) and through the date of this Form 10-K, there were no disagreements with Deloitte & Touche LLP on any matter of accounting principle or practice, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedure which, if not resolved to Deloitte & Touche LLP's satisfaction, would have caused them to make reference to the subject matter in connection with their report on our consolidated financial statements for such years; and there were no reportable events as defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K. We provided Deloitte & Touche LLP with a copy of the foregoing disclosure.

On May 13, 2002, we removed Arthur Andersen LLP as our independent public accountants and on May 16, 2002 retained Deloitte & Touche LLP to serve as our independent public accountants for the fiscal year 2002. As the result of guidance published by the Auditing Standards Board, companies with both discontinued operations and previously issued financial statements that were audited by an accounting firm that has ceased to exist, are required to have their previously audited financial statements reaudited. Therefore, we retained Deloitte & Touche LLP to audit fiscal years 2000 and 2001.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

Based on their evaluation as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-14(c) and 15d-14(c) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms.

There were no significant changes in our internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation and up to the filing date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. There were no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, and therefore there were no corrective actions taken.

It should be noted that any system of controls, however well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the system are met. In addition, the design of any control system is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events. Because of these and other inherent limitations of control systems, there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions, regardless of how remote.

PART III**Item 10. Directors and Executive Officers of the Registrant**

Reference is made to the information set forth in our Proxy Statement to be filed within 120 days after the end of our fiscal year, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

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

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Equity Compensation Plan Information

The number of stock options outstanding under our equity compensation plans, the weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, and the number of securities remaining available for issuance, as of December 31, 2003, were as follows:

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a))
	(a)	(b)	(c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security		\$ 14.04	2,990,694

holders	1,745,602 ⁽¹⁾			
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	1,043,795	\$	16.66	11,639
Total	2,798,397	\$	15.02	3,002,333

(1) 832,824 of these options were issued prior to security holder approval of our 2002 Option Plan on May 8, 2003.

Our 2002 Stock Option Plan was originally adopted by our Board of Directors on March 9, 2002. On February 25, 2003, our Board of Directors approved an amendment to the 2002 Stock Option Plan increasing the number of shares available for issuance under the 2002 Stock Option Plan from 1,500,000 to 4,750,000. Our 2002 Stock Option Plan, as amended, was approved by our security holders at our annual shareholders meeting on May 8, 2003.

In January 1999, we adopted an option plan under which we issued non-qualified options granting the right to purchase limited liability company interests in us prior to our incorporation (the "1999 Option Plan"). Under our 1999 Option Plan, which was amended and restated effective December 1, 2001, we granted options to certain of our directors, officers, employees and consultants for terms and at exercise prices and vesting schedules set by the Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors. Prior to our IPO, we issued options under our 1999 Option Plan for the purchase of 3.51% of the limited liability company interests in us which were converted upon our IPO into options to purchase 1,072,738 shares of our common stock in accordance with the 1999 Option Plan and which equaled 3.31% of our outstanding common stock as of December 31, 2003. Any unvested options granted under our 1999 Option Plan will vest and become exercisable upon a change of control. We do not intend to issue options under our 1999 Option Plan in the future.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

Reference is made to the information set forth under the caption "Related Party Transactions" appearing in the Management's Discussion and Analysis section of this Report and our Proxy Statement to be filed within 120 days after the end of our fiscal year, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

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PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules and Reports on Form 8-K

(a) The following documents are filed as a part of this report on Form 10-K:

(1) Financial Statements:

See index to Consolidated Financial Statements on page 55.

(2) Financial Schedules:

There are no schedules required to be filed herewith.

(3) Exhibits required to be filed by Item 601 of Regulation S-K:

The Exhibits listed below are identified by numbers corresponding to the Exhibit Table of Item 601 of Regulation S-K. The Exhibits designated by two asterisks (**) are management contracts or compensatory plans or arrangements required to be filed pursuant to Item 15(c) of this Form 10-K.

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32.2	Certificate of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

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(b) Reports on Form 8-K:

Report filed October 9, 2003, under Item 5, related to the issuance of a press release announcing that the Company is hosting a live "Investor Day" video web cast on October 15, 2003.

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Report filed October 15, 2003, under Item 5, related to the issuance of a press release announcing that it disclosed selected preliminary financial information for the quarter ended September 30, 2003, in conjunction with its live "Investor Day" video web cast.

Report furnished October 30, 2003, under Item 12, related to the issuance of a press release announcing the Company's earnings for the third quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2003.

Report filed November 4, 2003, under Item 5, related to the issuance of a press release announcing that a decision has been rendered in the private arbitration proceeding relating to amounts claimed by the estate of Brian E. Kendrick.

Report filed December 2, 2003, under Item 5, related to the issuance of a press release announcing that its proposed agreement to acquire Bob Baker Auto Group of San Diego, California has been terminated.

Report filed December 12, 2003, under Item 5, related to the issuance of a press release confirming the Company's 2003 earnings guidance.

Report filed December 12, 2003, under Item 5, to update its consolidated financial statements and supplementary data included in Item 8 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.

Report filed December 12, 2003, under Item 5, related to the issuance of a press release announcing a \$150 million private placement of subordinated notes.

Report filed December 23, 2003, under Item 5, relating to the issuance of a press release announcing the completion of the Company's \$200 million private placement of senior subordinated notes.

Report filed January 20, 2004, under Item 5, relating to the issuance of a press release announcing that the Board of Directors elected Michael J. Durham as Non-Executive Chairman and Thomas R. Gibson as Chairman Emeritus.

Report filed February 11, 2004, under Item 5, relating to the issuance of a press release announcing that it has changed the release date of its financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2003.

Report furnished February 25, 2004, under Item 12, relating to the issuance of a press release announcing the Company's earnings for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2003.

Report filed February 25, 2004, under Item 5, relating to the issuance of a press release announcing the Company's acquisition of Mercedes-Benz of Sacramento, California.

SIGNATURES

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

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.

Date: March 11, 2004

by: /s/ KENNETH B. GILMAN

Name: Kenneth B. Gilman
Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

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

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<hr/> <u>/s/ KENNETH B. GILMAN</u> (Kenneth B. Gilman)	Chief Executive Officer, President and Director	March 11, 2004
<hr/> <u>/s/ J. GORDON SMITH</u> (J. Gordon Smith)	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	March 11, 2004
<hr/> <u>/s/ BRETT HUTCHINSON</u> (Brett Hutchinson)	Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer	March 11, 2004
<hr/> <u>/s/ MICHAEL J. DURHAM</u> (Michael J. Durham)	Chairman of the Board	March 11, 2004
<hr/> <u>(Timothy C. Collins)</u>	Director	March 11, 2004
<hr/> <u>/s/ BEN DAVID MCDAVID</u> (Ben David McDavid)	Director	March 11, 2004
<hr/> <u>/s/ JOHN M. ROTH</u> (John M. Roth)	Director	March 11, 2004
<hr/> <u>/s/ IAN K. SNOW</u> (Ian K. Snow)	Director	March 11, 2004

<hr/> <u>/s/ THOMAS C. ISRAEL</u> (Thomas C. Israel)	Director	March 11, 2004
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/s/ VERNON E. JORDAN, JR.	Director	March 11, 2004
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(Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.)		
/s/ PHILIP F. MARITZ	Director	March 11, 2004
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/s/ THOMAS F. "MACK" MCLARTY	Director	March 11, 2004
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and each of the Guarantors named herein
8% SENIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES DUE 2014

INDENTURE

Dated as of December 23, 2003

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

as Trustee

CROSS-REFERENCE TABLE*

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(a)(2)	7.10
(a)(3)	N.A.
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(b)	7.10
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(c)	2.12

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N.A. means not applicable.

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The Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee agree as follows for the benefit of each other and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 (the “Notes”):

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DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION
BY REFERENCE

Section 1.01. Definitions.

“144A Global Note” means a global note substantially in the form of Exhibit A-1 hereto bearing the Global Note Legend and the Private Placement Legend and deposited with or on behalf of, and registered in the name of, the Depository or its nominee that will be issued in a denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of the Notes sold in reliance on Rule 144A.

“Acquired Debt” means, with respect to any specified Person, (i) Indebtedness of any other Person existing at the time such other Person is merged with or into or became a Subsidiary of such specified Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such other Person merging with or into, or becoming a Subsidiary of, such specified Person and (ii) Indebtedness secured by a Lien encumbering any asset acquired by such specified Person.

“Additional Notes” means additional notes (other than the Initial Notes) issued from time to time under this Indenture in accordance with Sections 2.02 and 4.09 hereof, as part of the same series as the Initial Notes.

“Affiliate” of any specified Person means any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For purposes of this definition, “control,” as used with respect to any Person, shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by agreement or otherwise; provided that beneficial ownership of 10% or more of the Voting Stock of a Person shall be deemed to be control. For purposes of this definition, the terms “controlling,” “controlled by” and “under common control with” have correlative meanings.

“Agent” means any Registrar, Paying Agent or co-registrar.

“Applicable Premium” means, with respect to a Note at any Redemption Date, the greater of (i) 1.0% of the principal amount of such Note and (ii) the excess of (A) the present value at such Redemption Date of (1) the redemption price of such Note at March 15, 2009 (such redemption price being described in Section 3.07 hereof) plus (2) all required interest payments due on such Note through March 15, 2009 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest), computed, in

both cases, using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate plus 50 basis points, over, (B) the principal amount of such Note.

“Applicable Procedures” means, with respect to any transfer or exchange of or for beneficial interests in any Global Note, the rules and procedures of the Depository, Euroclear and Clearstream that apply to such transfer or exchange.

“Asset Sale” means: (i) the sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition of any assets or rights; provided that the sale, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole will be governed by Section 4.15 and/or Section 5.01 of this Indenture and not by the provisions of Section 4.10 hereof; and (ii) the issuance of Equity Interests by any of the Company’s Restricted Subsidiaries or the sale of Equity Interests in any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

Notwithstanding the preceding, the following items will not be deemed to be Asset Sales: (1) for purposes of Section 4.10 hereof only, any single transaction or series of related transactions that involves assets having a fair market value of less than \$2.5 million; (2) a transfer of assets between or among the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, (3) an issuance of Equity Interests by a Subsidiary to the Company or to a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company; (4) the sale or lease of inventory or accounts receivable in the ordinary course of business; (5) the sale of obsolete or damaged equipment in the ordinary course of business; (6) the sale or other disposition of cash of Cash Equivalents; (7) for purposes of Section 4.10 hereof only, a Restricted Payment or Permitted Investment that is permitted by Section 4.07 of this Indenture; (8) any sale of Equity Interests in, or Indebtedness or other securities of, an Unrestricted Subsidiary; and (9) the creation of Liens.

“Attributable Debt” in respect of a sale and leaseback transaction means, at the time of determination, the present value of the obligation of the lessee for net rental payments during the remaining term of the lease included in such sale and leaseback transaction including any period for which such lease has been extended or may, at the option of the lessor, be extended. Such present value shall be calculated using a discount rate equal to the rate of interest implicit in such transaction, determined in accordance with GAAP.

“Bankruptcy Law” means Title 11, U.S. Code or any similar federal or state law for the relief of debtors.

“Beneficial Owner” has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that in calculating the beneficial ownership of any particular “person” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), such “person” will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such “person” has the right to acquire by conversion or exercise of other securities, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only upon the occurrence of a subsequent condition. The terms “Beneficially Owns” and “Beneficially Owned” have a corresponding meaning.

“Board of Directors” means (i) with respect to a corporation, the board of directors of the corporation; (ii) with respect to a partnership, the board of directors of the general partner of the partnership; and (iii) with respect to any other Person, the board or committee of such Person serving a similar function.

“Broker-Dealer” has the meaning set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement.

“Business Day” means any day other than a Legal Holiday.

“Capital Lease Obligation” means, at the time any determination is to be made, the amount of the liability in respect of a capital lease that would at that time be required to be capitalized on a balance sheet in accordance with GAAP.

“Capital Stock” means: (i) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock; (ii) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock; (iii) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership or membership interests (whether general or limited); and (iv) any other interest or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person.

“Cash Equivalents” means (i) United States dollars; (ii) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States government or any agency or instrumentality of the United States government (provided that the full faith and credit of the United States is pledged in support of those securities) having maturities of not more than six months from the date of acquisition; (iii) time deposit accounts, certificates of deposit and money market deposits maturing within 180 days of the date of acquisition thereof issued by a bank or trust company which is organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or any foreign country recognized by the United States, and which bank or trust company has capital, surplus aggregating in excess of \$500.0 million and has outstanding debt which is rated “A” (or such similar equivalent rating) or higher by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization (as defined in Rule 436 under the Securities Act) or any money-market fund sponsored by a registered broker dealer or mutual fund distributor; (iv) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than 30 days for underlying securities of the types described in clauses (ii) and (iii) above entered into with any financial institution meeting the qualifications specified in clause (iii) above; (v) commercial paper having the highest rating obtainable from Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. or Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services (or carrying an equivalent rating by another nationally recognized statistical rating organization (as defined under Rule 436 under the Securities Act) if both of such two rating agencies cease publishing ratings of investments) and maturing not more than 180 days from the date of acquisition; (vi) money market funds at least 95% of the assets of which constitute Cash Equivalents of the kinds described in clauses (i) through (v) above; and (vii) in the case of any Subsidiary organized or having its principal place of business outside the United States, investments denominated in the currency of the jurisdiction in which that Subsidiary is organized or has its principal place of business which are similar to the items specified in clauses (i) through (vi) above, including, without limitation, any deposit with a bank that is a lender to any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company.

“Change of Control” means the occurrence of any of the following: (i) the direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any “person” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) other than a Permitted Holder; (ii) the adoption of a plan relating to the liquidation or dissolution of the Company; (iii) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any “person” (as defined above), other than a Permitted Holder, becomes

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the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the Voting Stock of the Company, measured by voting power rather than number of shares; (iv) the first day on which a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Company are not Continuing Directors; or (v) the Company’s merger or consolidation with or into any Person, or the consolidation of any Person with, or the merger of any Person with or into, the Company, in any such event pursuant to a transaction in which any of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Company or such other Person is converted into or exchanged for cash, securities or other property, other than any such transaction where the Voting Stock of the Company outstanding immediately prior to such transaction is converted into or exchanged for Voting Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the surviving or transferee Person constituting a majority of the outstanding shares of such Voting Stock of such surviving or transferee Person (immediately after giving effect to such issuance).

“Clearstream” means ClearStream Bank S.A.

“Company” means Asbury Automotive Group, Inc., and any and all successors thereto.

“Consolidated Cash Flow” means, with respect to any specified Person for any period, the Consolidated Net Income of such Person for such period *plus*, without duplication: (i) provision for taxes based on income or profits of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, to the extent that such provision for taxes was deducted in computing such Consolidated Net Income; *plus* (ii) consolidated interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, whether or not capitalized (i) including, without limitation, amortization of debt issuance costs and original issue discount, non-cash interest payments, the interest component of any deferred payment obligations, the interest component of all payments associated with Capital Lease Obligations, imputed interest with respect to Attributable Debt, commissions, discounts and other fees and charges incurred in respect of letters of credit or bankers’ acceptance financings and net of the effect of all payments made or received pursuant to Hedging Obligations and (ii) excluding interest expense attributable to Indebtedness incurred under Floor Plan Facilities), to the extent that any such expense was deducted in computing such Consolidated Net Income; *plus* (iii) depreciation, amortization (including amortization of goodwill and other intangibles but excluding amortization of prepaid cash expenses that were paid in a prior period) and other non-cash expenses (excluding any such non-cash expense to the extent that it represents an accrual of or reserve for cash expenses in any future period or amortization of a prepaid cash expense that was paid in a prior period) of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period to the extent that such depreciation, amortization and other non-cash expenses were deducted in computing such Consolidated Net Income; *minus* (iv) non-cash items increasing such Consolidated Net Income for such period, other than the accrual of revenue in the ordinary course of business, in each case, on a consolidated basis and determined in accordance with GAAP.

“Consolidated Net Income” means, with respect to any specified Person for any period, the aggregate of the Net Income of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, on a consolidated basis, determined in accordance with GAAP, provided that: (i) the Net Income (or loss) of any Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary of such Person or that is accounted for by the equity method of accounting will not be included except such Net Income will be included to the extent of the amount of dividends or distributions paid in cash to the specified Person or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Person; (ii) the Net Income of any Restricted Subsidiary of such Person will be excluded to the extent that the declaration or payment of

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dividends or similar distributions by that Restricted Subsidiary of that Net Income is not at the date of determination permitted without any prior governmental approval (that has not been obtained) or, directly or indirectly, by operation of the terms of its charter or any agreement, instrument, judgment, decree, order, statute, rule or governmental regulation applicable to that Restricted Subsidiary or its stockholders; (iii) the Net Income (or loss) of any Person acquired in a pooling of interests transaction for any period prior to the date of such acquisition will be excluded; and (iv) the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles will be excluded.

“Consolidated Net Tangible Assets” of any Person means, as of any date, the amount which, in accordance with GAAP, would be set forth under the caption “Total Assets” (or any like caption) on a consolidated balance sheet of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries, as of the end of the most recently ended fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available, less all intangible assets, including, without limitation, goodwill, organization costs, patents, trademarks, copyrights, franchises, and research and development costs.

“Continuing Directors” means, as of any date of determination, any member of the Board of Directors of the Company who (i) was a member of such Board of Directors on the date of this Indenture; or (ii) was nominated for election or elected to such Board of Directors with the approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of such Board at the time of such nomination or election.

“Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee” shall be at the address of the Trustee specified in Section 13.02 hereof or such other address as to which the Trustee may give notice to the Company.

“Credit Agreement” means that certain First Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of June 6, 2003, among Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. and Asbury Automotive Group Holdings, Inc. and Ford Motor Credit Company, DaimlerChrysler Services North America LLC, General Motors Acceptance Corporation and the other lenders party thereto providing for revolving credit borrowings, including any related notes, guarantees, collateral documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection therewith, and in each case as amended, modified, renewed, refunded, replaced or refinanced from time to time.

“Credit Facilities” means, one or more debt facilities (including, without limitation, the Credit Agreement) or commercial paper facilities, in each case with banks or other institutional lenders providing for revolving credit loans, term loans, or letters of credit, in each case, as amended, extended, renewed, restated, supplemented, Refinanced, replaced or otherwise modified (in whole or in part, and without limitation as to amount, terms, conditions, covenants and other provisions, or lenders or holders) from time to time.

“Custodian” means the Trustee, as custodian with respect to the Notes in global form, or any successor entity thereto.

“Default” means any event that is, or with the passage of time or the giving of notice or both would be, an Event of Default.

“Definitive Note” means a certificated Note registered in the name of the Holder thereof and issued in accordance with Section 2.06 hereof, substantially in the form of

Exhibit A-1 hereto except that such Note shall not bear the Global Note Legend and shall not have the “Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note” attached thereto.

“Depository” means, with respect to the Notes issuable or issued in whole or in part in global form, the Person specified in Section 2.03 hereof as the Depository with respect to the Notes, and any and all successors thereto appointed as depository hereunder and having become such pursuant to the applicable provision of this Indenture.

“Designated Senior Debt” means (i) any Obligation outstanding under the Credit Agreement and Floor Plan Facilities; and (ii) after payment in full of all Obligations under the Credit Agreement and Floor Plan Facilities, any other Senior Debt permitted under this Indenture the principal amount of which is \$25.0 million or more and that has been designated by the Company as “Designated Senior Debt.”

“Disqualified Stock” means any Capital Stock that, by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible, or for which it is exchangeable, in each case at the option of the holder of the Capital Stock), or upon the happening of any event (other than any event solely within the control of the issuer thereof), matures or is mandatorily redeemable, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or redeemable at the option of the holder of the Capital Stock, in whole or in part, on or prior to the date that is 91 days after the date on which the Notes mature. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any Capital Stock that would constitute Disqualified Stock solely because the holders of the Capital Stock have the right to require the Company to repurchase such Capital Stock upon the occurrence of a change of control or an asset sale will not constitute Disqualified Stock if the terms of such Capital Stock provide that the Company may not repurchase or redeem any such Capital Stock pursuant to such provisions unless such repurchase or redemption complies with Section 4.07 hereof.

“Domestic Subsidiary” means any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that was formed under the laws of the United States or any state of the United States or the District of Columbia.

“Equity Interests” means Capital Stock and all warrants, options or other rights to acquire Capital Stock (but excluding any debt security that is convertible into, or exchangeable for, Capital Stock).

“Equity Offering” means any primary offering of common stock of the Company; provided that, if such primary offering is not a public offering, it shall not include the portion of such offering made to an Affiliate of the Company.

“Existing Senior Subordinated Indenture” means that certain Indenture, dated as of June 5, 2002, between the Company and The Bank of New York, as Trustee

“Existing Senior Subordinated Notes” means, as of any time of determination, notes outstanding at such time of determination issued by the Company under the Existing Senior Subordinated Indenture.

“Existing Senior Subordinated Notes Guarantees” means, as of any time of determination, guarantees outstanding at such time of determination entered into by Subsidiaries

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of the Company to guarantee the Company’s obligations under the Existing Senior Subordinated Indenture.

“Euroclear” means Euroclear Bank.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“Exchange Notes” means the Notes issued in the Exchange Offer pursuant to Section 2.06(f) hereof.

“Exchange Offer” has the meaning set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement.

“Exchange Offer Registration Statement” has the meaning set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement.

“Existing Indebtedness” means Indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than Indebtedness under the Credit Agreement and Floor Plan Facilities) in existence on the date of this Indenture, until such amounts are repaid.

“Fixed Charges” means, with respect to any specified Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for any period, the sum, without duplication, of: (i) the consolidated interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, including, without limitation, amortization of debt issuance costs and original issue discount, non-cash interest payments, the interest component of any deferred payment obligations, the interest component of all payments associated with Capital Lease Obligations, imputed interest with respect to Attributable Debt, commissions, discounts and other fees and charges incurred in respect of letter of credit or bankers’ acceptance financings, and net of the effect of all payments made or received pursuant to Hedging Obligations (but excluding interest expense attributable to Indebtedness incurred under Floor Plan Facilities); *plus* (ii) the consolidated interest of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries that was capitalized during such period; plus (iii) any interest expense on Indebtedness of another Person that is Guaranteed by such Person or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries or secured by a Lien on assets of such Person or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries, whether or not such Guarantee or Lien is called upon; plus (iv) the product of (A) all dividends, whether or not in cash, on any series of preferred stock of such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, other than dividends on Equity Interests payable solely in Equity Interests of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock) or the applicable Restricted Subsidiary to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, *times* (B) a fraction, the numerator of which is one and the denominator of which is one minus the effective combined federal, state and local tax rate of such Person for such period as estimated by the chief financial officer of such Person in good faith, expressed as a decimal, in each case, on a consolidated basis and in accordance with GAAP.

“Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio” means with respect to any specified Person for any period, the ratio of the Consolidated Cash Flow of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period to the Fixed Charges of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period. In the event that the specified Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries incurs, assumes, Guarantees, repays, repurchases or redeems any Indebtedness (other than ordinary working capital borrowings) or issues, repurchases or redeems preferred stock subsequent to the commencement of the period for which the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is being calculated and

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on or prior to the date on which the event for which the calculation of the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is made (the “Calculation Date”), then the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio will be calculated giving pro forma effect to such incurrence, assumption, Guarantee, repayment, repurchase or redemption of Indebtedness, or such issuance, repurchase or redemption of preferred stock, and the use of the proceeds therefrom as if the same had occurred at the beginning of the applicable four-quarter reference period. In addition, for purposes of calculating the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio: (i) acquisitions that have been made by the specified Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, including through mergers or consolidations and including any related financing transactions, during the four-quarter reference period or subsequent to such reference period and on or prior to the Calculation Date will be given pro forma effect as if they had occurred on the first day of the four-quarter reference period and Consolidated Cash Flow for such reference period will be calculated on a pro forma basis in accordance with Regulation S-X under the Securities Act, but without giving effect to clause (iii) of the proviso set forth in the definition of Consolidated Net Income; (ii) the Consolidated Cash Flow attributable to discontinued operations, as determined in accordance with GAAP, and operations or businesses disposed of prior to the Calculation Date, will be excluded; and (iii) the Fixed Charges attributable to discontinued operations, as determined in accordance with GAAP, and operations or businesses disposed of prior to the Calculation Date, will be excluded, but only to the extent that the obligations giving rise to such Fixed Charges will not be obligations of the specified Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries following the Calculation Date. For purposes of this definition, whenever pro forma effect is to be given to an acquisition of assets, the amount of income or earnings relating thereto and the amount of Fixed Charges associated with any Indebtedness incurred in connection therewith, the pro forma calculations shall be determined in good faith by the chief financial officer of the Company. If any Indebtedness bears a floating rate of interest and is being given pro forma effect, the interest on such Indebtedness shall be calculated as if the rate in effect on the date of determination had been the applicable rate for the entire period (taking into account any Hedging Obligation applicable to such Indebtedness if such Hedging Obligation has a remaining term in excess of 12 months).

“Floor Plan Facility” means an agreement with Ford Motor Credit Company, General Motors Acceptance Corporation, DaimlerChrysler Services North America LLC or any other lending institution affiliated with a Manufacturer or any bank or asset-based lender under which the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries incur Indebtedness, all of the net proceeds of which are used to purchase, finance or refinance vehicles and/or vehicle parts and supplies to be sold in the ordinary course of the business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries and which may not be secured except by a Lien that does not extend to or cover any property other than property of the dealership(s) which use the proceeds of the Floor Plan Facility or other dealerships who have incurred Indebtedness from the same lender.

“GAAP” means generally accepted accounting principles set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or in such other statements by such other entity as have been approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession, which are in effect from time to time.

“Global Notes” means, individually and collectively, each of the Restricted Global Notes and the Unrestricted Global Notes, substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto issued in accordance with Section 2.01, 2.06(b)(iv), 2.06(d)(ii) or 2.06(f) hereof.

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“Global Note Legend” means the legend set forth in Section 2.06(g)(ii), which is required to be placed on all Global Notes issued under this Indenture.

“Government Securities” means direct obligations (or certificates representing an ownership interest in such obligations) of the United States of America (including any agency or instrumentality thereof) for the payment of which the full faith and credit of the United States of America is pledged and which are not callable at the issuer’s option.

“Guarantee” means a guarantee other than by endorsement of negotiable instruments for collection in the ordinary course of business, direct or indirect, in any manner including, without limitation, by way of a pledge of assets or through letters of credit or reimbursement agreements in respect thereof, of all or any part of any Indebtedness.

“Guarantor” means any Subsidiary of the Company that guarantees the Notes in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture.

“Hedging Obligations” means, with respect to any specified Person, the obligations of such Person under (i) interest rate swap agreements, interest rate cap agreements and interest rate collar agreements; and (ii) other agreements or arrangements of a similar character designed to protect such Person against fluctuations in interest rates.

“Holder” means a Person in whose name a Note is registered on the Registrar’s books.

“Indebtedness” means, with respect to any specified Person, any indebtedness of such Person, whether or not contingent: (i) in respect of borrowed money; (ii) evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures or similar instruments or letters of credit (or reimbursement agreements in respect thereof); (iii) in respect of banker’s acceptances; (iv) representing Capital Lease Obligations or Attributable Debt in respect of sale and leaseback transactions; (v) representing the balance deferred and unpaid of the purchase price of any property, except any such balance that constitutes an accrued expense or trade payable; or (vi) representing any Hedging Obligations, if and to the extent any of the preceding items (other than letters of credit, Attributable Debt and Hedging Obligations) would appear as a liability upon a balance sheet of the specified Person prepared in accordance with GAAP. In addition, the term “Indebtedness” includes all Indebtedness of others secured by a Lien on any asset of the specified Person (whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by the specified Person) and, to the extent not otherwise included, the Guarantee by the specified Person of any Indebtedness of any other Person. The amount of any Indebtedness outstanding as of any date will be: (1) the accreted value of the Indebtedness, in the case of any Indebtedness issued with original issue discount; or (2) the principal amount of the Indebtedness. In addition, for the purpose of avoiding duplication in calculating the outstanding principal amount of Indebtedness for purposes of Section 4.09 hereof, Indebtedness arising solely by reason of the existence of a Lien to secure other Indebtedness permitted to be incurred under Section 4.09 hereof will not be considered incremental Indebtedness. Indebtedness shall not include the obligations of any Person (A) resulting from the endorsement of negotiable instruments for collection in the ordinary course of business and (B) under stand-by letters of credit to the extent collateralized by cash or Cash Equivalents.

“Indenture” means this Indenture, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

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“Indirect Participant” means a Person who holds a beneficial interest in a Global Note through a Participant.

“Initial Notes” means the first \$200,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Notes issued under this Indenture on the date hereof.

“Institutional Accredited Investor” means an institution that is an “accredited investor” as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act, who are not also QIBs.

“Investments” means, with respect to any Person, all direct or indirect investments by such Person in other Persons (including Affiliates) in the forms of loans (including Guarantees or other obligations), advances or capital contributions (excluding commission, travel and similar advances to officers and employees made in the ordinary course of business), purchases or other acquisitions for consideration of Indebtedness, Equity Interests or other securities, together with all items that are or would be classified as investments on a balance sheet prepared in accordance with GAAP. If the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company sells or otherwise disposes of any Equity Interests of any direct or indirect Restricted Subsidiary of the Company such that, after giving effect to any such sale or disposition, such Person is no longer a Subsidiary of the Company, the Company will be deemed to have made an Investment on the date of any such sale or disposition equal to the fair market value of the Equity Interests of such Subsidiary not sold or disposed of in an amount determined as provided in the final paragraph of Section 4.07 hereof. The acquisition by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company of a Person that holds an Investment in a third Person will be deemed to be an Investment by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary in such third Person in an amount equal to the fair market value of the Investment held by the acquired Person in such third Person in an amount determined as provided in the final paragraph of Section 4.07 hereof. Except as otherwise provided for herein, the amount of an Investment shall be its fair value at the time the Investment is made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value.

“Issue Date” means December 23, 2003.

“Legal Holiday” means a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in the City of New York or at a place of payment are authorized by law, regulation or executive order to remain closed. If a payment date is a Legal Holiday at a place of payment, payment may be made at that place on the next succeeding day that is not a Legal Holiday, and no interest shall accrue on such payment for the intervening period.

“Letter of Transmittal” means the letter of transmittal to be prepared by the Company and sent to all Holders of the Notes for use by such Holders in connection with the Exchange Offer.

“Lexus Dealership Indebtedness Or Trade Payables” means (i) Indebtedness or trade payables directly related to or incident to the operation of a franchised Lexus retail dealership, and (ii) Indebtedness as to which all or substantially all of the Company’s Domestic Subsidiaries are, directly or indirectly, liable on the date hereof.

“Lexus Dealership Subsidiary” means a Subsidiary of the Company which directly or indirectly operates a Lexus retail dealership under a franchise from Toyota Motor

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Sales, U.S.A., Inc. (or successor) and conducts no other business and which has no Indebtedness or trade payables outstanding other than Lexus Dealership Indebtedness Or Trade Payables.

“Lien” means, with respect to any asset, any mortgage, lien, pledge, charge, security interest or encumbrance of any kind in respect of such asset, whether or not filed, recorded or otherwise perfected under applicable law, including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any lease in the nature thereof, any option or other agreement to sell or give a security interest in and any filing of an agreement to give any financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code (or equivalent statutes) of any jurisdiction.

“Manufacturer” means a vehicle manufacturer which is a party to a dealership or national framework franchise agreement with the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company.

“Net Income” means, with respect to any specified Person, the net income (loss) of such Person, determined in accordance with GAAP and before any reduction in respect of preferred stock dividends, excluding, however: (i) any gain (or loss), together with any related provision for taxes on such gain (or loss), realized in connection with: (A) any Asset Sale; or (B) the disposition of any securities by such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or the extinguishment of any Indebtedness of such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; and (ii) any extraordinary gain (or loss), together with any related provision for taxes on such extraordinary gain (or loss).

“Net Proceeds” means the aggregate cash proceeds received by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of any Asset Sale (including, without limitation, any cash received upon the sale or other disposition of any non-cash consideration received in any Asset Sale, but only as and when received), in each case net of (i) the direct costs relating to such Asset Sale, including, without limitation, legal, accounting and investment banking fees, and sales commissions, recording fees, title transfer fees, appraiser fees, cost of preparation of assets for sale, and any relocation expenses incurred as a result of the Asset Sale, (ii) taxes paid or payable as a result of the Asset Sale, in each case, after taking into account any available tax credits or deductions and any tax sharing arrangements, (iii) amounts required to be applied to the repayment of Indebtedness secured by a Lien on the asset or assets that were the subject of such Asset Sale, (iv) all pro rata distributions and other pro rata payments required to be made to minority interest holders in Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company or joint ventures as a result of such Asset Sale, and (v) any reserve for adjustment in respect of the sale price of such asset or assets established in accordance with GAAP.

“Non-Recourse Debt” means Indebtedness: (i) as to which neither the Company nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (a) provides credit support of any kind (including any undertaking, agreement or instrument that would constitute Indebtedness), (b) is directly or indirectly liable as a guarantor or otherwise or (c) constitutes the lender; (ii) no default with respect to which (including any rights that the holders of the Indebtedness may have to take enforcement action against an Unrestricted Subsidiary) would permit upon notice, lapse of time or both any holder of any other Indebtedness (other than the notes) of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to declare a default on such other Indebtedness or cause the payment of the Indebtedness to be accelerated or payable prior to its stated maturity; and (iii) as to which the lenders have been notified in writing (which may be by the terms of the instrument evidencing such Indebtedness) that they will not have any recourse to the stock (other than the stock of an

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Unrestricted Subsidiary pledged by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) or assets of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

“Non-U.S. Person” means a Person who is not a U.S. Person.

“Notes” has the meaning assigned to it in the preamble to this Indenture. The Initial Notes and the Additional Notes shall be treated as a single class for all purposes under this Indenture.

“Obligations” means any principal, interest, penalties, fees, indemnifications, reimbursements, damages and other liabilities payable under the documentation governing any Indebtedness.

“Offering” means the offering of the Notes by the Company.

“Officer” means, with respect to any Person, the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, the Chief Operating Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Controller, the Secretary or any Vice-President of such Person.

“Officers’ Certificate” means a certificate signed on behalf of the Company by two Officers of the Company, one of whom must be the principal executive officer, the principal financial officer, the treasurer or the principal accounting officer of the Company, that meets the requirements of Section 13.05 hereof.

“Opinion of Counsel” means an opinion from legal counsel that meets the requirements of Section 13.05 hereof. The counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company.

“Participant” means, with respect to the Depository, Euroclear or Clearstream, a Person who has an account with the Depository, Euroclear or Clearstream, respectively (and, with respect to DTC, shall include Euroclear and Clearstream).

“Permitted Business” means any business that derives a majority of its revenues from the business engaged in by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries on the date of original issuance of the Notes and/or activities that are reasonably similar, ancillary, incidental, complementary or related to, or a reasonable extension, development or expansion of, the businesses in which the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries are engaged on the date of original issuance of the Notes.

“Permitted Holder” means each of (i) Asbury Automotive Holdings L.L.C., so long as 100% of its Equity Interests are beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by the entities described in clauses (ii) and (iii); (ii) Ripplewood Investments L.L.C. (“Ripplewood”) and entities which are Affiliates of Ripplewood (without regard to the proviso in the definition of Affiliate), so long as Ripplewood is the beneficial owner of more than 50% of the Voting Stock of, or otherwise controls, such entities; and (iii) Freeman Spogli & Co. and entities which are Affiliates of Freeman Spogli (without regard to the proviso in the definition of Affiliate), so long as Freeman Spogli & Co. is the beneficial owner of more than 50% of the Voting Stock of, or otherwise controls, such entities.

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“Permitted Investments” means (i) any Investment in the Company or in a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company; (ii) any Investment in cash or Cash Equivalents; (iii) any Investment by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company in a Person, if as a result of such Investment: (A) such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company; or (B) such Person is merged, consolidated or amalgamated with or into, or transfers or conveys substantially all of its assets to, or is liquidated into, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company; (iv) any Investment made as a result of the receipt of non-cash consideration from an Asset Sale that was made pursuant to and in compliance with Section 4.10 hereof; (v) any Investment to the extent made in exchange for the issuance of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company; (vi) Hedging Obligations; (vii) Investments in prepaid expenses, negotiable instruments held for collection and lease, utility and workers’ compensation, performance and other similar deposits; (viii) transactions with officers, directors and employees of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries entered into in the ordinary course of business (including compensation, employee benefit or indemnity arrangements with any such officer, director or employee) and consistent with past business practices; (ix) any Investment consisting of a guarantee permitted under Section 4.09 hereof; (x) Investments consisting of non-cash consideration received in the form of securities, notes or similar obligations in connection with dispositions of obsolete assets or assets damaged in the ordinary course of business and permitted pursuant to this Indenture; (xi) advances, loans or extensions of credit to suppliers in the ordinary course of business by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; (xii) Investments (including debt obligations) received in connection with the bankruptcy or reorganization of suppliers and customers and in settlement of delinquent obligations of, and other disputes with, customers and suppliers arising in the ordinary course of business; (xiii) loans and advances to employees made in the ordinary course of business not to exceed \$2.5 million in the aggregate at any time outstanding; (xiv) payroll, travel and similar advances to cover matters that are expected at the time of such advances ultimately to be treated as expenses for accounting purposes and that are made in the ordinary course of business; (xv) Investments in any Person to the extent such Investment existed on date of this Indenture and any Investment that replaces, refinances or refunds such an Investment, provided that the new Investment is in an amount that does not exceed that amount replaced, refinanced or refunded and is made in the same Person as the Investment replaced, refinanced or refunded; (xvi) trade receivables and prepaid expenses, in each case arising in the ordinary course of business; provided that such receivables and prepaid expenses would be recorded as assets in accordance with GAAP; and (xvii) other Investments in any Person having an aggregate fair market value, when taken together with all other Investments made pursuant to this clause (xvii) since the date of this Indenture not to exceed \$15.0 million.

“Permitted Junior Securities” means (i) Equity Interests in the Company or any Guarantor; or (ii) debt securities that are subordinated to all Senior Debt (and any debt securities issued in exchange for Senior Debt) to substantially the same extent as, or to a greater extent than, the Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees are subordinated to Senior Debt under this Indenture.

“Permitted Liens” means (i) Liens of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries securing Senior Debt that was permitted by the terms of this Indenture to be incurred; (ii) Liens upon any property or assets of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, now owned or hereafter acquired, which secures any Indebtedness that ranks *pari passu* with or subordinate to the Notes; *provided* that (A) if such Lien secures Indebtedness which is *pari passu* with the Notes, the Notes are secured on an equal and ratable basis with the Indebtedness so secured until such time as such Indebtedness is no longer secured by a Lien, or

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(B) if such Lien secures Indebtedness which is subordinated to the Notes, any such Lien shall be subordinated to a Lien granted to the holders of the Notes in the same collateral as that securing such Lien to the same extent as such subordinated Indebtedness is subordinated to the Notes; (iii) Liens in favor of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; (iv) Liens on property of a Person existing at the time such Person is merged with or into or consolidated with the Company or any Subsidiary thereof; *provided* that such Liens were in existence prior to the contemplation of such merger or consolidation and do not extend to any assets other than those of the Person merged into or consolidated with the Company or such Subsidiary; (v) Liens on property existing at the time of acquisition of the property by the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company, *provided* that such Liens were in existence prior to the contemplation of such acquisition; (vi) Liens to secure the performance of statutory obligations, surety or appeal bonds, performance bonds or other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business; (vii) Liens to secure Indebtedness (including Capital Lease Obligations) permitted by clause (v) of the definition of Permitted Debt; (viii) Liens existing on the date of this Indenture; (ix) Liens for taxes, assessments or governmental charges or claims that are not yet delinquent or that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings promptly instituted and diligently concluded, *provided* that any reserve or other appropriate provision as is required in conformity with GAAP has been made therefore; and (x) Liens incurred in the ordinary course of business of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company with respect to obligations that do not exceed \$10.0 million at any one time outstanding.

“Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness” means any Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries issued to Refinance other Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than intercompany Indebtedness); *provided* that: (i) the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of the Indebtedness being Refinanced (plus all accrued interest on the Indebtedness and the amount of all expenses and premiums incurred in connection therewith); (ii) such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a final maturity date later than the final maturity date of, and has a Weighted Average Life to Maturity equal to or greater than the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of, the Indebtedness being Refinanced; (iii) if the Indebtedness being Refinanced is subordinated in right of payment to the Notes, such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a final maturity date later than the final maturity date of, and is subordinated in right of payment to, the notes on terms at least as favorable to the Holders of Notes as those contained in the documentation governing the Indebtedness being Refinanced; and (iv) such Indebtedness is incurred either by the Company or by the Restricted Subsidiary who is the obligor on the Indebtedness being Refinanced.

“Person” means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, limited liability company or government or other entity.

“Private Placement Legend” means the legend set forth in Section 2.06(g)(i) to be placed on all Notes issued under this Indenture except where otherwise permitted by the provisions of this Indenture.

“QIB” means a “qualified institutional buyer” as defined in Rule 144A.

“Refinance” means, in respect of any Indebtedness, to refinance, extend, renew, refund, repay, prepay, redeem, defease or retire, or to issue other Indebtedness in exchange or

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replacement for, such Indebtedness. “Refinanced” and “Refinancing” shall have correlative meanings.

“Registration Default” has the meaning provided in the Registration Rights Agreement.

“Registration Default Period” has the meaning provided in the Registration Rights Agreement.

“Registration Rights Agreement” means the Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of December 23, 2003, and among the Company and the other parties named on the signature pages thereof, as such agreement may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time and, with respect to any Additional Notes, one or more registration rights agreements between the Company and the other parties thereto, as such agreement(s) may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time, relating to rights given by the Company to the purchasers of Additional Notes to register such Additional Notes under the Securities Act.

“Regulation S” means Regulation S promulgated under the Securities Act.

“Regulation S Global Note” means a global Note bearing the Private Placement Legend and deposited with or on behalf of the Depository and registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee, issued in a denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of the Notes initially sold in reliance on Rule 903 of Regulation S.

“Regulation S Permanent Global Note” means a permanent global Note in the form of Exhibit A2 hereto bearing the Global Note Legend and Private Placement Legend and deposited with or on behalf of and registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee, issued in a denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of the Regulation S Temporary Global Note upon expiration of the Restricted Period.

“Regulation S Temporary Global Note” means a temporary global Note in the form of Exhibit A2 hereto bearing the Private Placement Legend and deposited with or on behalf of and registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee, issued in a denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of the Notes initially sold in reliance on Rule 903 of Regulation S.

“Replacement Assets” means (x) properties and assets (other than cash or any Capital Stock or other security) that will be used in a Permitted Business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries or (y) Capital Stock of any Person that will become on the date of acquisition thereof a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of such Acquisition and that is involved principally in Permitted Businesses.

“Representative” means the indenture trustee or other trustee, agent or representative for any Senior Debt.

“Responsible Officer,” when used with respect to the Trustee, means any officer within the Corporate Trust Administration of the Trustee (or any successor group of the Trustee) including any vice president, assistant vice president, assistant secretary, assistant treasurer, trust officer or any other officer of the Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those

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performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of his knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject and who shall have direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture.

“Restricted Definitive Note” means a Definitive Note bearing the Private Placement Legend.

“Restricted Global Note” means a Global Note bearing the Private Placement Legend.

“Restricted Investment” means an Investment other than a Permitted Investment.

“Restricted Period” means the 40-day distribution compliance period as defined in Regulation S.

“Restricted Subsidiary” of a Person means any Subsidiary of the referent Person that is not an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

“Rule 144” means Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act.

“Rule 144A” means Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act.

“Rule 903” means Rule 903 promulgated under the Securities Act.

“Rule 904” means Rule 904 promulgated the Securities Act.

“SEC” means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

“Senior Debt” means: (i) all Indebtedness of the Company or any Guarantor outstanding under Credit Facilities, and all Hedging Obligations with respect thereto, and under Floor Plan Facilities; (ii) any other Indebtedness of the Company or any Guarantor permitted to be incurred under the terms of this Indenture; and (iii) all Obligations with respect to the items listed in the preceding clauses (i) and (ii); unless in the case of clauses (i) and (ii), the instrument under which such Indebtedness is incurred expressly provides that it is on a parity with or subordinated in right of payment to the Notes or any Subsidiary Guarantee, as the case may be.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding paragraph, Senior Debt will not include: (a) any liability for federal, state, local or other taxes owed or owing by the Company; (b) any intercompany Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries owing to the Company or any of its Affiliates; (c) any trade payables; or (d) the portion of any Indebtedness that is incurred in violation of this Indenture.

“Senior Subordinated Indebtedness” means, with respect to any Person, the Notes and the Existing Senior Subordinated Notes (in the case of the Company), the Subsidiary Guarantees and the Existing Senior Subordinated Notes Guarantees (in the case of a Guarantor), and any other Indebtedness of such Person that specifically provides that such Indebtedness is to rank *pari passu* with the Notes, the Existing Senior Subordinated Notes or such Subsidiary

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Guarantee or Existing Senior Subordinated Notes Guarantee, as the case may be, in right of payment and is not subordinated by its terms in right of payment to any Indebtedness or other obligation of such Person which is not Senior Debt of such Person.

“Shelf Registration Statement” means the Shelf Registration Statement as defined in the Registration Rights Agreement.

“Significant Subsidiary” means any Restricted Subsidiary that would be a “significant subsidiary” as defined in Article 1, Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X, promulgated pursuant to the Securities Act, as such Regulation is in effect on the date of this Indenture.

“Special Interest” means special interest payable to Holders of Notes following the occurrence of a Registration Default in an amount equal to \$.05 per week per \$1,000 principal amount of Notes, and in an amount increasing by an additional \$.05 per week per \$1,000 principal amount of Notes with respect to each subsequent 90 days of the Registration Default Period until all Registration Defaults have been cured, up to a maximum amount of Special Interest for all Registration Defaults of \$.50 per week per \$1,000 principal amount of Notes as described under Section 2 of the Registration Rights Agreement.

“Stated Maturity” means, with respect to any installment of interest or principal on any series of Indebtedness, the date on which the payment of interest or principal was scheduled to be paid in the original documentation governing such Indebtedness, but excluding any provision providing for any contingent obligations to repay, redeem or repurchase any such interest or principal prior to the date originally scheduled for the payment thereof.

“Subsidiary” means, with respect to any specified Person (i) any corporation, limited liability company, association or other business entity whether now existing or hereafter formed or acquired of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees of the corporation, association or other business entity is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by that Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that Person (or a combination thereof); and (ii) any partnership whether now existing or hereafter formed or acquired (A) the sole general partner or the managing general partner of which is such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person or (B) the only general partners of which are that Person or one or more Subsidiaries of that Person (or any combination thereof).

“Subsidiary Guarantee” means a Guarantee by a Guarantor of the Company’s obligations with respect to the Notes.

“TIA” means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. §§ 77aaa-77bbb) as in effect on the date on which this Indenture is qualified under the TIA.

“Toyota Dealership Indebtedness Or Trade Payables” means (i) Indebtedness or trade payables directly related to or incident to the operation of a franchised Toyota retail dealership, and (ii) Indebtedness as to which all or substantially all of the Company’s Domestic Subsidiaries are, directly or indirectly, liable on the date hereof.

“Toyota Dealership Subsidiary” means a Subsidiary of the Company which directly operates a Toyota retail dealership under a franchise from Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A.,

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Inc., (or successor) and conducts no other business and which has no Indebtedness or trade payables outstanding other than Toyota Dealership Indebtedness Or Trade Payables.

“Treasury Rate” means the yield to maturity at a time of computation of United States Treasury securities with a constant maturity (as compiled and published in the most recent Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (519) which has become publicly available at least two business days prior to the Redemption Date (or, if such Statistical Release is no longer published, any publicly available source similar market data)) most nearly equal to the period from the Redemption Date to March 15, 2009, *provided, however*, that if the period from the Redemption Date to March 15, 2009 is not equal to the constant maturity of a United States Treasury security for which a weekly average yield is given, the Treasury Rate shall be obtained by linear interpolation (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth of a year) from the weekly average yields of United States Treasury securities for which such yields are

given, except that if the period from the Redemption Date to March 15, 2009 is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actually traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year shall be used.

“Trustee” means the party named as such above until a successor replaces it in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Indenture and thereafter means the successor serving hereunder.

“Unrestricted Global Note” means a permanent global Note substantially in the form of Exhibit A1 attached hereto that bears the Global Note Legend and that has the “Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note” attached thereto, and that is deposited with or on behalf of and registered in the name of the Depository, representing a series of Notes that do not bear the Private Placement Legend.

“Unrestricted Definitive Note” means one or more Definitive Notes that do not bear and are not required to bear the Private Placement Legend.

“Unrestricted Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary of the Company that is designated by the Board of Directors of the Company as an Unrestricted Subsidiary pursuant to a Board Resolution, and any Subsidiary of an Unrestricted Subsidiary, but only to the extent that such Subsidiary: (i) has no Indebtedness other than Non-Recourse Debt; (ii) is not party to any agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding with the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company unless the terms of any such agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding are no less favorable to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary than those that might be obtained at the time from Persons who are not Affiliates of the Company; (iii) is a Person with respect to which neither the Company nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries has any direct or indirect obligation (A) to subscribe for additional Equity Interests or (B) to maintain or preserve such Person’s financial condition or to cause such Person to achieve any specified levels of operating results; (iv) has not guaranteed or otherwise directly or indirectly provided credit support for any Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; and (v) has at least one director on its Board of Directors that is not a director or executive officer of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company and has at least one executive officer that is not a director or executive officer of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company. Any designation of a Subsidiary of the Company as an Unrestricted Subsidiary will be evidenced to the Trustee by filing with the Trustee a certified copy of the Board Resolution giving effect to such designation and an officers’ certificate certifying that such designation

complied with the preceding conditions and was permitted by Section 4.07 hereof. If, at any time, any Unrestricted Subsidiary would fail to meet the preceding requirements as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, it will thereafter cease to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary for purposes of this Indenture and any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary will be deemed to be incurred by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company as of such date and, if such Indebtedness is not permitted to be incurred as of such date under Section 4.09 hereof, the Company will be in default of such covenant. The Board of Directors of the Company may at any time designate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary, provided that such designation will be deemed to be an incurrence of Indebtedness by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company of any outstanding Indebtedness of such Unrestricted Subsidiary and such designation will only be permitted if: (x) such Indebtedness is permitted under Section 4.09 hereof, calculated on a pro forma basis as if such designation had occurred at the beginning of the four-quarter reference period; and (y) no Default or Event of Default would occur or be in existence following such designation.

“U.S. Person” means a U.S. person as defined in Rule 902(k) under the Securities Act.

“Voting Stock” of any Person as of any date means the Capital Stock of such Person that is at the time entitled to vote in the election of the Board of Directors of such Person.

“Weighted Average Life to Maturity” means, when applied to any Indebtedness at any date, the number of years obtained by dividing: (i) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (A) the amount of each then remaining installment, sinking fund, serial maturity or other required payments of principal, including payment at final maturity, in respect of the Indebtedness, by (B) the number of years (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth) that will elapse between such date and the making of such payment; by (ii) the then outstanding principal amount of such Indebtedness.

Section 1.02. Other Definitions.

<u>Term</u>	<u>Defined in Section</u>
“Affiliate Transaction”	4.11
“Asset Sale Offer”	3.09
“Authentication Order”	2.02
“Bankruptcy Law”	4.01
“Change of Control Offer”	4.15
“Change of Control Payment”	4.15
“Change of Control Payment Date”	4.15
“Covenant Defeasance”	8.03
“DTC”	2.03
“Event of Default”	6.01
“Excess Proceeds”	4.10
“incur”	4.09
“Legal Defeasance”	8.02
“Offer Amount”	3.09
“Offer Period”	3.09
“Payment Default”	6.01

<u>Term</u>	<u>Defined in Section</u>
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“Paying Agent”	2.03
“Permitted Debt”	4.09
“Purchase Date”	3.09
“Redemption Date”	3.07
“Registrar”	2.03
“Restricted Payments”	4.07
“Successor Company”	5.01
“Suspended Covenants”	4.19

Section 1.03. Incorporation by Reference of Trust Indenture Act.

This Indenture is subject to the mandatory provisions of the TIA, which are incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Indenture.

The following TIA terms used in this Indenture have the following meanings:

“indenture securities” means the Notes;

“indenture security Holder” means a Holder of a Note;

“indenture to be qualified” means this Indenture;

“indenture trustee” or “institutional trustee” means the Trustee; and

“obligor” on the Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees means the Company and the Guarantors, respectively, and any successor obligor upon the Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees, respectively.

All other terms used in this Indenture that are defined by the TIA, defined by TIA reference to another statute or defined by SEC rule under the TIA have the meanings so assigned to them.

Section 1.04. Rules of Construction.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) a term has the meaning assigned to it;
- (b) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with GAAP;
- (c) “or” is not exclusive;
- (d) words in the singular include the plural, and in the plural include the singular;

- (e) provisions apply to successive events and transactions; and

(f) references to sections of or rules under the Securities Act shall be deemed to include substitute, replacement of successor sections or rules adopted by the SEC from time to time.

ARTICLE 2
THE NOTES

Section 2.01. Form and Dating.

(a) General. The Notes and the Trustee’s certificate of authentication shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto. The Notes may have notations, legends or endorsements required by law, stock exchange rule or usage. Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. The Notes shall be in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof.

The terms and provisions contained in the Notes shall constitute, and are hereby expressly made, a part of this Indenture, and the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee, by their execution and delivery of this Indenture, expressly agree to such terms and provisions and to be bound thereby. However, to the extent any provision of any Note conflicts with the express provisions of this Indenture, the provisions of this Indenture shall govern and be controlling.

(b) Global Notes. Notes issued in global form shall be substantially in the form of Exhibits A1 or A2 attached hereto (including the Global Note Legend thereon and the “Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note” attached thereto). Notes issued in definitive form shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A1 attached hereto (but without the Global Note Legend thereon and without the “Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note” attached thereto). Each Global Note shall represent such of the outstanding Notes as shall be specified therein and each shall provide that it shall represent the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes from time to time endorsed thereon and that the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges and redemptions. Any endorsement of a Global Note to reflect the amount of any increase or decrease in the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby shall be made by the Trustee or the Custodian, at the direction of the Trustee, in accordance with instructions given by the Holder thereof as required by Section 2.06 hereof.

(c) Temporary Global Notes. Notes offered and sold in reliance on Regulation S shall be issued initially in the form of the Regulation S Temporary Global Note, which shall be deposited on behalf of the purchasers of the Notes represented thereby with the Trustee, at its New York office, as custodian for the Depository, and registered in the name of the Depository or the nominee of the Depository for the accounts of designated agents holding on behalf of Euroclear or Clearstream Bank, duly executed by the Company and authenticated by the Trustee as hereinafter provided. The Restricted Period shall be terminated upon the receipt by the Trustee of (i) a written certificate from the Depository, together with copies of certificates from Euroclear and Clearstream Bank certifying that they have received certification of non-United States beneficial ownership of 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the Regulation S Temporary Global Note (except to the extent of any beneficial owners thereof who acquired an interest therein during the Restricted Period pursuant to another exemption from registration under the Securities Act and who will take delivery of a beneficial ownership interest in a 144A

Global Note bearing a Private Placement Legend, all as contemplated by Section 2.06(a)(ii) hereof), and (ii) an Officers' Certificate from the Company. Following the termination of the Restricted Period, beneficial interests in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note shall be exchanged for beneficial interests in Regulation S Permanent Global Notes pursuant to the Applicable Procedures. Simultaneously with the authentication of Regulation S Permanent Global Notes, the Trustee shall cancel the Regulation S Temporary Global Note. The aggregate principal amount of the Regulation S Temporary Global Note and the Regulation S Permanent Global Notes may from time to time be increased or decreased by adjustments made on the records of the Trustee and the Depository or its nominee, as the case may be, in connection with transfers of interest as hereinafter provided.

(d) Euroclear and Clearstream Procedures Applicable. The provisions of the "Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System" and "Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear" and the "General Terms and Conditions of Clearstream" and "Customer Handbook" of Clearstream shall be applicable to transfers of beneficial interests in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note and the Regulation S Permanent Global Notes that are held by Participants through Euroclear or Clearstream.

Section 2.02. Execution and Authentication.

An Officer shall sign the Notes for the Company by manual or facsimile signature.

If an Officer whose signature is on a Note no longer holds that office at the time a Note is authenticated, the Note shall nevertheless be valid.

A Note shall not be valid until authenticated by the manual signature of the Trustee. The signature shall be conclusive evidence that the Note has been authenticated under this Indenture.

On the Issue Date, the Trustee shall, upon a written order of the Company signed by an Officer (an "Authentication Order"), authenticate Notes for original issue up to \$200,000,000 in aggregate principal amount and, upon delivery of any Authentication Order at any time and from time to time thereafter, the Trustee shall authenticate Notes for original issue in an aggregate principal amount specified in such Authentication Order.

The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent acceptable to the Company to authenticate Notes. An authenticating agent may authenticate Notes whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as an Agent to deal with Holders or an Affiliate of the Company.

Section 2.03. Registrar and Paying Agent.

The Company shall maintain an office or agency where Notes may be presented for registration of transfer or for exchange ("Registrar") and an office or agency where Notes may be presented for payment ("Paying Agent"). The Registrar shall keep a register of the Notes and of their transfer and exchange. The Company may appoint one or more co-registrars and one or more additional paying agents. The term "Registrar" includes any co-registrar and the term

"Paying Agent" includes any additional paying agent. The Company may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Company shall promptly notify the Trustee in writing of the name and address of any Agent not a party to this Indenture. If the Company fails to appoint or maintain another entity as Registrar or Paying Agent, the Trustee shall act as such. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act as Paying Agent or Registrar.

The Company initially appoints The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") to act as Depository with respect to the Global Notes.

The Company initially appoints the Trustee to act as the Registrar and Paying Agent and to act as Custodian with respect to the Global Notes.

Section 2.04. Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust.

The Company shall require each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to agree in writing that the Paying Agent will hold in trust for the benefit of Holders or the Trustee all money held by the Paying Agent for the payment of principal, premium, or Special Interest if any, or interest on the Notes, and will notify the Trustee of any default by the Company in making any such payment. While any such default continues, the Trustee may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. The Company at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. Upon payment over to the Trustee, the Paying Agent (if other than the Company or a Subsidiary) shall have no further liability for the money. If the Company or a Subsidiary acts as Paying Agent, it shall segregate and hold in a separate trust fund for the benefit of the Holders all money held by it as Paying Agent. Upon any bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings relating to the Company, the Trustee shall serve as Paying Agent for the Notes.

Section 2.05. Holder Lists.

The Trustee shall preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of all Holders and shall otherwise comply with TIA § 312(a). If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee in writing at least seven Business Days before each interest payment date and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, a list in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of the Holders of Notes and the Company shall otherwise comply with TIA § 312(a).

Section 2.06. Transfer and Exchange.

(a) Transfer and Exchange of Global Notes. A Global Note may not be transferred as a whole except by the Depositary to a nominee of the Depositary, by a nominee of the Depositary to the Depositary or to another nominee of the Depositary, or by the Depositary or any such nominee to a successor Depositary or a nominee of such successor Depositary. All Global Notes will be exchanged by the Company for Definitive Notes if (i) the Company delivers to the Trustee notice from the Depositary that it is unwilling or unable to continue to act as Depositary or that it is no longer a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and, in either case, a successor Depositary is not appointed by the Company within 120 days after the date of such notice from the Depositary or (ii) the Company in its sole discretion determines that the Global Notes (in whole but not in part) should be exchanged for Definitive Notes and delivers

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a written notice to such effect to the Trustee; provided that in no event shall the Regulation S Temporary Global Note be exchanged by the Company for Definitive Notes prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period. Upon the occurrence of either of the preceding events in (i) or (ii) above, Definitive Notes shall be issued in such names as the Depositary shall instruct the Trustee. Global Notes also may be exchanged or replaced, in whole or in part, as provided in Sections 2.07 and 2.10 hereof. Every Note authenticated and delivered in exchange for, or in lieu of, a Global Note or any portion thereof, pursuant to this Section 2.06 or Section 2.07 or 2.10 hereof, shall be authenticated and delivered in the form of, and shall be, a Global Note. A Global Note may not be exchanged for another Note other than as provided in this Section 2.06(a), however, beneficial interests in a Global Note may be transferred and exchanged as provided in Section 2.06(b), (c) or (f) hereof.

(b) Transfer and Exchange of Beneficial Interests in the Global Notes. The transfer and exchange of beneficial interests in the Global Notes shall be effected through the Depositary, in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture and the Applicable Procedures. Beneficial interests in the Restricted Global Notes shall be subject to the restrictions set forth herein to the extent required by the Securities Act. Transfers of beneficial interests in the Global Notes also shall require compliance with either subparagraph (i) or (ii) below, as applicable, as well as one or more of the other following subparagraphs, as applicable:

(i) Transfer of Beneficial Interests in the Same Global Note. Beneficial interests in any Restricted Global Note may be transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in the same Restricted Global Note in accordance with the transfer restrictions set forth in the Private Placement Legend; provided that prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period, transfers of beneficial interests in the Temporary Regulation S Global Note may not be made to a U.S. Person or for the account or benefit of a U.S. Person (other than an Initial Purchaser). Beneficial interests in any Unrestricted Global Note may be transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note. No written orders or instructions shall be required to be delivered to the Registrar to effect the transfers described in this Section 2.06(b)(i).

(ii) All Other Transfers and Exchanges of Beneficial Interests in Global Notes. In connection with all transfers and exchanges of beneficial interests that are not subject to Section 2.06(b)(i) above, the transferor of such beneficial interest must deliver to the Registrar either (A) (1) a written order from a Participant or an Indirect Participant given to the Depositary in accordance with the Applicable Procedures directing the Depositary to credit or cause to be credited a beneficial interest in another Global Note in an amount equal to the beneficial interest to be transferred or exchanged and (2) instructions given in accordance with the Applicable Procedures containing information regarding the Participant account to be credited with such increase or (B) (1) a written order from a Participant or an Indirect Participant given to the Depositary in accordance with the Applicable Procedures directing the Depositary to cause to be issued a Definitive Note in an amount equal to the beneficial interest to be transferred or exchanged and (2) instructions given by the Depositary to the Registrar containing information regarding the Person in whose name such Definitive Note shall be registered to effect the transfer or exchange referred to in (1) above; provided that in no event shall Definitive Notes be issued upon the transfer or exchange of beneficial interests in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period.

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Upon consummation of an Exchange Offer by the Company in accordance with Section 2.06(f) hereof, the requirements of this Section 2.06(b)(ii) shall be deemed to have been satisfied upon receipt by the Registrar of the instructions contained in the Letter of Transmittal delivered by the Holder of such beneficial interests in the Restricted Global Notes. Upon satisfaction of all of the requirements for transfer or exchange of beneficial interests in Global Notes contained in this Indenture and the Notes or otherwise applicable under the Securities Act, the Trustee shall adjust the principal amount of the relevant Global Note(s) pursuant to Section 2.06(h) hereof.

(iii) Transfer of Beneficial Interests to Another Restricted Global Note. A beneficial interest in any Restricted Global Note may be transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Restricted Global Note if the transfer complies with the requirements of Section 2.06(b)(ii) above and the Registrar receives the following:

(A) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the 144A Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;

(B) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note or the Regulation S Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof; and

(C) if the transferee is an Institutional Accredited Investor who will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the 144A Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications and

certificates and Opinion of Counsel required by item (3) thereof, if applicable.

(iv) Transfer and Exchange of Beneficial Interests in a Restricted Global Note for Beneficial Interests in the Unrestricted Global Note. A beneficial interest in any Restricted Global Note may be exchanged by any holder thereof for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note if the exchange or transfer complies with the requirements of Section 2.06(b)(ii) above and:

(A) such exchange is effected pursuant to the Exchange Offer in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement and the holder of the beneficial interest to be exchanged certifies in the applicable Letter of Transmittal that it is not (1) a broker-dealer, (2) a Person participating in the distribution of the Exchange Notes or (3) a Person who is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 144) of the Company;

(B) such transfer is effected pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement;

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(C) such transfer is effected by a Broker-Dealer pursuant to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement; or

(D) the Registrar receives the following:

(1) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(a) thereof; or

(2) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (D), if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

If any such transfer is effected pursuant to subparagraph (B) or (D) above at a time when an Unrestricted Global Note has not yet been issued, the Company shall issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with Section 2.02 hereof, the Trustee shall authenticate one or more Unrestricted Global Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of beneficial interests transferred pursuant to subparagraph (B) or (D) above.

Beneficial interests in an Unrestricted Global Note cannot be exchanged for, or transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of, a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note.

(c) Transfer or Exchange of Beneficial Interests for Definitive Notes.

(i) Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes to Restricted Definitive Notes. If any holder of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Restricted Definitive Note or to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Restricted Definitive Note, then, upon receipt by the Registrar of the following documentation:

(A) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Restricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (2)(a) thereof;

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(B) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;

(C) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to a Non-U.S. Person in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof;

(D) if such beneficial interest is being transferred pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(a) thereof;

(E) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to an Institutional Accredited Investor in reliance on an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than those listed in subparagraphs (B) through (D) above, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications, certificates and Opinion of Counsel required by item (3) thereof, if applicable;

(F) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(b) thereof; or

(G) if such beneficial interest is being transferred pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(c) thereof,

the Trustee shall cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Global Note to be reduced accordingly pursuant to Section 2.06(h) hereof, and the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Person designated in the instructions a Definitive Note in the appropriate principal amount. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note pursuant to this Section 2.06(c) shall be registered in such name or names and in such authorized denomination or denominations as the holder of such beneficial interest shall instruct the Registrar through instructions from the Depository and the Participant or Indirect Participant. The Trustee shall deliver such Definitive Notes to the Persons in whose names such Notes are so registered. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note pursuant to this Section 2.06(c)(i) shall bear the Private Placement Legend and shall be subject to all restrictions on transfer contained therein.

(ii) Beneficial Interests in Regulation S Temporary Global Note to Definitive Notes. Notwithstanding Sections 2.06(c)(i)(A) and (C) hereof, a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note may not be exchanged for a Definitive Note or transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Definitive Note prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period, except in the case of a

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transfer pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than Rule 903 or Rule 904.

(iii) Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. A holder of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note may exchange such beneficial interest for an Unrestricted Definitive Note or may transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note only if:

(A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to the Exchange Offer in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement and the holder of such beneficial interest, in the case of an exchange, or the transferee, in the case of a transfer, certifies in the applicable Letter of Transmittal that it is not (1) a broker-dealer, (2) a Person participating in the distribution of the Exchange Notes or (3) a Person who is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 144) of the Company;

(B) such transfer is effected pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement;

(C) such transfer is effected by a Broker-Dealer pursuant to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement; or

(D) the Registrar receives the following:

(1) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Definitive Note that does not bear the Private Placement Legend, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(b) thereof; or

(2) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of a Definitive Note that does not bear the Private Placement Legend, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (D), if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

(iv) Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. If any holder of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Definitive Note or to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Definitive Note,

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then, upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 2.06(b)(ii) hereof, the Trustee shall cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Global Note to be reduced accordingly pursuant to Section 2.06(h) hereof, and the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Person designated in the instructions a Definitive Note in the appropriate principal amount. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest pursuant to this Section 2.06(c)(iii) shall be registered in such name or names and in such authorized denomination or denominations as the holder of such beneficial interest shall instruct the Registrar through instructions from the Depository and the Participant or Indirect Participant. The Trustee shall deliver such Definitive Notes to the Persons in whose names such Notes are so registered. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest pursuant to this Section 2.06(c)(iii) shall not bear the Private Placement Legend.

(d) Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Notes for Beneficial Interests.

(i) Restricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes. If any Holder of a Restricted Definitive Note proposes to exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note or to transfer such Restricted Definitive Notes to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note, then, upon receipt by the Registrar of the following documentation:

(A) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Note proposes to exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (2)(b) thereof;

(B) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;

(C) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to a Non-U.S. Person in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof;

(D) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(a) thereof;

(E) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to an Institutional Accredited Investor in reliance on an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than those listed in subparagraphs (B) through (D) above, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications, certificates and Opinion of Counsel required by item (3) thereof, if applicable;

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(F) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(b) thereof; or

(G) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(c) thereof,

the Trustee shall cancel the Restricted Definitive Note, increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of, in the case of clause (A) above, the appropriate Restricted Global Note, in the case of clause (B) above, the 144A Global Note, in the case of clause (C) above, the Regulation S Global Note, and in all other cases, the 144A Global Note.

(ii) Restricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes. A Holder of a Restricted Definitive Note may exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transfer such Restricted Definitive Note to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note only if:

(A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to the Exchange Offer in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement and the Holder, in the case of an exchange, or the transferee, in the case of a transfer, certifies in the applicable Letter of Transmittal that it is not (1) a broker-dealer, (2) a Person participating in the distribution of the Exchange Notes or (3) a Person who is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 144) of the Company;

(B) such transfer is effected pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement;

(C) such transfer is effected by a Broker-Dealer pursuant to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement; or

(D) the Registrar receives the following:

(1) if the Holder of such Definitive Notes proposes to exchange such Notes for a beneficial interest in the Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(c) thereof; or

(2) if the Holder of such Definitive Notes proposes to transfer such Notes to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in the Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

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and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (D), if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

Upon satisfaction of the conditions of any of the subparagraphs in this Section 2.06(d)(ii), the Trustee shall cancel the Definitive Notes and increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of the Unrestricted Global Note.

(iii) Unrestricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes. A Holder of an Unrestricted Definitive Note may exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transfer such Definitive Notes to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note at any time. Upon receipt of a request for such an exchange or transfer, the Trustee shall cancel the applicable Unrestricted Definitive Note and increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of one of the Unrestricted Global Notes.

If any such exchange or transfer from a Definitive Note to a beneficial interest is effected pursuant to subparagraphs (ii)(B), (ii)(D) or (iii) above at a time when an Unrestricted Global Note has not yet been issued, the Company shall issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication

Order in accordance with Section 2.02 hereof, the Trustee shall authenticate one or more Unrestricted Global Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of Definitive Notes so transferred.

(e) Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Notes for Definitive Notes. Upon request by a Holder of Definitive Notes and such Holder's compliance with the provisions of this Section 2.06(e), the Registrar shall register the transfer or exchange of Definitive Notes. Prior to such registration of transfer or exchange, the requesting Holder shall present or surrender to the Registrar the Definitive Notes duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instruction of transfer in form satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by such Holder or by its attorney, duly authorized in writing. In addition, the requesting Holder shall provide any additional certifications, documents and information, as applicable, required pursuant to the following provisions of this Section 2.06(e).

(i) Restricted Definitive Notes to Restricted Definitive Notes. Any Restricted Definitive Note may be transferred to and registered in the name of Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a Restricted Definitive Note if the Registrar receives the following:

(A) if the transfer will be made pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;

(B) if the transfer will be made pursuant to Rule 903 or Rule 904, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof; and

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(C) if the transfer will be made pursuant to any other exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications, certificates and Opinion of Counsel required by item (3) thereof, if applicable.

(ii) Restricted Definitive Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. Any Restricted Definitive Note may be exchanged by the Holder thereof for an Unrestricted Definitive Note or transferred to a Person or Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note if:

(A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to the Exchange Offer in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement and the Holder, in the case of an exchange, or the transferee, in the case of a transfer, certifies in the applicable Letter of Transmittal that it is not (1) a broker-dealer, (2) a Person participating in the distribution of the Exchange Notes or (3) a Person who is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 144) of the Company;

(B) any such transfer is effected pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement;

(C) any such transfer is effected by a Broker-Dealer pursuant to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement; or

(D) the Registrar receives the following:

(1) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Notes proposes to exchange such Notes for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(d) thereof; or

(2) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Notes proposes to transfer such Notes to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (D), an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Company to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

(iii) Unrestricted Definitive Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. A Holder of Unrestricted Definitive Notes may transfer such Notes to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note. Upon receipt of a request to register such a transfer, the Registrar shall register the Unrestricted Definitive Notes pursuant to the instructions from the Holder thereof.

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(f) Exchange Offer. Upon the occurrence of the Exchange Offer in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement, the Company shall issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with Section 2.02, the Trustee shall authenticate (i) one or more Unrestricted Global Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the beneficial interests in the Restricted Global Notes tendered for acceptance by Persons that certify in the applicable Letters of Transmittal that (x) they are not broker-dealers, (y) they are not participating in a distribution of the Exchange Notes and (z) they are not affiliates (as defined in Rule 144) of the Company, and accepted for exchange in the Exchange Offer and (ii) Definitive Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Restricted Definitive Notes accepted for exchange in the Exchange Offer. Concurrently with the issuance of such Notes, the Trustee shall cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Restricted Global Notes to be reduced accordingly, and the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Persons designated by the Holders of Definitive Notes so accepted Definitive Notes in the appropriate principal amount.

(g) Legends. The following legends shall appear on the face of all Global Notes and Definitive Notes issued under this Indenture unless specifically stated otherwise in the applicable provisions of this Indenture.

(i) Private Placement Legend.

(A) Except as permitted by subparagraph (B) below, each Global Note and each Definitive Note (and all Notes issued in exchange therefor or substitution thereof) shall bear the legend in substantially the following form:

“THE NOTES EVIDENCED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 (THE “SECURITIES ACT”) AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT (A) (1) TO A PERSON WHO THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A, (2) IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION COMPLYING WITH RULE 903 OR RULE 904 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (3) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER (IF AVAILABLE), (4) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT OR (5) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND (B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS.”

(B) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Global Note or Definitive Note issued pursuant to subparagraphs (b)(iv), (c)(iii), (c)(iv), (d)(ii), (d)(iii), (e)(ii), (e)(iii) or (f) of this Section 2.06 (and all Notes issued in exchange therefor or substitution thereof) shall not bear the Private Placement Legend.

(ii) Global Note Legend. Each Global Note shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

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“THIS GLOBAL NOTE IS HELD BY THE DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS NOTE) OR ITS NOMINEE IN CUSTODY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS HEREOF, AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PERSON UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPT THAT (I) THE TRUSTEE MAY MAKE SUCH NOTATIONS HEREON AS MAY BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.07 OF THE INDENTURE, (II) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.06(a) OF THE INDENTURE, (III) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE TRUSTEE FOR CANCELLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.11 OF THE INDENTURE AND (IV) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY WITH THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE COMPANY.”

(iii) Regulation S Temporary Global Note Legend. The Regulation S Temporary Global Note shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

“THE RIGHTS ATTACHING TO THIS TEMPORARY REGULATION S GLOBAL NOTE, AND THE CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING ITS EXCHANGE FOR CERTIFICATED NOTES, ARE AS SPECIFIED IN THE INDENTURE (AS DEFINED HEREIN). NEITHER THE HOLDER NOR THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THIS REGULATION S TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE PAYMENT OF INTEREST HEREON.”

(h) Cancellation and/or Adjustment of Global Notes. At such time as all beneficial interests in a particular Global Note have been exchanged for Definitive Notes or a particular Global Note has been redeemed, repurchased or canceled in whole and not in part, each such Global Note shall be returned to or retained and canceled by the Trustee in accordance with Section 2.11 hereof. At any time prior to such cancellation, if any beneficial interest in a Global Note is exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Note or for Definitive Notes, the principal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note shall be reduced accordingly and an endorsement shall be made on such Global Note by the Trustee or by the Depositary at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such reduction; and if the beneficial interest is being exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Note, such other Global Note shall be increased accordingly and an endorsement shall be made on such Global Note by the Trustee or by the Depositary at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such increase.

(i) General Provisions Relating to Transfers and Exchanges.

(i) To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate Global Notes and Definitive Notes upon the Company’s order or at the Registrar’s request.

(ii) No service charge shall be made to a holder of a beneficial interest in a Global Note or to a Holder of a Definitive Note for any registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith (other than any such transfer taxes or similar governmental charge payable upon exchange or transfer pursuant to Sections 2.10, 3.06, 3.09, 4.10, 4.15 and 9.05 hereof).

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(iii) The Registrar shall not be required to register the transfer of or exchange any Note selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part.

(iv) All Global Notes and Definitive Notes issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Global Notes or Definitive Notes shall be the valid obligations of the Company, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Global Notes or Definitive Notes surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

(v) The Company shall not be required (A) to issue, to register the transfer of or to exchange any Notes during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of any selection of Notes for redemption under Section 3.02 hereof and ending at the close of business on the day of selection, (B) to register the transfer of or to exchange any Note so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except

the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part or (C) to register the transfer of or to exchange a Note between a record date and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date.

(vi) Prior to due presentment for the registration of a transfer of any Note, the Trustee, any Agent and the Company may deem and treat the Person in whose name any Note is registered as the absolute owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and interest on such Notes and for all other purposes, and none of the Trustee, any Agent or the Company shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

(vii) The Trustee shall authenticate Global Notes and Definitive Notes in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.02 hereof.

(viii) All certifications, certificates and Opinions of Counsel required to be submitted to the Registrar pursuant to this Section 2.06 to effect a registration of transfer or exchange may be submitted by facsimile.

(ix) The Trustee shall have no obligation or duty to monitor, determine or inquire as to compliance with any restrictions on transfer imposed under this Indenture or under applicable law with respect to any transfer of any interest in any Note (including any transfers between or among Depository Participants or Beneficial Owners of interests in any Global Note) other than to require delivery of such certificates and other documentation or evidence as are expressly required by, and to do so if and when expressly required by the terms of, this Indenture, and to examine the same to determine substantial compliance as to form with the express requirements hereof.

Section 2.07. Replacement Notes.

If a mutilated Note is surrendered to the Registrar or if the Holder of a Note claims that the Note has been lost, destroyed or wrongfully taken, the Company shall issue and the Trustee shall authenticate, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, a replacement Security. If required by the Trustee or the Company, such Holder shall furnish an indemnity bond sufficient in the judgment of the Company and the Trustee to protect the Company, the Trustee, the Paying

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Agent, the Registrar and any co-registrar from any loss which any of them may suffer if a Note is replaced. The Company and the Trustee may charge the Holder for their expenses in replacing a Note.

Every replacement Note is an additional obligation of the Company and shall be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with all other Notes duly issued hereunder.

Section 2.08. Outstanding Notes.

The Notes outstanding at any time are all the Notes authenticated by the Trustee except for those canceled by it, those delivered to it for cancellation, those reductions in the interest in a Global Note effected by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions hereof, and those described in this Section as not outstanding. Except as set forth in Section 2.09 hereof, a Note does not cease to be outstanding because the Company or an Affiliate of the Company holds the Note; however, Notes held by the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company shall not be deemed to be outstanding for purposes of Section 3.07(b) hereof.

If a Note is replaced pursuant to Section 2.07 hereof, it ceases to be outstanding unless the Trustee and the Company receive proof satisfactory to them that the replaced Note is held by a bona fide purchaser.

If the principal amount of any Note is considered paid under Section 4.01 hereof, it ceases to be outstanding and interest on it ceases to accrue.

If the Paying Agent (other than the Company, a Subsidiary or an Affiliate of any thereof) segregates and holds in trust, in accordance with this Indenture, on a redemption date or maturity date money sufficient to pay all principal and interest payable on that date with respect to the Notes (or portions thereof) to be redeemed or maturing, as the case may be, and the Paying Agent is not prohibited from paying such money to the Holders on that date pursuant to the terms of this Indenture, then on and after that date such Notes (or portions thereof) cease to be outstanding and interest on them ceases to accrue.

Section 2.09. Treasury Notes.

In determining whether the Holders of the required principal amount of Notes have concurred in any direction, waiver or consent, Notes owned by the Company, or by any Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with the Company, shall be considered as though not outstanding, except that for the purposes of determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying on any such direction, waiver or consent, only Notes that a Responsible Officer of the Trustee actually knows are so owned shall be so disregarded.

Section 2.10. Temporary Notes.

Until certificates representing Notes are ready for delivery, the Company may prepare and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, shall authenticate temporary Notes. Temporary Notes shall be substantially in the form of certificated Notes but may have variations that the Company considers appropriate for temporary Notes. Without unreasonable

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delay, the Company shall prepare and the Trustee shall authenticate definitive Notes in exchange for temporary Notes.

Holders of temporary Notes shall be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture.

Section 2.11. Cancellation.

The Company at any time may deliver Notes to the Trustee for cancellation. The Registrar and Paying Agent shall forward to the Trustee any Notes surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange or payment. The Trustee and no one else shall cancel and dispose of such Notes in its customary manner (subject to the record retention requirements of the Exchange Act) all Notes surrendered for registration of transfer, exchange, payment or cancellation and deliver a certificate of such destruction to the Company unless the Company directs the Trustee to deliver canceled Notes to the Company. Certification of the disposition of all canceled Notes shall be delivered to the Company. The Company may not issue new Notes to replace Notes that it has redeemed or paid or that have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation.

Section 2.12. Defaulted Interest.

If the Company defaults in a payment of interest on the Notes, it shall pay the defaulted interest in any lawful manner plus, to the extent lawful, interest payable on the defaulted interest, to the Persons who are Holders on a subsequent special record date, in each case at the rate provided in the Notes and in Section 4.01 hereof. The Company shall notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of defaulted interest proposed to be paid on each Note and the date of the proposed payment. The Company shall fix or cause to be fixed each such special record date and payment date, provided that no such special record date shall be less than 10 days prior to the related payment date for such defaulted interest. At least 15 days before the special record date, the Company (or, upon the written request of the Company, the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company) shall mail or cause to be mailed to Holders a notice that states the special record date, the related payment date and the amount of such interest to be paid.

Section 2.13. CUSIP Numbers.

The Company in issuing the Notes may use "CUSIP" numbers (if then generally in use) and, if so, the Trustee shall use "CUSIP" numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders; provided that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Notes, and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Company shall promptly notify the Trustee of any change in the CUSIP numbers. Additional Notes shall be assigned the same CUSIP number or numbers as the Initial Notes unless such Additional Notes are not fungible with the Initial Notes for United States Federal income tax purposes.

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Section 2.14. Issuance of Additional Notes.

The Company shall be entitled, subject to its compliance with Section 4.09, to issue Additional Notes under this Indenture which shall have identical terms as the Initial Notes issued on the Issue Date, other than with respect to the date of issuance and issue price. The Initial Notes issued on the Issue Date, any Additional Notes and all Exchange Notes or Private Exchange Notes issued in exchange therefor shall be treated as a single class for all purposes under this Indenture.

With respect to any Additional Notes, the Company shall set forth in a resolution of the Board of Directors and an Officers' Certificate, a copy of each which shall be delivered to the Trustee, the following information:

- (a) the aggregate principal amount of such Additional Notes to be authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture;
- (b) the issue price, the issue date and the CUSIP number of such Additional Notes; provided that no Additional Notes may be issued at a price that would cause such Additional Notes to have "original issue discount" within the meaning of Section 1273 of the Code; and
- (c) whether such Additional Notes shall be transfer restricted notes and issued in the form of Initial Notes as set forth in Section 2.02 this Indenture or shall be issued in the form of Exchange Notes.

ARTICLE 3
REDEMPTION AND PREPAYMENT

Section 3.01. Notices to Trustee.

If the Company elects to redeem Notes pursuant to the optional redemption provisions of Section 3.07 hereof, it shall furnish to the Trustee, at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before a redemption date, an Officers' Certificate setting forth (i) the clause of this Indenture pursuant to which the redemption shall occur, (ii) the redemption date, (iii) the principal amount of Notes to be redeemed and (iv) the redemption price.

Section 3.02. Selection of Notes to Be Redeemed.

If less than all of the Notes are to be redeemed or purchased in an offer to purchase at any time, the Trustee shall select the Notes to be redeemed or purchased among the Holders of the Notes in compliance with the requirements of the principal national securities exchange, if any, on which the Notes are listed or, if the Notes are not so listed, on a pro rata basis, by lot or in accordance with any other method the Trustee deems fair and appropriate. In the event of partial redemption by lot, the particular Notes to be redeemed shall be selected, unless otherwise provided herein, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the redemption date by the Trustee from the outstanding Notes not previously called for redemption.

The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company in writing of the Notes selected for redemption and, in the case of any Note selected for partial redemption, the principal amount

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thereof to be redeemed. Notes and portions of Notes selected shall be in amounts of \$1,000 or whole multiples of \$1,000; except that if all of the Notes of a Holder are to be redeemed, the entire outstanding amount of Notes held by such Holder, even if not a multiple of \$1,000, shall be redeemed. Except as provided in the preceding sentence, provisions of this Indenture that apply to Notes called for redemption also apply to portions of Notes called for redemption. The Trustee shall notify the Company promptly of the Notes or portions of Notes to be redeemed.

Section 3.03. Notice of Redemption.

Subject to the provisions of Section 3.09 hereof, at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before a redemption date (except that a notice of redemption may be mailed more than 60 days prior to the redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with Article 8 or Article 12 hereof), the Company shall mail or cause to be mailed, by first class mail, a notice of redemption to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at such Holder's registered address.

The notice shall identify the Notes to be redeemed, including applicable CUSIP numbers, and shall state:

- (a) the redemption date;
- (b) the redemption price;
- (c) if any Note is being redeemed in part, the portion of the principal amount of such Note to be redeemed and that, after the redemption date upon surrender of such Note, a new Note or Notes in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion shall be issued upon cancellation of the original Note;
- (d) the name and address of the Paying Agent;
- (e) that Notes called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the redemption price;
- (f) that, unless the Company defaults in making such redemption payment or the Paying Agent is prohibited from making such payment pursuant to the terms of this Indenture, interest on Notes called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the redemption date;
- (g) the paragraph of the Notes and/or Section of this Indenture pursuant to which the Notes called for redemption are being redeemed; and
- (h) that no representation is made as to the correctness or accuracy of the CUSIP number, if any, listed in such notice or printed on the Notes.

At the Company's written request delivered at least 15 days prior to the date such notice is to be given (unless a shorter period shall be acceptable to the Trustee), the Trustee shall give the notice of redemption as prepared by the Company in the Company's name and at its expense.

Section 3.04. Effect of Notice of Redemption.

Once notice of redemption is mailed in accordance with Section 3.03 hereof, Notes called for redemption become irrevocably due and payable on the redemption date at the redemption price stated in the notice. A notice of redemption may not be conditional.

Section 3.05. Deposit of Redemption Price.

One Business Day prior to the redemption date, the Company shall deposit with the Trustee or with the Paying Agent money sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued interest on all Notes to be redeemed on that date. The Trustee or the Paying Agent shall promptly return to the Company any money deposited with the Trustee or the Paying Agent by the Company in excess of the amounts necessary to pay the redemption price of, and accrued interest on, all Notes to be redeemed.

If the Company complies with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, on and after the redemption date, interest shall cease to accrue on the Notes or the portions of Notes called for redemption. If a Note is redeemed on or after an interest record date but on or prior to the related interest payment date, then any accrued and unpaid interest shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Note was registered at the close of business on such record date. If any Note called for redemption shall not be so paid upon surrender for redemption because of the failure of the Company to comply with the preceding paragraph, interest shall be paid on the unpaid principal, from the redemption date until such principal is paid, and to the extent lawful on any interest not paid on such unpaid principal, in each case at the rate provided in the Notes and in Section 4.01 hereof.

Section 3.06. Notes Redeemed in Part.

Upon surrender of a Note that is redeemed in part, the Company shall issue and, upon the Company's written request, the Trustee shall authenticate for the Holder at the expense of the Company a new Note equal in principal amount to the unredeemed portion of the Note surrendered.

Section 3.07. Optional Redemption.

(a) On and after March 15, 2009, the Company shall have the option to redeem all or a portion of the Notes, at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) set forth below plus accrued and unpaid interest and Special Interest thereon, if any, on the Notes redeemed, to the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on March 15 of the years indicated below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
2009	104.000%
2010	102.667%

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (a) of this Section 3.07, at any time on or prior to March 15, 2007, the Company may on any one or more occasions redeem up

to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes originally issued at a redemption price equal to 108% of the aggregate principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest and Special Interest thereon, if any, to the redemption date with the net cash proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings provided that:

(i) at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes originally issued remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of such redemption (excluding Notes held by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates); and

(ii) the redemption occurs within 45 days of the date of the closing of such Equity Offering.

(c) At any time prior to March 15, 2009, all or part of the Notes may also be redeemed at the option of the Company, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus the Applicable Premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest and Special Interest thereon, if any, to the date of redemption (the "Redemption Date").

(d) Any redemption pursuant to this Section 3.07 shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3.01 through 3.06 hereof.

Section 3.08. Mandatory Redemption.

The Company shall not be required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes.

Section 3.09. Offer to Purchase by Application of Excess Proceeds.

In the event that, pursuant to Section 4.10 hereof, the Company shall be required to commence an offer to all Holders (and to holders of the Existing Senior Subordinated Notes and to holders of other Senior Subordinated Indebtedness of the Company designated by the Company) to purchase Notes (and the Existing Senior Subordinated Notes and such other Senior Subordinated Indebtedness of the Company) (an "Asset Sale Offer"), it shall follow the procedures specified below.

The Company shall complete the Asset Sale Offer no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days after notice of the Asset Sale Offer is provided to the Holders or such later date as may be required by applicable law.

The Asset Sale Offer shall remain open for a period of 20 Business Days following its commencement, or longer to the extent that a longer period is required by applicable law (the "Offer Period"). No later than five Business Days after the termination of the Offer Period (the "Purchase Date"), the Company shall purchase the principal amount of Notes required to be purchased pursuant to Section 4.10 hereof (the "Offer Amount") or, if less than the Offer Amount has been tendered, all Notes tendered in response to the Asset Sale Offer. Payment for any Notes so purchased shall be made in the same manner as interest payments are made.

If the Purchase Date is on or after an interest record date and on or before the related interest payment date, any accrued and unpaid interest shall be paid to the Person in

whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on such record date, and no additional interest shall be payable to Holders who tender Notes pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer.

Upon the commencement of an Asset Sale Offer, the Company shall send, by first class mail, a notice to the Trustee and each of the Holders, with a copy to the Trustee. The notice shall contain all instructions and materials necessary to enable such Holders to tender Notes pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer. The Asset Sale Offer shall be made to all Holders. The notice, which shall govern the terms of the Asset Sale Offer, shall state:

(a) that the Asset Sale Offer is being made pursuant to this Section 3.09 and Section 4.10 hereof and the length of time the Asset Sale Offer shall remain open;

(b) the Offer Amount, the purchase price and the Purchase Date;

(c) that any Note not tendered or accepted for payment shall continue to accrete or accrue interest;

(d) that, unless the Company defaults in making such payment, any Note accepted for payment pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer shall cease to accrete or accrue interest after the Purchase Date;

(e) that Holders electing to have a Note purchased pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer may elect to have Notes purchased in integral multiples of \$1,000 only;

(f) that Holders electing to have a Note purchased pursuant to any Asset Sale Offer shall be required to surrender the Note, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" on the reverse of the Note completed, or transfer by book-entry transfer, to the Company, a depository, if appointed by the Company, or a Paying Agent at the address specified in the notice at least three days before the Purchase Date;

(g) that Holders shall be entitled to withdraw their election if the Company, the depository or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, receives, not later than the closing, a telegram, telex, facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of the Holder, the principal amount of the Note the Holder delivered for purchase and a statement that such Holder is withdrawing his election to have such Note purchased;

(h) that, if the aggregate principal amount of Notes surrendered by Holders, holders of Existing Senior Subordinated Notes and holders of other Senior Subordinated Indebtedness tendered exceeds the Offer Amount, the Company shall select Notes, Existing Senior Subordinated Notes and such other Senior Subordinated Indebtedness to be purchased on a pro rata basis (with such adjustments as may be deemed appropriate by the Company so that only Notes in denominations of \$1,000, or integral multiples thereof, shall be purchased); and

(i) that Holders whose Notes were purchased only in part shall be issued new Notes equal in principal amount to the unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered (or transferred by book-entry transfer).

On or before the Purchase Date, the Company shall, to the extent lawful, accept for payment, on a pro rata basis to the extent necessary, the Offer Amount of Notes or portions

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thereof tendered pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer, or if less than the Offer Amount has been tendered, all Notes tendered, and shall deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that such Notes or portions thereof were accepted for payment by the Company in accordance with the terms of this Section 3.09. The Company, the Depository or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, shall promptly (but in any case not later than five days after the Purchase Date) mail or deliver to each tendering Holder an amount equal to the purchase price of the Notes tendered by such Holder and accepted by the Company for purchase, and the Company shall promptly issue a new Note, and the Trustee, upon written request from the Company shall authenticate and mail or deliver such new Note to such Holder, in a principal amount equal to any unpurchased portion of the Note surrendered. Any Note not so accepted shall be promptly mailed or delivered by the Company to the Holder thereof. The Company shall publicly announce the results of the Asset Sale Offer on the Purchase Date.

Other than as specifically provided in this Section 3.09, any purchase pursuant to this Section 3.09 shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3.01 through 3.06 hereof.

ARTICLE 4 COVENANTS

Section 4.01. Payment of Notes.

The Company shall pay or cause to be paid the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes on the dates and in the manner provided in the Notes. Principal, premium, if any, and interest shall be considered paid on the date due if the Paying Agent, other than the Company or a Subsidiary thereof or an Affiliate of any thereof, holds as of 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the due date money deposited by the Company in immediately available funds and designated for and sufficient to pay all principal, premium, if any, and interest then due. The Company shall pay all Special Interest, if any, in the same manner on the dates and in the amounts set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement.

Interest on the Notes shall be computed on the basis of a 360 day year of twelve 30-day months.

The Company shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal at the rate equal to 1% per annum in excess of the then applicable interest rate on the Notes to the extent lawful; it shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest and Special Interest (without regard to any applicable grace period) at the same rate to the extent lawful.

Section 4.02. Maintenance of Office or Agency.

The Company shall maintain in the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York, an office or agency (which may be an office of the Trustee or an affiliate of the Trustee, Registrar or co-registrar) where Notes may be surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Notes and this Indenture may be served. The Company shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. If at any time the Company shall fail to maintain any such required office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Trustee with

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the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee.

The Company may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where the Notes may be presented or surrendered for any or all such purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations; provided that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Company of its obligation to maintain an office or agency in the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York for such purposes. The Company shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the location of any such other office or agency.

The Company hereby designates the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee as one such office or agency of the Company in accordance with Section 2.03.

Section 4.03. Reports.

(a) Whether or not required by the rules and regulations of the SEC, so long as any Notes are outstanding, the Company shall furnish to the Holders of Notes (i) all quarterly and annual financial information that would be required to be contained in a filing with the SEC on Forms 10-Q and 10-K if the Company were required to file such forms, including a "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of

Operations” and, with respect to the annual information only, a report on the annual financial statements by the Company’s certified independent accountants and (ii) all current reports that would be required to be filed with the SEC on Form 8-K if the Company were required to file such reports, in each case, within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and regulations. In addition, whether or not required by the SEC, the Company shall file a copy of all the information and reports referred to in clauses (i) and (ii) hereof with the SEC for public availability within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and regulations (unless the SEC will not accept such a filing) and make such information available to securities analysts and prospective investors upon request. The Company shall at all times comply with TIA § 314(a).

(b) For so long as any Notes remain outstanding, the Company and the Guarantors shall furnish to the Holders and to securities analysts and prospective investors, upon their request, the information required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act.

(c) If the Company has designated any of its Subsidiaries as Unrestricted Subsidiaries, then the quarterly and annual financial information required by clause (a) of this Section 4.03 shall include a reasonably detailed presentation, either on the face of the financial statements or in the footnotes thereto, and in Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, of the financial condition and results of operations of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries separate from the financial condition and results of operations of the Unrestricted Subsidiaries of the Company.

(d) Delivery of such reports, information and documents to the Trustee is for informational purposes only and the Trustee’s receipt of such shall not constitute constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Company’s compliance with any of its covenants hereunder (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officers’ Certificates).

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Section 4.04. Compliance Certificate.

(a) The Company and each Guarantor (to the extent that such Guarantor is so required under the TIA) shall deliver to the Trustee, within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, an Officers’ Certificate stating that a review of the activities of the Company and its Subsidiaries during the preceding fiscal year has been made under the supervision of the signing Officers with a view to determining whether the Company has kept, observed, performed and fulfilled its obligations under this Indenture, and further stating, as to each such Officer signing such certificate, that to the best of his or her knowledge the Company has kept, observed, performed and fulfilled each and every covenant contained in this Indenture and is not in default in the performance or observance of any of the terms, provisions and conditions of this Indenture (or, if a Default or Event of Default shall have occurred, describing all such Defaults or Events of Default of which he or she may have knowledge and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto) and that to the best of his or her knowledge no event has occurred and remains in existence by reason of which payments on account of the principal of or interest, if any, on the Notes is prohibited or if such event has occurred, a description of the event and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

(b) The Company shall, so long as any of the Notes are outstanding, deliver to the Trustee, forthwith upon any Officer becoming aware of any Default or Event of Default, an Officers’ Certificate specifying such Default or Event of Default and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

Section 4.05. Payment of Taxes and Other Claims.

The Company shall pay, and shall cause each of its Restricted Subsidiaries to pay, prior to delinquency, all material taxes, assessments, and governmental levies except such as are contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings or where the failure to effect such payment would not reasonably be expected to be materially adverse to the interests of the Holders of the Notes.

Section 4.06. Stay, Extension and Usury Laws.

The Company and each of the Guarantors covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it shall not at any time insist upon, plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay, extension or usury law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, that may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Company and each of the Guarantors (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law, and covenants that it shall not, by resort to any such law, hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee, but shall suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law has been enacted.

Section 4.07. Restricted Payments.

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly: (i) declare or pay any dividend on, or make any other payment or distribution on account of, the Company’s or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries’ Equity Interests (including, without limitation, any payment in connection with any merger or consolidation

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involving the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) or to the direct or indirect holders of the Company’s or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries’ Equity Interests in their capacity as such (other than dividends or distributions payable in (A) Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company or (B) to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company); (ii) purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire or retire for value (including, without limitation, in connection with any merger or consolidation involving the Company) any Equity Interests of the Company or any direct or indirect parent of the Company (other than such Equity Interests owned by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries); (iii) make any payment on or with respect to, or purchase, redeem, defease or otherwise acquire or retire for value any Indebtedness that is subordinated to the Notes or the Subsidiary Guarantees, except a payment of interest or principal at the Stated Maturity thereof; or (iv) make any Restricted Investment (all such payments and other actions set forth in clauses (i) through (iv) above being collectively referred to as “Restricted Payments”), unless, at the time of and after giving effect to such Restricted Payment:

(a) no Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence of such Restricted Payment; and

(b) the Company would, after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such Restricted Payment had been made at the beginning of the applicable four-quarter period, have been permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of Section 4.09 hereof, and

(c) such Restricted Payment, together with the aggregate amount of all other Restricted Payments made by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries after the date of this Indenture (excluding Restricted Payments permitted by clauses (ii), (iii) and (iv) of the next succeeding paragraph), is less than the sum, without duplication, of: (i) 50% of the Consolidated Net Income of the Company for the period (taken as one accounting period) from the beginning of the fiscal quarter during which the Notes are initially issued to the end of the Company's most recently ended fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available at the time of such Restricted Payment (or, if such Consolidated Net Income for such period is a deficit, less 100% of such deficit), plus (ii) 100% of the aggregate net cash proceeds received by the Company since the date of this Indenture as a contribution to its common equity capital or from the issue or sale of Equity Interests of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock) or from the issue or sale of convertible or exchangeable Disqualified Stock or convertible or exchangeable debt securities of the Company that have been converted into or exchanged for such Equity Interests (other than Equity Interests, Disqualified Stock or debt securities sold to a Subsidiary of the Company), plus (iii) to the extent that any Restricted Investment that was made after the date of this Indenture is sold for cash or otherwise liquidated or repaid, purchased or redeemed for cash, the lesser of (A) such cash (less the cost of disposition, if any) and (B) the amount of such Restricted Investment, plus (iv) to the extent that any Unrestricted Subsidiary of the Company is redesignated as a Restricted Subsidiary after the date of this Indenture, the lesser of (A) the fair market value of the Company's Investment in such Subsidiary as of the date of such redesignation and (B) such fair market value as of the date on which such Subsidiary was originally designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

So long as no Default has occurred and is continuing or would be caused thereby (except in the case of clause (i) of this paragraph), the preceding provisions will not prohibit: (i) the payment of any dividend or distribution on, or redemption of, Equity Interests, within 60 days after the date of declaration or notice thereof, if at the date of declaration or the giving of

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such notice the payment would have complied with the provisions of this Indenture, (ii) the redemption, repurchase, retirement, defeasance or other acquisition of any subordinated Indebtedness of the Company or any Guarantor or of any Equity Interests of the Company, or the making of any Investment, in exchange for, or out of the net cash proceeds of the substantially concurrent sale (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company) of, or capital contribution in respect of, Equity Interests of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock); *provided* that the amount of any such net cash proceeds that are utilized for any such redemption, repurchase, retirement, defeasance or other acquisition or any such Investment will be excluded from clause (c)(ii) of the preceding paragraph, (iii) the defeasance, redemption, repurchase or other acquisition of subordinated Indebtedness of the Company or any Guarantor with the net cash proceeds from an incurrence of Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness, (iv) the payment of any dividend or other payment or distribution by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to the holders of its Equity Interests on a pro rata basis, (v) repurchases of Equity Interests deemed to occur upon exercise of stock options if those Equity Interests represent all or a portion of the exercise price of those options, (vi) the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value of any Equity Interests of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company (in the event such Equity Interests are not owned by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) in an amount not to exceed \$2.0 million in any fiscal year, (vii) the purchase by the Company of fractional shares arising out of stock dividends, splits or combinations or business combinations, or (viii) Restricted Payments not to exceed \$15.0 million under this clause (viii) in the aggregate, plus, to the extent Restricted Payments made pursuant to this clause (viii) are Investments made by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in any Person and such Investment is sold for cash or otherwise liquidated or repaid, purchased or redeemed for cash, an amount equal to the lesser of (A) such cash (less the cost of disposition, if any) and (B) the amount of such Restricted Payment, *provided*, that the amount of such cash will be excluded from clause (c)(iv) of the preceding paragraph.

The amount of all Restricted Payments (other than cash) will be the fair market value on the date of the Restricted Payment of the asset(s) or securities proposed to be transferred or issued by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, pursuant to the Restricted Payment. The fair market value of any assets or securities that are required to be valued by this Section 4.07 will be determined by the Board of Directors of the Company.

Section 4.08. Dividend and Other Payment Restrictions Affecting Restricted Subsidiaries.

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create or permit to exist or become effective any consensual encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to: (i) pay dividends or make any other distributions on its Capital Stock to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, or with respect to any other interest or participation in, or measured by, its profits, or pay any indebtedness owed to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; (ii) make any loans or advances to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; or (iii) transfer any of its properties or assets to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

However, the preceding restrictions will not apply to encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of: (1) any agreement in effect or entered into on the date of this Indenture, including agreements governing Existing Indebtedness Credit Facilities and Floor Plan Facilities as in effect on the date of this Indenture and any amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings of those

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agreements, *provided* that the amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacement or refinancings of such instrument are no more restrictive, taken as a whole, with respect to such dividend and other payment restrictions than those contained in those agreements on the date of this Indenture; (2) this Indenture, the Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees; (3) applicable law and any applicable rule, regulation or order; (4) any instrument governing Indebtedness or Capital Stock of a Person acquired by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries as in effect at the time of such acquisition (except to the extent such Indebtedness or Capital Stock was incurred in connection with or in contemplation of such acquisition), which encumbrance or restriction is not applicable to any Person, or the properties or assets of any Person, other than the Person, or the property or assets of the Person, so acquired, *provided* that, in the case of Indebtedness, such Indebtedness was permitted by the terms of this Indenture to be incurred; (5) customary non-assignment provisions in leases entered into in the ordinary course of business; (6) purchase money obligations that impose restrictions on that property of the nature described in clause (iii) of the preceding paragraph; *provided* that any such encumbrance or restriction is released to the extent the underlying Lien is released or the related Indebtedness is repaid; (7) any agreement for the sale or other disposition of assets, including, without limitation, customary restrictions with respect to a Subsidiary pursuant to an agreement that has been entered into for the sale or disposition of substantially all of Capital Stock or

substantially all of the assets of that Subsidiary; (8) Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness, provided that the restrictions contained in the agreements governing such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness are no more restrictive, taken as a whole, than those contained in the agreements governing the Indebtedness being refinanced; (9) Liens that limit the right of the debtor to dispose of the assets subject to such Liens; (10) covenants in a franchise or other agreement entered into in the ordinary course of business with a Manufacturer customary for franchise agreements in the vehicle retailing industry; (11) customary provisions in joint venture agreements, assets sale agreements, stock sale agreements and other similar agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business; and (12) restrictions on cash or other deposits or net worth imposed by customers under contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business.

Section 4.09. Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock.

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create, incur, issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise become directly or indirectly liable, contingently or otherwise, with respect to (collectively, "incur") any Indebtedness (including Acquired Debt), and the Company shall not issue any Disqualified Stock and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to issue any shares of preferred stock; provided, however, that the Company may incur Indebtedness (including Acquired Debt) or issue Disqualified Stock, and the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries may incur Indebtedness (including Acquired Debt) or issue preferred stock, in each case, if the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the Company's most recently ended four full fiscal quarters for which internal financial statements are available immediately preceding the date on which such additional Indebtedness is incurred or such Disqualified Stock or preferred stock is issued would have been at least 2.0 to 1, determined on a pro forma basis (including a pro forma application of the net proceeds therefrom), as if the additional Indebtedness had been incurred or the preferred stock or Disqualified Stock had been issued, as the case may be, at the beginning of such four-quarter period.

The first paragraph of this Section 4.09 shall not prohibit the incurrence of any of the following items of Indebtedness (collectively, "Permitted Debt"): (i) the incurrence by the

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Company and any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness and letters of credit under Credit Facilities in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding under this clause (i) (with letters of credit being deemed to have a principal amount equal to the maximum potential liability of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries thereunder) not to exceed the greater of (A) \$550.0 million less the aggregate amount of all Net Proceeds of Asset Sales applied by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries since the date of this Indenture to repay term Indebtedness under a Credit Facility or to repay revolving credit Indebtedness and effect a corresponding commitment reduction thereunder, in each case, in satisfaction of the covenant contained in Section 4.10 of this Indenture or (B) 30% of the Company's Consolidated Net Tangible Assets as of the date of such incurrence; (ii) the incurrence by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries of the Existing Indebtedness; (iii) the incurrence by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness represented by the Notes and the related Subsidiary Guarantees to be issued, in the case of the Notes, on the date of this Indenture and the Exchange Notes and the related Subsidiary Guarantees to be issued pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement; (iv) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness under Floor Plan Facilities; (v) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness represented by Capital Lease Obligations, mortgage financings or purchase money obligations, in each case, incurred for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price or cost of construction or improvement of property, plant or equipment used in the business of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, in an aggregate principal amount, including all Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness incurred to refund, refinance or replace any Indebtedness incurred pursuant to this clause (v), not to exceed \$30.0 million at any time outstanding; (vi) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness in exchange for, or the net proceeds of which are used to refund, refinance or replace Indebtedness (other than intercompany Indebtedness) that was permitted by this Indenture to be incurred under the first paragraph of this covenant or clauses (ii), (iii), (v) or (vi) of this paragraph; (vii) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of intercompany Indebtedness between or among the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries; *provided*, that (A) if the Company or any Guarantor is the obligor on such Indebtedness owing to a Restricted Subsidiary, such Indebtedness must be expressly subordinated to the prior payment in full in cash of all Obligations with respect to the Notes, in the case of the Company, or the Subsidiary Guarantee, in the case of a Guarantor; and (B) (I) any subsequent issuance or transfer of Equity Interests that results in any such Indebtedness being held by a Person other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company and (II) any sale or other transfer of any such Indebtedness to a Person that is not either the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company; will be deemed, in each case, to constitute an incurrence of such Indebtedness by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, that was not permitted by this clause (vii); (viii) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Hedging Obligations in the ordinary course of business and not for speculative purposes; (ix) the guarantee by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that was permitted to be incurred by another provision of this Section 4.09; (x) Indebtedness arising from the honoring by a bank or other financial institution of a check, draft or similar instrument drawn against insufficient funds in the ordinary course of business, provided, that such Indebtedness is extinguished within five Business Days of its incurrence; (xi) Obligations in respect of performance, bid and surety bonds and completion guarantees provided by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries related to the construction of vehicle dealerships in the ordinary course of business; and (xii) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of additional Indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount (or accreted value, as applicable) which, when taken together with all

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other Indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries outstanding on the date of such Incurrence and incurred pursuant to this clause (xii) does not exceed \$20.0 million.

For purposes of determining compliance with this Section 4.09, in the event that an item of proposed Indebtedness meets the criteria of more than one of the categories of Permitted Debt described in clauses (i) through (xii) of the preceding paragraph, or is entitled to be incurred pursuant to the first paragraph of this Section 4.09, the Company will be permitted to divide and classify such item of Indebtedness on the date of its incurrence, or later reclassify all or a portion of such item of Indebtedness, in any manner that complies with this Section 4.09. Indebtedness under Credit Facilities outstanding on the date on which Notes are first issued and authenticated under this Indenture will be deemed to have been incurred on such date in reliance on the exception provided by clause (i) of the definition of Permitted Debt.

Accrual of interest and dividends, accretion or amortization of original issue discount, the payment of interest on any Indebtedness in the form of additional Indebtedness with the same terms, changes to amounts outstanding in respect of Hedging Obligations solely as a result of fluctuations in interest rates and the payment of dividends on Disqualified Stock or preferred stock in the form of additional shares of the same class of Disqualified Stock or preferred stock will not be deemed to be an incurrence of Indebtedness or an issuance of Disqualified Stock or preferred stock for purpose of this Section 4.09.

Section 4.10. Asset Sales.

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to consummate an Asset Sale unless: (i) the Company (or the Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be) receives consideration at the time of the Asset Sale at least equal to the fair market value of the assets or Equity Interests issued or sold or otherwise disposed of; (ii) the fair market value is determined by the Board of Directors of the Company; and (iii) at least 75% of the consideration received in the Asset Sale by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary is in the form of cash or Cash Equivalents.

For purposes of this provision, each of the following will be deemed to be cash or Cash Equivalents: (a) any liabilities, as shown on the Company's or such Restricted Subsidiary's most recent balance sheet, of the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary (other than contingent liabilities and liabilities that are by their terms subordinated to the Notes or any Subsidiary Guarantee) that are assumed by the transferee of any such assets and the lender releases the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary from further liability; (b) any securities, notes or other obligations received by the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary from such transferee that are promptly converted by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary into cash or Cash Equivalents, to the extent of the cash or Cash Equivalents received in that conversion; and (c) Replacement Assets.

Within 365 days after the receipt of any Net Proceeds from an Asset Sale, the Company or the Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, may apply an amount equal to such Net Proceeds at its option:

(1) to repay any Senior Debt of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries and, if the Senior Debt repaid is revolving credit Indebtedness, to correspondingly reduce commitments with respect thereto;

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(2) to acquire all or substantially all of the Voting Stock of a Permitted Business;

(3) to make a capital expenditure; or

(4) to acquire other long-term assets that are used or useful in a Permitted Business.

Pending the final application of any Net Proceeds, the Company may temporarily reduce revolving credit borrowings or otherwise invest the Net Proceeds in any manner that is not otherwise prohibited under this Indenture.

If any portion of the Net Proceeds from Asset Sales is not applied or invested as provided in clauses (1) through (4) of the paragraph above, such amount will constitute "Excess Proceeds." When the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds exceeds \$10.0 million, the Company shall make an offer to holders of the Notes (and to holders of Existing Senior Subordinated Notes and to holders of other Senior Subordinated Indebtedness of the Company designated by the Company) to purchase Notes (and Existing Senior Subordinated Notes and such other Senior Subordinated Indebtedness of the Company) pursuant to and subject to the conditions contained in this Indenture (the "Asset Sale Offer"). The Company shall purchase Notes, Existing Senior Subordinated Notes and such other Senior Subordinated Indebtedness of the Company tendered pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer at a purchase price of 100% of their principal amount (or, in the event such other Senior Subordinated Indebtedness of the Company was issued with significant original issue discount, 100% of the accreted value thereof) without premium, plus accrued but unpaid interest (or, in respect of such other Senior Subordinated Indebtedness of the Company, such lesser price, if any, as may be provided for by the terms of such Senior Subordinated Indebtedness) in accordance with the procedures (including prorating in the event of oversubscription) set forth in this Indenture (the "Asset Sale Offer Price"). If the aggregate purchase price of the securities tendered exceeds the Net Proceeds allotted to their purchase, the Company will select the securities to be purchased on a pro rata basis but in round denominations, which in the case of the Notes will be denominations of \$1,000 principal amount or multiples thereof. If any Excess Proceeds remain after consummation of an Asset Sale Offer, the Company may use those Excess Proceeds for any purpose not otherwise prohibited by this Indenture. Upon completion of each Asset Sale Offer, the amount of Excess Proceeds will be reset at zero.

The Company shall comply with the requirements of Section 14(e) of and Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with each repurchase of Notes pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Asset Sale provisions of this Indenture, the Company shall comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under the Asset Sale provisions of this Indenture by virtue of such conflict.

Section 4.11. Transactions with Affiliates.

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, make any payment to, or sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of any of its properties or assets to, or purchase any property or assets from, or enter into or make or amend any transaction,

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contract, agreement, understanding, loan, advance or guarantee with, or for the benefit of, any Affiliate (each, an "Affiliate Transaction"), unless: (a) the Affiliate Transaction is on terms that are not materially less favorable to the Company or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary than those that would have been obtained in a comparable transaction by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary with an unrelated Person; and (b) the Company delivers to the Trustee: (i) with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of related Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate consideration in excess of \$5.0 million, a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company set forth in an Officers' Certificate certifying that such Affiliate Transaction complies with this Section 4.11 and that such Affiliate Transaction has been approved by a majority of the disinterested members of the Board of Directors of the Company; and (ii) with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of related Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate consideration in excess of \$15.0 million, an opinion as to the fairness to the Holders of such Affiliate Transaction from a financial point of view issued by an accounting, appraisal or investment banking firm of national standing.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following items will not be deemed to be Affiliate Transactions and, therefore, will not be subject to the provisions of the prior paragraph:

- (1) any employment agreement entered into by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary;
- (2) transactions between or among the Company and/or its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (3) transactions with a Person that is an Affiliate of the Company solely because the Company owns an Equity Interest in, or controls, such Person;
- (4) payment of reasonable directors fees;
- (5) the issuance or sale of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) to Affiliates of the Company;
- (6) the pledge of Equity Interests of Unrestricted Subsidiaries to support the Indebtedness thereof; and
- (7) Restricted Payments that are permitted by the provisions of Section 4.07 of this Indenture.

Section 4.12. Limitation on Liens.

The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien of any kind securing Indebtedness or Attributable Debt on any asset now owned or hereafter acquired, except Permitted Liens.

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Section 4.13. Designation of Restricted and Unrestricted Subsidiaries.

The Board of Directors of the Company may designate any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary if no Default has occurred and is continuing at the time of such designation and if that designation would not cause a Default. If a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company is designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, the aggregate fair market value of all outstanding Investments owned by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in the Subsidiary properly designated shall be deemed to be an Investment made as of the time of the designation and shall reduce the amount available for Restricted Payments under the first paragraph of Section 4.07 or Permitted Investments, as determined by the Company. That designation shall only be permitted if the Investment would be permitted at that time and if the Restricted Subsidiary of the Company otherwise meets the definition of an Unrestricted Subsidiary. In addition, no such designation may be made unless the proposed Unrestricted Subsidiary does not beneficially own any Capital Stock in any Restricted Subsidiary that is not simultaneously subject to designation as an Unrestricted Subsidiary. The Board of Directors of the Company may redesignate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company if the redesignation would not cause a Default.

Section 4.14. Corporate Existence.

Subject to Section 4.10 and Article 5 hereof, the Company shall do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect (i) its corporate existence, and the corporate, partnership or other existence of each of its Restricted Subsidiaries, in accordance with the respective organizational documents (as the same may be amended from time to time) of the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary and (ii) the rights (charter and statutory), licenses and franchises of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries; provided that the Company shall not be required to preserve any such right, license or franchise, or the corporate, partnership or other existence of any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, if the Board of Directors shall determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, and that the loss thereof is not adverse in any material respect to the Holders of the Notes.

Section 4.15. Offer to Repurchase Upon Change of Control.

(a) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Company shall make an offer (a "Change of Control Offer") to each Holder to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof) of each Holder's Notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest and Special Interest thereon, if any, to the date of purchase (the "Change of Control Payment"). Within 30 days following any Change of Control, the Company shall mail a notice to each Holder stating: (1) that the Change of Control Offer is being made pursuant to this Section 4.15 and that all Notes tendered will be accepted for payment; (2) the purchase price and the purchase date, which shall be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed (the "Change of Control Payment Date"); (3) that any Note not promptly tendered will continue to accrue interest; (4) that, unless the Company defaults in the payment of the Change of Control Payment, all Notes accepted for payment pursuant to the Change of Control Offer shall cease to accrue interest after the Change of Control Payment Date; (5) that Holders electing to have any Notes purchased pursuant to a Change of Control Offer will be required to surrender the Notes, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" on the reverse of the Notes completed, to the

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Paying Agent at the address specified in the notice prior to the close of business on the third Business Day preceding the Change of Control Payment Date; (6) that Holders will be entitled to withdraw their election if the Paying Agent receives, not later than the close of business on the second Business Day preceding the Change of Control Payment Date, a telegram, telex, facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of the Holder, the principal amount of Notes delivered for purchase, and a statement that such Holder is withdrawing his election to have the Notes purchased; and (7) that Holders whose Notes are being purchased only in part will be issued new Notes equal in principal amount to the unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered, which unpurchased portion must be equal to \$1,000 in principal amount or an integral multiple thereof. The Company shall comply with the requirements of Section 14(e) of and Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of Notes in connection with a Change of Control. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the provisions of this Indenture relating to a Change of Control Offer, the Company shall comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and shall not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this Indenture by virtue of such conflict.

(b) On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Company shall, to the extent lawful, (1) accept for payment all Notes or portions thereof properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer, (2) deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all Notes or portions thereof properly tendered and (3) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes properly accepted together with an Officers' Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Notes or portions thereof being purchased by the Company. The Paying Agent shall promptly mail to each Holder of Notes so tendered the Change of Control Payment for the Notes, and the Trustee shall promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book entry) to each Holder a new Note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered by such Holder, if any; provided, that each such new Note shall be in a principal amount of \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof. Prior to complying with any of the provisions of this Section 4.15, but in any event within 90 days following a Change of Control, the Company will either repay all outstanding Senior Debt or obtain the requisite consents, if any, under all agreements governing outstanding Senior Debt to permit the repurchase of Notes required by this covenant. The Company shall publicly announce the results of the Change of Control Offer on or as soon as practicable after the Change of Control Payment Date.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 4.15, the Company shall not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control if a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in this Indenture applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by the Company and purchases all Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer.

Section 4.16. Anti-Layering.

The Company shall not incur, create, issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise become liable for any Indebtedness that is subordinate or junior in right of payment to any Senior Debt of the Company and senior in any respect in right of payment to the Notes. No Guarantor shall incur, create, issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise become liable for any Indebtedness that

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is subordinate or junior in right of payment to the Senior Debt of such Guarantor and senior in any respect in right of payment to such Guarantor's Subsidiary Guarantee.

Section 4.17. Additional Subsidiary Guarantees.

The Company shall cause any Domestic Subsidiary of the Company which incurs, has outstanding or guarantees any Indebtedness to, simultaneously with such incurrence or guarantee (or, if such Domestic Subsidiary has outstanding or guarantees Indebtedness at the time of its creation or acquisition, at the time of such creation or acquisition), become a Guarantor and execute and deliver to the Trustee a supplemental indenture, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee, pursuant to which such Subsidiary will agree to guarantee the Company's obligations under the Notes; *provided, however*, that (i) no Lexus Dealership Subsidiary or Toyota Dealership Subsidiary shall be required to comply with this covenant unless such Subsidiary guarantees, assumes or otherwise agrees to become liable for any Indebtedness of the Company or any of the Company's Subsidiaries (other than a Lexus Dealership Subsidiary or Toyota Dealership Subsidiary), other than Indebtedness in existence on the date hereof (or committed to by lenders under Credit Facilities in existence on the date hereof), in which case such Subsidiary shall, concurrently with its execution and delivery of the guarantee, agreement or instrument pursuant to which such Subsidiary guarantees, assumes or otherwise agrees to become liable for such Indebtedness (or upon the acquisition by the Company of such Subsidiary if such Subsidiary has entered into such a guarantee or other agreement prior to its becoming a Subsidiary of the Company), become a Guarantor and (ii) all Subsidiaries of the Company that have properly been designated as Unrestricted Subsidiaries in accordance with this Indenture, for so long as they continue to constitute Unrestricted Subsidiaries, will not have to comply with the requirements of this Section 4.17.

Section 4.18. Payments for Consent.

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, pay or cause to be paid any consideration to or for the benefit of any Holder of Notes for or as an inducement to any consent, waiver or amendment of any of the terms or provisions of this Indenture or the Notes unless such consideration is offered to be paid and is paid to all Holders of the Notes that consent, waive or agree to amend in the time frame set forth in the solicitation documents relating to such consent, waiver or agreement.

Section 4.19. Restrictions on Lexus Dealership Subsidiaries and Toyota Dealership Subsidiaries.

The Company shall not permit, or permit any of its Subsidiaries to permit (a) any Lexus Dealership Subsidiary to (A) engage in any business or activity other than the business and activities engaged in by the Lexus Dealership Subsidiaries on the date hereof and any other business or activities related or incidental to the franchised retail sale and servicing of Lexus vehicles or (B) notwithstanding the exceptions to the covenants contained in Sections 4.09 and 4.12, incur any Indebtedness or trade payables other than Lexus Dealership Indebtedness Or Trade Payables and (b) any Toyota Dealership Subsidiary to (A) engage in any business or activity other than the business and activities engaged in by the Toyota Dealership Subsidiaries on the date hereof and any other business or activities which are related or incidental to the franchised retail sale and servicing of Toyota vehicles or (B) notwithstanding the exceptions to the covenants contained in Sections 4.09 and 4.12, incur any Indebtedness or trade payables other

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than Toyota Dealership Indebtedness Or Trade Payables; *provided, however*, that the restrictions of this Section 4.19 shall not apply with respect to any Lexus Dealership Subsidiary or Toyota Dealership Subsidiary at any time after such Lexus Dealership Subsidiary or Toyota Dealership Subsidiary becomes a Guarantor by executing and delivering to the Trustee a supplemental indenture in accordance with Section 4.17 pursuant to which such Lexus Dealership Subsidiary or Toyota Dealership Subsidiary agrees to guarantee the Company's obligations under the Notes.

ARTICLE 5
SUCCESSORS

Section 5.01. Merger, Consolidation, or Sale of Assets.

The Company shall not, directly or indirectly (1) consolidate or merge with or into another Person (whether or not the Company is the surviving corporation), or (2) sell, assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole, in one or more related transactions to, another Person, unless (i) either (A) the Company is the surviving corporation or (B) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the Company) or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition shall have been made is a corporation organized or existing under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia (any such Person, the “Successor Company”), (ii) the Successor Company assumes all the obligations of the Company under the Notes, this Indenture and the Registration Rights Agreement pursuant to agreements reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee, (iii) immediately after such transaction no Default exists, and (iv) the Company or the Successor Company shall, on the date of such transaction after giving pro forma effect thereto and any related financing transactions as if the same had occurred at the beginning of the applicable four-quarter period, be permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of Section 4.09 hereof. The foregoing clause (iv) shall not prohibit (A) a merger between the Company and any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; or (B) a merger between the Company and an Affiliate with no liabilities (other than *de minimis* liabilities), *provided that* such Affiliate is incorporated and the merger undertaken solely for the purpose of reincorporating the Company in another state of the United States, so long as, the amount of Indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries is not increased thereby. In addition, the Company shall not, directly or indirectly, lease all or substantially all of its properties or assets, in one or more related transactions, to any other Person. The provisions of this Section 5.01 shall not be applicable to a sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of assets between or among the Company and any of the Guarantors.

Section 5.02. Successor Company Substituted.

Upon any consolidation or merger, or any sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company in accordance with Section 5.01 hereof, the Successor Company shall succeed to, and be substituted for (so that from and after the date of such consolidation, merger, sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition, the provisions of this Indenture referring to the “Company” shall refer instead to the Successor Company and not to the Company), and may exercise every right and power of the Company under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor Person had been named as the Company herein; provided that the predecessor Company shall not be relieved from the obligation to pay the principal of and interest and Special Interest, if any, on the

Notes except in the case of a sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of all of the Company’s properties or assets that meets the requirements of Section 5.01 hereof.

ARTICLE 6
DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

Section 6.01. Events of Default.

An “Event of Default” occurs if:

- (a) the Company defaults in the payment when due of interest on, or Special Interest, if any, with respect to, the Notes and such default continues for a period of 30 days, whether or not such payment shall be prohibited by Article 10 hereof;
- (b) the Company defaults in the payment when due of principal of, or premium, if any, on the Notes when the same becomes due and payable at maturity, upon redemption (including in connection with an offer to purchase) or otherwise, whether or not such payment shall be prohibited by Article 10 hereof;
- (c) the Company fails to comply with any of the provisions of Section 5.01 hereof;
- (d) the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries fails to comply with any of the provisions of Section 4.07, 4.09, 4.10, 4.15 or 4.19 hereof for a period of 30 days after receipt of notice to the Company by the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes (including Additional Notes, if any) then outstanding voting as a single class;
- (e) the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries fails to observe or perform any other covenant or other agreement in this Indenture for 60 days after notice to the Company by the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes (including Additional Notes, if any) then outstanding voting as a single class;
- (f) a default occurs under any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there may be issued or by which there may be secured or evidenced any Indebtedness for money borrowed by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (or the payment of which is guaranteed by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries), whether such Indebtedness or guarantee now exists, or is created after the date of this Indenture, which default is caused by a failure to pay principal at its stated final maturity (after giving effect to any applicable grace period provided in such Indebtedness) (a “Payment Default”) or results in the acceleration of such Indebtedness prior to its express maturity and, in each case, the principal amount of any such Indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such Indebtedness under which there has been a Payment Default or the maturity of which has been so accelerated, aggregates \$15.0 million or more;
- (g) a final judgment or final judgments for the payment of money are entered by a court or courts of competent jurisdiction against the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, and such judgment or judgments remain not paid, discharged or stayed for a period

of 60 days, provided that the aggregate of all such not paid, discharged or stayed judgments exceeds \$15.0 million;

- (h) except as permitted by this Indenture, any Subsidiary Guarantee is held in any judicial proceeding to be unenforceable or invalid or shall cease for any reason to be in full force and effect or any Guarantor, or any Person acting on behalf of any Guarantor, shall deny or disaffirm its

obligations under such Guarantor's Subsidiary Guarantee.

(i) the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that is a Significant Subsidiary or any Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company that taken together would constitute a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company:

- (i) commences a voluntary case,
- (ii) consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case,
- (iii) consents to the appointment of a custodian of it or for all or substantially all of its property,
- (iv) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or
- (v) generally is not paying its debts as they become due; or

(j) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:

(i) is for relief against the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that is a Significant Subsidiary or any Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary of the Company in an involuntary case;

(ii) appoints a custodian of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that is a Significant Subsidiary or any Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary of the Company or for all or substantially all of the property of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that is a Significant Subsidiary or any Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary of the Company; or

(iii) orders the liquidation of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that is a Significant Subsidiary or any Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary of the Company;

and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 60 consecutive days.

Section 6.02. Acceleration.

If any Event of Default (other than an Event of Default specified in clause (i) or (j) of Section 6.01 hereof with respect to the Company, any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may declare all the Notes to be due and payable immediately. Upon any such declaration, the Notes shall become due and payable immediately. Upon any such declaration the Notes shall become due and payable immediately. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an Event of Default specified in clause (i) or (j) of Section 6.01 hereof occurs with respect to the Company, any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, all outstanding Notes shall be due and payable immediately without further action or notice. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes by written notice to the Trustee may on behalf of all of the Holders rescind an acceleration and its consequences if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree and if all existing Events of Default (except nonpayment of principal, interest or premium that has become due solely because of the acceleration) have been cured or waived.

If an Event of Default occurs by reason of any willful action (or inaction) taken (or not taken) by or on behalf of the Company with the intention of avoiding payment of the premium that the Company would have had to pay if the Company then had elected to redeem the Notes pursuant Section 3.07(a) or (c) hereof, as applicable, then, upon acceleration of the Notes, an equivalent premium shall also become and be immediately due and payable, to the extent permitted by law, anything in this Indenture or in the Notes to the contrary notwithstanding.

Section 6.03. Other Remedies.

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may pursue any available remedy to collect the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes or to enforce the performance of any provision of the Notes or this Indenture.

The Trustee may maintain a proceeding even if it does not possess any of the Notes or does not produce any of them in the proceeding. A delay or omission by the Trustee or any Holder of a Note in exercising any right or remedy accruing upon an Event of Default shall not impair the right or remedy or constitute a waiver of or acquiescence in the Event of Default. Every right and remedy given by this Article or by law to the Trustee or to the Holders may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Trustee or by the Holders, as the case may be.

No right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the Holders is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

Section 6.04. Waiver of Past Defaults.

Holdings of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes by notice to the Trustee may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Notes waive an existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences hereunder, except a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of, premium and Special Interest, if any, or interest on, the Notes including in connection with an offer to purchase (other than

the non-payment of principal of or interest or Special Interest, if any, on the Notes that became due solely because of the acceleration of the Notes) (provided that the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may rescind an acceleration and its consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from such acceleration). Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

Section 6.05. Control by Majority.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the Notes then outstanding shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee, with respect to the Notes, *provided that*

- (i) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with this Indenture, and
- (ii) the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Trustee which is not inconsistent with such direction.

Section 6.06. Limitation on Suits.

A Holder of a Note may pursue a remedy with respect to this Indenture or the Notes only if:

- (a) the Holder of a Note gives to the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default;
- (b) the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes make a written request to the Trustee to pursue the remedy;
- (c) such Holder of a Note or Holders of Notes offer and, if requested, provide to the Trustee indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee against any loss, liability or expense;
- (d) the Trustee does not comply with the request within 60 days after receipt of the request and the offer and, if requested, the provision of indemnity; and
- (e) during such 60-day period the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes do not give the Trustee a direction inconsistent with the request.

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A Holder of a Note may not use this Indenture to prejudice the rights of another Holder of a Note or to obtain a preference or priority over another Holder of a Note.

Section 6.07. Rights of Holders of Notes to Receive Payment.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the right of any Holder of a Note to receive payment of principal, premium and Special Interest, if any, and interest on the Note, on or after the respective due dates expressed in the Note (including in connection with an offer to purchase), or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates, shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder.

Section 6.08. Collection Suit by Trustee.

If an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(a) or (b) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee is authorized to recover judgment in its own name and as trustee of an express trust against the Company for the whole amount of principal of, premium and Special Interest, if any, and interest remaining unpaid on the Notes and interest on overdue principal and, to the extent lawful, interest and such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel.

Section 6.09. Trustee May File Proofs of Claim.

The Trustee is authorized to file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel) and the Holders of the Notes allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Company (or any other obligor upon the Notes), its creditors or its property and shall be entitled and empowered to collect, receive and distribute any money or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and any custodian in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Trustee, and in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due to it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.07 hereof. To the extent that the payment of any such compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.07 hereof out of the estate in any such proceeding, shall be denied for any reason, payment of the same shall be secured by a Lien on, and shall be paid out of, any and all distributions, dividends, money, securities and other properties that the Holders may be entitled to receive in such proceeding whether in liquidation or under any plan of reorganization or arrangement or otherwise. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Notes or the rights of any Holder, or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding.

Section 6.10. Priorities.

If the Trustee collects any money pursuant to this Article, it shall pay out the money in the following order:

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First: to the Trustee, its agents and attorneys for amounts due under Section 7.07 hereof, including payment of all compensation, expense and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Trustee and the costs and expenses of collection;

Second: subject to the provisions of Article 10 hereof, to Holders of Notes for amounts due and unpaid on the Notes for principal, premium and Special Interest, if any, and interest, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on the Notes for principal, premium and Special Interest, if any and interest, respectively; and

Third: to the Company or to such party as a court of competent jurisdiction shall direct.

The Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Holders of Notes pursuant to this Section 6.10.

Section 6.11. Undertaking for Costs.

In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as a Trustee, a court in its discretion may require the filing by any party litigant in the suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of the suit, and the court in its discretion may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, against any party litigant in the suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This Section does not apply to a suit by the Trustee, a suit by a Holder of a Note pursuant to Section 6.07 hereof, or a suit by Holders of more than 10% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes.

ARTICLE 7
TRUSTEE

Section 7.01. Duties of Trustee.

(a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

(b) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default:

(i) the duties of the Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Indenture and the Trustee need perform only those duties that are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no others, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and

(ii) in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture. However, with respect to certificates or opinions

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specifically required to be furnished to it hereunder, the Trustee shall examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture.

(c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liabilities for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

(i) this paragraph does not limit the effect of paragraph (b) of this Section;

(ii) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it is proved that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and

(iii) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to Section 6.05 hereof.

(d) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Trustee is subject to paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this Section.

(e) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or incur any liability. The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights and powers under this Indenture at the request of any Holders, unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee security and indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense.

(f) The Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Company. Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

Section 7.02. Rights of Trustee.

(a) The Trustee may conclusively rely upon any document (whether in its original or facsimile form) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper Person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document.

(b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officers' Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel or both. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such Officers' Certificate or Opinion of Counsel. The Trustee

may consult with counsel and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.

(c) The Trustee may act through its attorneys and agents and shall not be responsible for the misconduct or gross negligence of any agent or attorney appointed with due care.

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(d) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith that it believes to be authorized or within the rights or powers conferred upon it by this Indenture.

(e) Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Indenture, any demand, request, direction or notice from the Company shall be sufficient if signed by an Officer of the Company.

(f) The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities that might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.

(g) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and each agent, custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder.

(h) The Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled to examine the books, records and premises of the Company, personally or by agent or attorney at the sole cost of the Company and shall incur no liability or additional liability of any kind by reason of such inquiry or investigation.

(i) The Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any Default or Event of Default unless a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has actual knowledge thereof or unless written notice of any event which is in fact such a default is received by the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and such notice references the Notes and this Indenture.

(j) The Trustee may request that the Company deliver an Officers' Certificate setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture, which Officers' Certificate may be signed by any person authorized to sign an Officers' Certificate, including any person specified as so authorized in any such certificate previously delivered and not superseded.

Section 7.03. Individual Rights of Trustee.

The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Company or any Affiliate of the Company with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee.

In the event that the Trustee acquires any conflicting interest it must eliminate such conflict within 90 days, apply to the SEC for permission to continue as trustee or resign. Any Agent may do the same with like rights and duties. If the Trustee fails to eliminate such conflicting interest, obtain said permission or resign within the ten days after the conclusion of

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such 90-day period, the Trustee shall provide notice to the Holders of this effect, and any Holder that has been a *bona fide* Holder for at least six months prior to the delivery of such notice shall have the right to petition a court of competent jurisdiction to remove the Trustee and appoint a Successor Trustee. The Trustee is also subject to Sections 7.10 and 7.11 hereof.

Section 7.04. Trustee's Disclaimer.

The Trustee shall not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Notes, it shall not be accountable for the Company's use of the proceeds from the Notes or any money paid to the Company or upon the Company's direction under any provision of this Indenture, it shall not be responsible for the use or application of any money received by any Paying Agent other than the Trustee, and it shall not be responsible for any statement or recital herein or any statement in the Notes or any other document in connection with the sale of the Notes or pursuant to this Indenture other than its certificate of authentication.

Section 7.05. Notice of Defaults.

If a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing and if it is actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Trustee, the Trustee shall mail to Holders of Notes a notice of the Default or Event of Default within 90 days after it occurs. Except in the case of a Default or Event of Default in payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Note, the Trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as a committee of its Responsible Officers in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of the Holders of the Notes.

Section 7.06. Reports by Trustee to Holders of the Notes.

Within 60 days after each May 15 beginning with the May 15 following the date of this Indenture, and for so long as Notes remain outstanding, the Trustee shall mail to the Holders of the Notes a brief report dated as of such reporting date that complies with TIA § 313(a) (but if no event described in TIA § 313(a) has occurred within the twelve months preceding the reporting date, no report need be transmitted). The Trustee also shall comply with TIA § 313(b)(2). The Trustee shall also transmit by mail all reports as required by TIA § 313(c).

A copy of each report at the time of its mailing to the Holders of Notes shall be mailed to the Company and filed with the SEC and each stock exchange on which the Notes are listed in accordance with TIA § 313(d). The Company shall promptly notify the Trustee when the Notes are listed on any securities exchange or delisted therefrom.

Section 7.07. Compensation and Indemnity.

The Company shall pay to the Trustee such compensation as agreed upon from time to time in writing for its acceptance of this Indenture and services hereunder. The Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Company shall reimburse the Trustee promptly upon request for all reasonable disbursements, advances and expenses incurred or made by it in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses shall include the reasonable compensation, disbursements and expenses of the Trustee's agents and counsel.

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The Company shall fully indemnify the Trustee against any and all losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses incurred by it, without negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of its duties under this Indenture, including the costs and expenses of enforcing this Indenture against the Company (including this Section 7.07) and defending itself against any claim (whether asserted by the Company or any Holder or any other person) or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder, except to the extent any such loss, liability or expense has been caused by its own negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith. The Trustee shall notify the Company promptly of any claim of which it has received notice for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Trustee to so notify the Company shall not relieve the Company of its obligations hereunder. The Company shall defend the claim and the Trustee shall reasonably cooperate in the defense. The Trustee may have separate counsel and the Company shall pay the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel. The Company need not pay for any settlement made without its consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Company need not reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss, liability or expense incurred by the Trustee through its own negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith.

The obligations of the Company under this Section 7.07 shall survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

To secure the Company's payment obligations in this Section, the Trustee shall have a Lien prior to the Notes on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee, except that held in trust to pay principal and interest on particular Notes. Such Lien shall survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(g) or (h) hereof occurs, the expenses and the compensation for the services (including the fees and expenses of its agents and counsel) are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

The Trustee shall comply with the provisions of TIA § 313(b)(2) to the extent applicable.

Section 7.08. Replacement of Trustee.

A resignation or removal of the Trustee and appointment of a successor Trustee shall become effective only upon the successor Trustee's acceptance of appointment as provided in this Section.

The Trustee may resign in writing at any time and be discharged from the trust hereby created by so notifying the Company. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may remove the Trustee by so notifying the Trustee and the Company in writing. The Company may remove the Trustee if:

- (a) the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10 hereof;
- (b) the Trustee is adjudged a bankrupt or an insolvent or an order for relief is entered with respect to the Trustee under any Bankruptcy Law;

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- (c) a custodian or public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or
- (d) the Trustee becomes incapable of acting.

If the Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee for any reason, the Company shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee. Within one year after the successor Trustee takes office, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may appoint a successor Trustee to replace the successor Trustee appointed by the Company.

If a successor Trustee does not take office within 60 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee (at the expense of the Company), the Company, or the Holders of at least 10% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

If the Trustee, after written request by any Holder who has been a Holder for at least six months, fails to comply with Section 7.10, such Holder may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.

A successor Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Company. Thereupon, the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to Holders. The retiring Trustee shall promptly transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee, provided all sums owing to the Trustee hereunder have been paid and subject to the Lien provided for in Section 7.07

hereof. Notwithstanding replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this Section 7.08, the Company's obligations under Section 7.07 hereof shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee.

Section 7.09. Successor Trustee by Merger, etc.

If the Trustee consolidates, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all of its corporate trust business to, another corporation, the successor corporation without any further act shall be the successor Trustee.

Section 7.10. Eligibility; Disqualification.

There shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder that is a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state thereof that is authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trustee power, that is subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authorities and that has a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50 million as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition.

This Indenture shall always have a Trustee who satisfies the requirements of TIA § 310(a)(1) and (2). The Trustee is subject to TIA § 310(b).

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Section 7.11. Preferential Collection of Claims Against Company.

The Trustee is subject to TIA § 311(a), excluding any creditor relationship listed in TIA § 311(b). A Trustee who has resigned or been removed shall be subject to TIA § 311(a) to the extent indicated therein.

ARTICLE 8
LEGAL DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

Section 8.01. Option to Effect Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

The Company may, at the option of its Board of Directors evidenced by a resolution set forth in an Officers' Certificate, at any time, elect to have either Section 8.02 or 8.03 hereof be applied to all outstanding Notes upon compliance with the conditions set forth below in this Article 8. If the Company exercises its option under this Section 8.01 with respect to either Section 8.02 or 8.03, each Guarantor will be released from all of its obligations with respect to its Guarantee.

Section 8.02. Legal Defeasance and Discharge.

Upon the Company's exercise under Section 8.01 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.02, the Company shall, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04 hereof, be deemed to have been discharged from its obligations with respect to all outstanding Notes on the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied (hereinafter, "Legal Defeasance"). For this purpose, Legal Defeasance means that the Company shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire Indebtedness represented by the outstanding Notes, which shall thereafter be deemed to be "outstanding" only for the purposes of Section 8.05 hereof and the other Sections of this Indenture referred to in (a) and (b) below, and to have satisfied all its other obligations under such Notes and this Indenture (and the Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except for the following provisions which shall survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder: (a) the rights of Holders of outstanding Notes to receive solely from the trust fund described in Section 8.04 hereof, and as more fully set forth in such Section, payments in respect of the principal of premium or Special Interest, if any, and interest on such Notes when such payments are due, (b) the Company's obligations with respect to such Notes under Article 2 and Section 4.02 hereof, (c) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee hereunder and the Company's and the Guarantors' obligations in connection therewith and (d) this Article 8. Subject to compliance with this Article 8, the Company may exercise its option under this Section 8.02 notwithstanding the prior exercise of its option under Section 8.03 hereof.

Section 8.03. Covenant Defeasance.

Upon the Company's exercise under Section 8.01 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.03, the Company shall, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04 hereof, be released from its obligations under the covenants contained in Sections 4.07, 4.08, 4.09, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.13, 4.15, 4.16, 4.17, 4.18 and 4.19 hereof and clause (iv) of Section 5.01 hereof with respect to the outstanding Notes on and after the date the conditions set forth in Section 8.04 are satisfied (hereinafter, "Covenant Defeasance"), and the Notes shall thereafter be deemed not "outstanding" for the purposes of any direction, waiver, consent or

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declaration or act of Holders (and the consequences of any thereof) in connection with such covenants, but shall continue to be deemed "outstanding" for all other purposes hereunder (it being understood that such Notes shall not be deemed outstanding for accounting purposes). For this purpose, Covenant Defeasance means that, with respect to the outstanding Notes, the Company may omit to comply with and shall have no liability in respect of any term, condition or limitation set forth in any such covenant, whether directly or indirectly, by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such covenant or by reason of any reference in any such covenant to any other provision herein or in any other document and such omission to comply shall not constitute a Default or an Event of Default under Section 6.01 hereof, but, except as specified above, the remainder of this Indenture and such Notes shall be unaffected thereby. In addition, upon the Company's exercise under Section 8.01 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.03 hereof, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04 hereof, Section 6.01(c) through 6.01(f) hereof shall not constitute Events of Default.

Section 8.04. Conditions to Legal or Covenant Defeasance.

The following shall be the conditions to the application of either Section 8.02 or 8.03 hereof to the outstanding Notes:

In order to exercise either Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance:

(a) the Company must irrevocably deposit with the Trustee, in trust, for the benefit of the Holders, cash in United States dollars, non-callable Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, to pay the principal of, premium and Special Interest, if any, and interest on the outstanding Notes on the stated date for payment thereof or on the applicable redemption date, as the case may be, and the Company must specify whether the Notes are being defeased to maturity or to a particular redemption date;

(b) in the case of an election under Section 8.02 hereof, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel in the United States reasonably acceptable to the Trustee confirming that (A) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling or (B) since the date of this Indenture, there has been a change in the applicable federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such Opinion of Counsel shall confirm that, the Holders of the outstanding Notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Legal Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Legal Defeasance had not occurred;

(c) in the case of an election under Section 8.03 hereof, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel in the United States reasonably acceptable to the Trustee confirming that the Holders of the outstanding Notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Covenant Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Covenant Defeasance had not occurred;

(d) no Default shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit (other than a Default resulting from the incurrence of Indebtedness all or a portion of the

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proceeds of which will be used to defease the Notes pursuant to this Article 8 concurrently with such incurrence);

(e) such Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance shall not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any material agreement or instrument (other than this Indenture) to which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is bound;

(f) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that the deposit was not made by the Company with the intent of preferring the Holders over any other creditors of the Company or with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding any other creditors of the Company; and

(g) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent provided for or relating to the Legal Defeasance or the Covenant Defeasance have been complied with.

Section 8.05. Deposited Money and Government Securities to be Held in Trust; Other Miscellaneous Provisions.

Subject to Section 8.06 hereof, all money and non-callable Government Securities (including the proceeds thereof) deposited with the Trustee (or other qualifying trustee, collectively for purposes of this Section 8.05, the "Trustee") pursuant to Section 8.04 hereof in respect of the outstanding Notes shall be held in trust and applied by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of such Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of such Notes of all sums due and to become due thereon in respect of principal, premium, if any, and interest, but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

The Company shall pay and indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the cash or non-callable Government Securities deposited pursuant to Section 8.04 hereof or the principal and interest received in respect thereof other than any such tax, fee or other charge which by law is for the account of the Holders of the outstanding Notes.

Anything in this Article 8 to the contrary notwithstanding, the Trustee shall deliver or pay to the Company from time to time upon the request of the Company any money or non-callable Government Securities held by it as provided in Section 8.04 hereof which, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee (which may be the opinion delivered under Section 8.04(a) hereof), are in excess of the amount thereof that would then be required to be deposited to effect an equivalent Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

Section 8.06. Repayment to Company.

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Company, in trust for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Note and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal, and premium, if any, or interest has

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become due and payable shall be paid to the Company on its request or (if then held by the Company) shall be discharged from such trust; and the Holder of such Note shall thereafter look only to the Company for payment thereof, and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Company as trustee thereof, shall thereupon cease; provided that the Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any such repayment, may at the expense of the Company cause to be published once, in the New York Times and The Wall Street Journal (national edition), notice that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which shall not be less than 30 days from the date of such notification or publication, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining will be repaid to the Company.

Section 8.07. Reinstatement.

If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any United States dollars or non-callable Government Securities in accordance with Section 8.02 or 8.03 hereof, as the case may be, by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, then the Company's obligations under this Indenture and the Notes shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 8.02 or 8.03 hereof until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money in accordance with Section 8.02 or 8.03 hereof, as the case may be; provided that, if the Company makes any payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Note following the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Notes to receive such payment from the money held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

ARTICLE 9
AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER

Section 9.01. Without Consent of Holders of Notes.

Notwithstanding Section 9.02 of this Indenture, the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture, the Subsidiary Guarantees or the Notes without the consent of any Holder of a Note:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency or to make a modification of a formal, minor or technical nature or to correct a manifest error;
- (b) to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes or to alter the provisions of Article 2 hereof (including the related definitions) in a manner that does not materially adversely affect any Holder;
- (c) to provide for the assumption of the Company's or a Guarantor's obligations to the Holders of the Notes by a successor to the Company pursuant to Article 5 or hereof;
- (d) to add Guarantees with respect to the Notes or to secure the Notes;

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- (e) to add to the covenants of the Company or any Guarantor for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes or surrender any right or power conferred upon the Company or any Guarantor;
 - (f) to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the Holders of the Notes or that does not adversely affect the legal rights hereunder of any Holder of a Note;
 - (g) to comply with requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of this Indenture under the TIA;
 - (h) to evidence and provide for the acceptance and appointment under this Indenture of a successor Trustee pursuant to the requirements hereof; or
 - (i) to provide for the issuance of exchange or private exchange notes.

However, no amendment may be made to Article 10 of this Indenture or the conditions precedent to Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance set forth in clause (e) of Section 8.04 hereof, in each case, that adversely affects the rights of any holder of Senior Debt of the Company or a Guarantor then outstanding unless the holders of such Senior Debt (or their representative) consent to such change.

Upon the request of the Company accompanied by a resolution of its Board of Directors authorizing the execution of any such amended or supplemental Indenture, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Section 7.02 hereof, the Trustee shall join with the Company and the Guarantors in the execution of any amended or supplemental Indenture authorized or permitted by the terms of this Indenture and to make any further appropriate agreements and stipulations that may be therein contained, but the Trustee shall not be obligated to enter into such amended or supplemental Indenture that affects its own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise.

Section 9.02. With Consent of Holders of Notes.

Except as provided below in this Section 9.02, the Company and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture (including Section 3.09, 4.10 and 4.15 hereof), the Subsidiary Guarantees and the Notes with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Notes (including Additional Notes, if any) then outstanding voting as a single class (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for, or purchase of, the Notes), and, subject to Sections 6.04 and 6.07 hereof, any existing Default or Event of Default (other than a Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Notes, except a payment default resulting from an acceleration that has been rescinded) or compliance with any provision of this Indenture, the Subsidiary Guarantees or the Notes may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes (including Additional Notes, if any) voting as a single class (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for, or purchase of, the Notes). Without the consent of at least 75% in principal amount of the Notes then outstanding (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for, or purchase of, such Notes), no waiver or amendment to this Indenture may make any change in the provisions of Article 10 hereof that adversely affects the rights of any Holder of Notes.

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Section 2.08 hereof shall determine which Notes are considered to be "outstanding" for purposes of this Section 9.02.

Upon the request of the Company accompanied by a resolution of its Board of Directors authorizing the execution of any such amended or supplemental Indenture, and upon the filing with the Trustee of evidence satisfactory to the Trustee of the consent of the Holders of Notes as aforesaid, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Section 7.02 hereof, the Trustee shall join with the Company in the execution of such amended or supplemental Indenture unless such amended or supplemental Indenture directly affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise, in which case the Trustee may in its discretion, but shall not be obligated to, enter into such amended or supplemental Indenture.

It shall not be necessary for the consent of the Holders of Notes under this Section 9.02 to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment or waiver, but it shall be sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof.

After an amendment, supplement or waiver under this Section becomes effective, the Company shall mail to the Holders of Notes affected thereby a notice briefly describing the amendment, supplement or waiver. Any failure of the Company to mail such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such amended or supplemental Indenture or waiver. Subject to Sections 6.04 and 6.07 hereof, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes (including Additional Notes, if any) then outstanding voting as a single class may waive compliance in a particular instance by the Company with any provision of this Indenture or the Notes. However, without the consent of each Holder affected, an amendment or waiver under this Section 9.02 may not (with respect to any Notes held by a non-consenting Holder):

- (a) reduce the principal amount of Notes whose Holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;
- (b) reduce the principal of or change the fixed maturity of any Note or alter or waive any of the provisions with respect to the redemption of the Notes (other than the provisions of Sections 3.09, 4.10 and 4.15 relating to the obligation of the Company to make an offer to repurchase Notes);
- (c) reduce the rate of or change the time for payment of interest, including default interest, on any Note;
- (d) waive a Default or Event of Default in the payment of principal of or interest or premium, or Special Interest, if any, on the Notes (except a rescission of acceleration of the Notes by the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes (including Additional Notes, if any) and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration);
- (e) make any Note payable in money other than that stated in the Notes;

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(f) make any change in the provisions of this Indenture relating to waivers of past Defaults or the rights of Holders of Notes to receive payments of principal of, or interest or premium or Special Interest, if any, on the Notes;

(g) waive a redemption payment with respect to any Note (other than pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3.09, 4.10 and 4.15);

(h) release any Guarantor from any of its obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee or this Indenture, except in accordance with the terms of this Indenture; or

(i) make any change in the foregoing amendment and waiver provisions.

Section 9.03. Compliance with Trust Indenture Act.

Every amendment or supplement to this Indenture or the Notes shall be set forth in an amended or supplemental Indenture that complies with the TIA as then in effect.

Section 9.04. Revocation and Effect of Consents.

Until an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder of a Note is a continuing consent by the Holder of a Note and every subsequent Holder of a Note or portion of a Note that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Note, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Note. However, any such Holder of a Note or subsequent Holder of a Note may revoke the consent as to its Note if the Trustee receives written notice of revocation before the date the waiver, supplement or amendment becomes effective. An amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective in accordance with its terms and thereafter binds every Holder.

Section 9.05. Notation on or Exchange of Notes.

The Trustee may place an appropriate notation about an amendment, supplement or waiver on any Note thereafter authenticated. The Company in exchange for all Notes may issue and the Trustee shall, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, authenticate new Notes that reflect the amendment, supplement or waiver.

Failure to make the appropriate notation or issue a new Note shall not affect the validity and effect of such amendment, supplement or waiver.

Section 9.06. Trustee to Sign Amendments, etc.

The Trustee shall sign any amended or supplemental Indenture authorized pursuant to this Article 9 if the amendment or supplement does not affect the rights, duties, liabilities or immunities of the Trustee. The Company may not sign an amendment or supplemental Indenture until the Board of Directors approves it. In executing any amended or supplemental indenture, the Trustee shall be provided with and (subject to Section 7.01 hereof) shall be fully protected in relying upon, in addition to the documents required by Section 13.04 hereof, an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such amended or supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture.

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ARTICLE 10
SUBORDINATION

Section 10.01. Agreement to Subordinate.

The Company agrees, and each Holder by accepting a Note agrees, that the Indebtedness evidenced by the Notes is subordinated in right of payment, to the extent and in the manner provided in this Article 10, to the prior payment in full in cash or Cash Equivalents of all Senior Debt (whether outstanding on the date hereof or hereafter created, incurred, assumed or guaranteed), and that the subordination is for the benefit of the holders of Senior Debt.

Section 10.02. Liquidation; Dissolution; Bankruptcy.

Upon any distribution to creditors of the Company in a liquidation or dissolution of the Company or in a bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, receivership or similar proceeding relating to the Company or its property, in an assignment for the benefit of creditors or any marshaling of the Company's assets and liabilities:

(i) holders of Senior Debt shall be entitled to receive payment in full of all Obligations due in respect of such Senior Debt (including interest after the commencement of any such proceeding at the rate specified in the applicable Senior Debt) before Holders of the Notes shall be entitled to receive any payment with respect to the Notes (except that Holders may receive (A) Permitted Junior Securities and (B) payments and other distributions made from any defeasance trust created pursuant to Section 8.01 hereof); and

(ii) until all Obligations with respect to Senior Debt (as provided in clause (i) above) are paid in full, any distribution to which Holders would be entitled but for this Article 10 shall be made to holders of Senior Debt (except that Holders of Notes may receive (A) Permitted Junior Securities and (B) payments and other distributions made from any defeasance trust created pursuant to Section 8.01 hereof), as their interests may appear.

Section 10.03. Default on Designated Senior Debt.

(a) The Company may not make any payment or distribution to the Trustee or any Holder in respect of Obligations with respect to the Notes and may not acquire from the Trustee or any Holder any Notes for cash or property (other than (A) Permitted Junior Securities and (B) payments and other distributions made from any defeasance trust created pursuant to Section 8.01 hereof) until all principal and other Obligations with respect to the Senior Debt have been paid in full if:

(i) a default in the payment of Designated Senior Debt occurs and is continuing beyond any applicable period of grace; or

(ii) a default, other than a payment default, on any series of Designated Senior Debt occurs and is continuing that then permits holders of the Designated Senior Debt to accelerate its maturity and the Trustee receives a notice of the default (a "Payment Blockage Notice") from the Company or the holders of any such

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Designated Senior Debt or their representative. If the Trustee receives any such Payment Blockage Notice, no subsequent Payment Blockage Notice shall be effective for purposes of this Section unless and until (A) at least 360 days shall have elapsed since the delivery of the immediately prior Payment Blockage Notice and (B) all scheduled payments of principal, interest and premium and Special Interest, if any, on the Notes that have come due have been paid in full in cash. No nonpayment default that existed or was continuing on the date of delivery of any Payment Blockage Notice to the Trustee shall be, or be made, the basis for a subsequent Payment Blockage Notice unless such default shall have been cured or waived for a period of not less than 180 days.

(b) The Company shall resume payments on and distributions in respect of the Notes and may acquire them upon the earlier of:

(i) in the case of a default referred to in clause (i) of Section 10.03(a) hereof, the date upon which the default is cured or waived, or

(ii) in the case of a default referred to in clause (ii) of Section 10.03(a) hereof, upon the earlier of the date on which such non-payment default is cured or waived or 179 days pass after the date on which the applicable Payment Blockage Notice is received, unless the maturity of such Designated Senior Debt has been accelerated,

if this Article 10 otherwise permits the payment, distribution or acquisition at the time of such payment or acquisition.

Section 10.04. Acceleration of Notes.

If payment of the Notes is accelerated because of an Event of Default, the Company shall promptly notify holders of Senior Debt of the acceleration.

Section 10.05. When Distribution Must Be Paid Over.

In the event that the Trustee or any Holder receives any payment of any Obligations with respect to the Notes at a time when the Trustee or such Holder, as applicable, has actual knowledge that such payment is prohibited by Section 10.03 hereof, such payment shall be held by the Trustee or such Holder, in trust for the benefit of, and shall be paid forthwith over and delivered, upon written request, to, the holders of Senior Debt as their interests may appear or their Representative under the indenture or other agreement (if any) pursuant to which Senior Debt may have been issued, as their respective interests may appear, for application to the payment of all Obligations with respect to Senior Debt remaining unpaid to the extent necessary to pay such Obligations in full in accordance with their terms, after giving effect to any concurrent payment or distribution to or for the holders of Senior Debt.

With respect to the holders of Senior Debt, the Trustee undertakes to perform only such obligations on the part of the Trustee as are specifically set forth in this Article 10, and no implied covenants or obligations with respect to the holders of Senior Debt shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee. The Trustee shall not be deemed to owe any fiduciary duty to the holders of Senior Debt, and shall not be liable to any such holders if the Trustee shall pay over or distribute to or on behalf of Holders or the Company or any other Person money or assets to

which any holders of Senior Debt shall be entitled by virtue of this Article 10, except if such payment is made as a result of the willful misconduct or gross negligence of the Trustee.

Section 10.06. Notice by Company.

The Company shall promptly notify the Trustee and the Paying Agent of any facts known to the Company that would cause a payment of any Obligations with respect to the Notes to violate this Article 10, but failure to give such notice shall not affect the subordination of the Notes to the Senior Debt as provided in this Article 10.

Section 10.07. Subrogation.

After all Senior Debt is paid in full and until the Notes are paid in full, Holders of Notes shall be subrogated (equally and ratably with all other Indebtedness *pari passu* with the Notes) to the rights of holders of Senior Debt to receive distributions applicable to Senior Debt to the extent that distributions otherwise payable to the Holders of Notes have been applied to the payment of Senior Debt. A distribution made under this Article 10 to holders of Senior Debt that otherwise would have been made to Holders of Notes is not, as between the Company and Holders, a payment by the Company on the Notes.

Section 10.08. Relative Rights.

This Article 10 defines the relative rights of Holders of Notes and holders of Senior Debt. Nothing in this Indenture shall:

- (i) impair, as between the Company and Holders of Notes, the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay principal of and interest on the Notes in accordance with their terms;
- (ii) affect the relative rights of Holders of Notes and creditors of the Company other than their rights in relation to holders of Senior Debt; or
- (iii) prevent the Trustee or any Holder of Notes from exercising its available remedies upon a Default or Event of Default, subject to the rights of holders and owners of Senior Debt to receive distributions and payments otherwise payable to Holders of Notes.

If the Company fails because of this Article 10 to pay principal of or interest on a Note on the due date, the failure is still a Default or Event of Default.

Section 10.09. Subordination May Not Be Impaired by Company.

No right of any holder of Senior Debt to enforce the subordination of the Indebtedness evidenced by the Notes shall be impaired by any act or failure to act by the Company or any Holder or by the failure of the Company or any Holder to comply with this Indenture.

Section 10.10. Distribution or Notice to Representative.

Whenever a distribution is to be made or a notice given to holders of Senior Debt, the distribution may be made and the notice given to their Representative.

Upon any payment or distribution of assets of the Company referred to in this Article 10, the Trustee and the Holders of Notes shall be entitled to rely upon any order or decree made by any court of competent jurisdiction or upon any certificate of such Representative or of the liquidating trustee or agent or other Person making any distribution to the Trustee or to the Holders of Notes for the purpose of ascertaining the Persons entitled to participate in such distribution, the holders of the Senior Debt and other Indebtedness of the Company, the amount thereof or payable thereon, the amount or amounts paid or distributed thereon and all other facts pertinent thereto or to this Article 10.

Section 10.11. Rights of Trustee and Paying Agent.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article 10 or any other provision of this Indenture, the Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of the existence of any facts that would prohibit the making of any payment or distribution by the Trustee, and the Trustee and the Paying Agent may continue to make payments on the Notes, unless the Trustee shall have received at its Corporate Trust Office at least five Business Days prior to the date of such payment written notice of facts that would cause the payment of any Obligations with respect to the Notes to violate this Article 10. Nothing in this Article 10 shall impair the claims of, or payments to, the Trustee under or pursuant to Section 7.07 hereof.

The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may hold Senior Debt with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. Any Agent may do the same with like rights.

Section 10.12. Authorization to Effect Subordination.

Each Holder of Notes, by the Holder's acceptance thereof, authorizes and directs the Trustee on such Holder's behalf to take such action as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the subordination as provided in this Article 10, and appoints the Trustee to act as such Holder's attorney-in-fact for any and all such purposes. If the Trustee does not file a proper proof of claim or proof of debt in the form required in any proceeding referred to in Section 6.09 hereof at least 30 days before the expiration of the time to file such claim, the Representatives are hereby authorized to file an appropriate claim for and on behalf of the Holders of the Notes.

Section 10.13. Amendments.

The provisions of this Article 10 shall not be amended or modified in a manner that adversely affects the rights of any holder of Senior Debt without the written consent of the holder of such Senior Debt (or their representative).

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ARTICLE 11
SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEES

Section 11.01. Guarantees.

Subject to this Article 11, each of the Guarantors hereby, jointly and severally, unconditionally guarantees to each Holder of a Note authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and to the Trustee and its successors and assigns, irrespective of the validity and enforceability of this Indenture, the Notes or the obligations of the Company hereunder or thereunder, that: (a) the principal and premium, if any, of and interest and Special Interest, if any, on the Notes will be promptly paid in full when due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, redemption or otherwise, and interest on the overdue principal and premium, if any of and interest and Special Interest, if any, on the Notes, if any, if lawful, and all other obligations of the Company to the Holders or the Trustee hereunder or thereunder will be promptly paid in full or performed, all in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof; and (b) in case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any Notes or any of such other obligations, that same will be promptly paid in full when due or performed in accordance with the terms of the extension or renewal, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise. In addition to the foregoing, each Guarantor also agrees, unconditionally and jointly and severally with each other Guarantor, to pay any and all expenses (including, without limitation, counsel fees and expenses) incurred by the Trustee under this Indenture in enforcing any rights under a Subsidiary Guarantee with respect to a Guarantor. Failing payment when due of any amount so guaranteed or any performance so guaranteed for whatever reason, the Guarantors shall be jointly and severally obligated to pay the same immediately. Each Guarantor agrees that this is a guarantee of payment and not a guarantee of collection.

The Guarantors hereby agree that their obligations hereunder shall be unconditional, irrespective of the validity, regularity or enforceability of the Notes or this Indenture, the absence of any action to enforce the same, any waiver or consent by any Holder of the Notes with respect to any provisions hereof or thereof, the recovery of any judgment against the Company, any action to enforce the same or any other circumstance which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor. Each Guarantor hereby waives diligence, presentment, demand of payment, filing of claims with a court in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Company, any right to require a proceeding first against the Company, protest, notice and all demands whatsoever and covenant that this Subsidiary Guarantee shall not be discharged except by complete performance of the obligations contained in the Notes and this Indenture.

If any Holder or the Trustee is required by any court or otherwise to return to the Company, the Guarantors or any custodian, trustee, liquidator or other similar official acting in relation to either the Company or the Guarantors, any amount paid by either to the Trustee or such Holder, this Subsidiary Guarantee, to the extent theretofore discharged, shall be reinstated in full force and effect.

Each Guarantor agrees that it shall not be entitled to any right of subrogation in relation to the Holders in respect of any obligations guaranteed hereby until payment in full of all obligations guaranteed hereby. Each Guarantor further agrees that, as between the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Holders and the Trustee, on the other hand, (x) the maturity of the obligations guaranteed hereby may be accelerated as provided in Article 6 hereof for the purposes

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of this Subsidiary Guarantee, notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such acceleration in respect of the obligations guaranteed hereby, and (y) in the event of any declaration of acceleration of such obligations as provided in Article 6 hereof, such obligations (whether or not due and payable) shall forthwith become due and payable by the Guarantors for the purpose of this Subsidiary Guarantee. The Guarantors shall have the right to seek contribution from any non-paying Guarantor so long as the exercise of such right does not impair the rights of the Holders under the Guarantee.

Section 11.02. Subordination of Subsidiary Guarantees.

The Obligations of each Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guarantee pursuant to this Article 11 shall be junior and subordinated to the Senior Debt of such Guarantor on the same basis as the Notes are junior and subordinated to Senior Debt of the Company as set forth in Article 10 hereof. Each Subsidiary Guarantee is made subject to the provisions of Article 10 hereof. For the purposes of the foregoing sentence, the Trustee and the Holders shall have the right to receive and/or retain payments by any of the Guarantors only at such times as they may receive and/or retain payments in respect of the Notes pursuant to this Indenture, including Article 10 hereof.

Section 11.03. Limitation on Guarantor Liability.

Each Guarantor, and by its acceptance of Notes, each Holder, hereby confirms that it is the intention of all such parties that the Subsidiary Guarantee of such Guarantor not constitute a fraudulent transfer or conveyance for purposes of Bankruptcy Law, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act or any similar federal or state law to the extent applicable to any Subsidiary Guarantee. To effectuate the foregoing intention, the Trustee, the Holders and the Guarantors hereby irrevocably agree that the obligations of such Guarantor will, after giving effect to such maximum amount and all other contingent and fixed liabilities of such Guarantor that are relevant under such laws, and after giving effect to any collections from, rights to receive contribution from or payments made by or on behalf of any other Guarantor in respect of the obligations of such other Guarantor under this Article 11, result in the obligations of such Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guarantee not constituting a fraudulent transfer or conveyance.

Section 11.04. Execution and Delivery of Subsidiary Guarantees.

To evidence its Subsidiary Guarantee set forth in Section 11.01, each Guarantor hereby agrees that a notation of such Subsidiary Guarantee substantially in the form included in Exhibit E shall be endorsed by an Officer of such Guarantor or by its duly appointed attorney-in-fact on each Note authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and that this Indenture shall be executed on behalf of such Guarantor by its President or one of its Vice Presidents or by its duly appointed attorney-in-fact.

Each Guarantor hereby agrees that its Subsidiary Guarantee set forth in Section 11.01 shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding any failure to endorse on each Subsidiary a notation of such Subsidiary Guarantee. The execution of a Subsidiary Guarantee on behalf of a Guarantor by its attorney-in-fact shall constitute a representation and warranty on the part of such Guarantor hereunder of the due appointment of such attorney-in-fact.

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If an Officer or duly appointed attorney-in-fact whose signature is on this Indenture or on a Subsidiary Guarantee no longer holds that office or maintains such appointment, as the case may be, at the time the Trustee authenticates the Note on which a Subsidiary Guarantee is endorsed, the Subsidiary Guarantee shall be valid nevertheless.

The delivery of any Note by the Trustee, after the authentication thereof hereunder, shall constitute due delivery of the Subsidiary Guarantee set forth in this Indenture on behalf of the Guarantors and each of them.

In the event that the Company creates or acquires any new Domestic Subsidiaries subsequent to the date of this Indenture, if required by Section 4.17 hereof, the Company shall cause such Domestic Subsidiaries to execute supplemental indentures to this Indenture and Subsidiary Guarantees in accordance with Section 4.17 hereof and this Article 11, to the extent applicable.

Section 11.05. Guarantors May Consolidate, etc., on Certain Terms.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 11.06, no Guarantor may sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets to, or consolidate with or merge with or into (whether or not such Guarantor is the surviving Person) another Person whether or not affiliated with such Guarantor unless:

- (a) immediately after giving effect to that transaction, no Default exists; and
- (b) either:
 - (1) the Person acquiring the property in any such sale or disposition or the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger, if other than such Guarantor, assumes all the obligations of that Guarantor under this Indenture, its Subsidiary Guarantee and, if the Exchange Offer has not been consummated or Special Interest remains due and owing, under the Registration Rights Agreement pursuant to a supplemental indenture in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee and completes all other required documentation; or
 - (2) the Net Proceeds, if any, of such sale or other disposition are applied in accordance with the provisions of the third paragraph of Section 4.10 of this Indenture;

In case of any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance and upon the assumption by the successor Person, by supplemental indenture, executed and delivered to the Trustee and satisfactory in form to the Trustee, of the Subsidiary Guarantee endorsed upon the Notes and the due and punctual performance of all of the covenants and conditions of this Indenture to be performed by the Guarantor, such successor Person shall succeed to and be substituted for the Guarantor with the same effect as if it had been named herein as a Guarantor. Such successor Person thereupon may cause to be signed any or all of the Subsidiary Guarantees to be endorsed upon all of the Notes issuable hereunder which theretofore shall not have been signed by the Company and delivered to the Trustee. All the Subsidiary Guarantees so issued shall in all respects have the same legal rank and benefit under this Indenture as the Subsidiary

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Guarantees theretofore and thereafter issued in accordance with the terms of this Indenture as though all of such Subsidiary Guarantees had been issued at the date of the execution hereof.

Except as set forth in Articles 4 and 5 hereof, and notwithstanding clauses (a) and (b) above, nothing contained in this Indenture or in any of the Notes shall prevent any consolidation or merger of a Guarantor with or into the Company or another Guarantor, or shall prevent any sale or conveyance of the property of a Guarantor as an entirety or substantially as an entirety to the Company or another Guarantor.

Section 11.06. Releases Following Sale of Assets.

In the event of a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of any Guarantor, by way of merger, consolidation or otherwise, or a sale or other disposition of all of the capital stock of any Guarantor, in each case to a Person that is not (either before or after giving effect to such transactions) a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, then such Guarantor (in the event of a sale or other disposition, by way of merger, consolidation or otherwise, of all of the capital stock of such Guarantor) or the corporation acquiring the property (in the event of a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of such Guarantor) will be released and relieved of any obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee; provided that the Net Proceeds, if any, of such sale or other disposition are applied in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Indenture, including without limitation Section 4.10 hereof. Upon delivery by the Company to the Trustee of an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such sale or other disposition was made by the Company in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture, including without limitation Section 4.10 hereof, the Trustee shall execute any documents reasonably required in order to evidence the release of any Guarantor from its obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee.

Any Guarantor not released from its obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee shall remain liable for the full amount of principal of and interest on the Notes and for the other obligations of any Guarantor under this Indenture as provided in this Article 11.

ARTICLE 12
SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

Section 12.01. Satisfaction and Discharge.

This Indenture will be discharged and will cease to be of further effect as to all Notes issued hereunder, when:

(1) either:

(a) all Notes that have been authenticated (except lost, stolen or destroyed Notes that have been replaced or paid and Notes for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust and thereafter repaid to the Company) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or

(b) all Notes that have not been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation have become due and payable by reason of the mailing of a notice of redemption or otherwise or will become due and payable within one year and the

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Company or any Guarantor has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust solely for the benefit of the Holders, cash in U.S. dollars, non-callable Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient without consideration of any reinvestment of interest, to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on the Notes not delivered to the Trustee for cancellation for principal, premium and Special Interest, if any, and accrued interest to the date of maturity or redemption;

(2) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit or shall occur as a result of such deposit and such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any other instrument to which the Company or any Guarantor is a party or by which the Company or any Guarantor is bound;

(3) the Company or any Guarantor has paid or caused to be paid all sums payable by it under this Indenture; and

(4) the Company has delivered irrevocable instructions to the Trustee under this Indenture to apply the deposited money toward the payment of the Notes at maturity or the redemption date, as the case may be.

In addition, the Company must deliver an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel to the Trustee stating that all conditions precedent to satisfaction and discharge have been satisfied, and the Trustee on demand of and at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, if money shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (b) of clause (1) of this Section, the provisions of Section 12.02 and Section 8.06 shall survive such satisfaction and discharge.

Section 12.02. Application of Trust Money.

Subject to the provisions of Section 8.06, all money deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 12.01 shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Persons entitled thereto, of the principal (and premium, if any) and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with the Trustee; but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any money or Government Securities in accordance with Section 12.01 by reason of any legal proceeding or by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, the Company's and any Guarantor's obligations under this Indenture and the Notes shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 12.01; provided that if the Company has made any payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Notes because of the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Notes to receive such payment from the money or Government Securities held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

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ARTICLE 13
MISCELLANEOUS

Section 13.01. Trust Indenture Act Controls.

If any provision of this Indenture limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by TIA § 318(c), the imposed duties shall control.

Section 13.02. Notices.

Any notice or communication by the Company, any Guarantor or the Trustee to the others is duly given if in writing and delivered in Person or mailed by first class mail (registered or certified, return receipt requested), telex, telecopier or overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery, to the others' address:

If to the Company and/or any Guarantor:

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.
3 Landmark Square, Suite 500
Stamford, Connecticut 06901
Telecopier No.: (203) 356-4450
Attention: Chief Financial Officer

With a copy to:

Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP
825 Eighth Avenue
Worldwide Plaza New York, NY 10019-7475
Telecopier No.: (212) 474-3700
Attention: Robert Rosenman

If to the Trustee:

The Bank of New York
101 Barclay Street, Floor 8W
New York, New York 10286
Telecopier No.: (646) 835-8470
Attention: Ming Ryan

The Company, any Guarantor or the Trustee, by notice to the others may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

All notices and communications (other than those sent to Holders) shall be deemed to have been duly given: at the time delivered by hand, if personally delivered; five Business Days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed; when answered back, if telexed; when receipt acknowledged, if telecopied; and the next Business Day after timely delivery to the courier, if sent by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery.

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Any notice or communication to a Holder shall be mailed by first class mail, certified or registered, return receipt requested, or by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery to its address shown on the register kept by the Registrar. Any notice or communication shall also be so mailed to any Person described in TIA § 313(c), to the extent required by the TIA. Failure to mail a notice or communication to a Holder or any defect in it shall not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Holders.

If a notice or communication is mailed in the manner provided above within the time prescribed, it is duly given, whether or not the addressee receives it.

If the Company mails a notice or communication to Holders, it shall mail a copy to the Trustee and each Agent at the same time.

Section 13.03. Communication by Holders of Notes with Other Holders of Notes.

Holders may communicate pursuant to TIA § 312(b) with other Holders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or the Notes. The Company, the Trustee, the Registrar and anyone else shall have the protection of TIA § 312(c).

Section 13.04. Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent.

Upon any request or application by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee:

(a) an Officers' Certificate in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which shall include the statements set forth in Section 13.05 hereof) stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent and covenants, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been satisfied; and

(b) an Opinion of Counsel in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which shall include the statements set forth in Section 13.05 hereof) stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent and covenants have been satisfied.

Section 13.05. Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion.

Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (other than a certificate provided pursuant to TIA § 314(a)(4)) shall comply with the provisions of TIA § 314(e) and shall include:

(a) a statement that the Person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;

(b) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;

(c) a statement that, in the opinion of such Person, he or she has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been satisfied; and

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(d) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such Person, such condition or covenant has been satisfied.

Section 13.06. Rules by Trustee and Agents.

The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or at a meeting of Holders. The Registrar or Paying Agent may make reasonable rules and set reasonable requirements for its functions.

Section 13.07. No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees and Stockholders.

No past, present or future director, officer, employee, incorporator or stockholder of the Company or any Guarantor, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of the Company or such Guarantor under the Notes, the Subsidiary Guarantees, this Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

Section 13.08. Governing Law.

THE INTERNAL LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES AND THE SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEES.

Section 13.09. No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements.

This Indenture may not be used to interpret any other indenture, loan or debt agreement of the Company or its Subsidiaries or of any other Person. Any such indenture, loan or debt agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture.

Section 13.10. Successors.

All agreements of the Company in this Indenture and the Notes shall bind its successors. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successors. All agreements of each Guarantor in this Indenture shall bind its successors, except as otherwise provided in Section 11.05.

Section 13.11. Severability.

In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 13.12. Counterpart Originals.

This Indenture may be executed in two or more separate counterparts. Each executed counterpart shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement.

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Section 13.13. Table of Contents, Headings, etc.

The Table of Contents, Cross-Reference Table and Headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part of this Indenture and shall in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

Section 13.14. Benefits of Indenture.

Nothing in this Indenture, the Notes or the Subsidiary Guarantees, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto and their successors hereunder, the holders of Senior Debt and the Holders, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Indenture.

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SIGNATURES

Dated as of December 23, 2003

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.

By: /s/ J.G. Smith

Name:

Title:

Asbury Automotive Management L.L.C.

Asbury Arkansas Hund L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive Arkansas Dealership Holdings L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive Arkansas L.L.C.

Asbury MS Gray-Daniels L.L.C.

Asbury MS Metro L.L.C.
Escude-D L.L.C.
Escude-M L.L.C.
Escude-MO L.L.C.
Escude-NN L.L.C.
Escude-NS L.L.C.
Hope CPD L.L.C.
Hope FLM L.L.C.
NP FLM L.L.C.
NP MZD L.L.C.
NP VKW L.L.C.
Premier LM L.L.C.
Premier NSN L.L.C.
Premier Pon L.L.C.
Prestige Bay L.L.C.
TXK CPD, L.P. (by its general partner TXK L.L.C.)
TXK FRD, L.P. (by its general partner TXK L.L.C.)
TXK L.L.C.
Asbury Atlanta AC L.L.C.
Asbury Atlanta AU L.L.C.
Asbury Atlanta BM L.L.C.
Asbury Atlanta Chevrolet L.L.C.
Asbury Atlanta Hon L.L.C.
Asbury Atlanta Infiniti L.L.C.
Asbury Atlanta Jaguar L.L.C.
Asbury Atlanta VL L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive Atlanta L.L.C.
Atlanta Real Estate Holdings L.L.C.
Spectrum Insurance Services L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive Fresno L.L.C.
Asbury Fresno Imports L.L.C.

AF Motors, L.L.C.
ALM Motors, L.L.C.
ANL, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Jax Management L.L.C.)
Asbury Automotive Central Florida, L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive Deland, L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive Jacksonville GP L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive Jacksonville, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Automotive Jacksonville GP L.L.C.)
Asbury Deland Imports 2, L.L.C.
Asbury Jax Holdings, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Jax Management L.L.C.)
Asbury Jax Management L.L.C.
Asbury-Deland Imports, L.L.C.
Avenues Motors, Ltd. (by its general partner Asbury Jax Management L.L.C.)
Bayway Financial Services, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Jax Management L.L.C.)
BFP Motors L.L.C.
C&O Properties, Ltd. (by its general partner Asbury Jax Management L.L.C.)
CFP Motors, Ltd. (by its general partner Asbury Jax Management L.L.C.)
CH Motors, Ltd. (by its general partner Asbury Jax Management L.L.C.)
CHO Partnership, Ltd. (by its general partner Asbury Jax Management L.L.C.)
CK Chevrolet L.L.C.
CK Motors LLC
CN Motors, Ltd. (by its general partner Asbury Jax Management L.L.C.)
Coggin Automotive Corp.
Coggin Chevrolet L.L.C.
Coggin Management, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Jax Management L.L.C.)
Coggin Orlando Properties LLC
CP-GMC Motors, Ltd. (by its general partner Asbury Jax Management L.L.C.)
CSA Imports L.L.C.
HFP Motors L.L.C.
KP Motors L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive Mississippi, L.L.C.
Asbury MS Wimber L.L.C.
Asbury MS Yazoo L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive North Carolina Dealership Holdings L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive North Carolina L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive North Carolina

Management L.L.C.
 Asbury Automotive North Carolina Real Estate Holdings L.L.C.
 Camco Finance II L.L.C.
 Camco Finance L.L.C.
 Crown Acura/Nissan, LLC
 Crown Battleground, LLC
 Crown CHH L.L.C.
 Crown CHO L.L.C.
 Crown CHV L.L.C.
 Crown Dodge, LLC
 Crown FDO L.L.C.
 Crown FFO Holdings L.L.C.
 Crown FFO L.L.C.
 Crown Fordham L.L.C.
 Crown GAC L.L.C.
 Crown GAU L.L.C.
 Crown GBM L.L.C.
 Crown GCA L.L.C.
 Crown GCH L.L.C.
 Crown GDO L.L.C.
 Crown GHO L.L.C.
 Crown GKI L.L.C.
 Crown GMI L.L.C.
 Crown GNI L.L.C.
 Crown GPG L.L.C.
 Crown GVO L.L.C.
 Crown Honda, LLC
 Crown Honda-Volvo, LLC
 Crown Mitsubishi, LLC
 Crown Motorcar Company L.L.C.
 Crown Raleigh L.L.C.
 Crown RIA L.L.C.
 Crown RIB L.L.C.
 Crown RIS L.L.C.
 Crown Royal Pontiac, LLC
 Crown RPG L.L.C.
 Crown SJC L.L.C.
 Crown SNI L.L.C.
 RER Properties, LLC
 RWIJ Properties, LLC
 Asbury Automotive Oregon L.L.C.
 Asbury Automotive Oregon Management L.L.C.
 Damerow Ford Co.
 Thomason Frd L.L.C.
 Thomason Auto Credit Northwest, Inc.
 Thomason Dam L.L.C.
 Thomason Hon L.L.C.

Thomason Hund L.L.C.
 Thomason Maz L.L.C.
 Thomason Niss L.L.C.
 Thomason on Canyon, L.L.C.
 Thomason Outfitters L.L.C.
 Thomason Pontiac-GMC L.L.C.
 Thomason Sub L.L.C.
 Thomason Suzu L.L.C.
 Thomason Zuk L.L.C.
 Asbury Automotive St. Louis, L.L.C.
 Asbury St. Louis Cadillac L.L.C.
 Asbury St. Louis Gen L.L.C.
 Asbury Automotive Brandon, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Tampa Management L.L.C.)
 Asbury Automotive Tampa GP L.L.C.
 Asbury Automotive Tampa, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Automotive Tampa GP L.L.C.)
 Asbury Tampa Management L.L.C.
 Dealer Profit Systems L.L.C.
 Precision Computer Services, Inc.

Precision Enterprises Tampa, Inc.
Precision Infiniti, Inc.
Precision Motorcars, Inc.
Precision Nissan, Inc.
Tampa Hund, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Tampa Management L.L.C.)
Tampa Kia, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Tampa Management L.L.C.)
Tampa LM, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Tampa Management L.L.C.)
Tampa Mit, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Tampa Management L.L.C.)
Tampa Suzu, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Tampa Management L.L.C.)
WMZ Brandon Motors, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Tampa Management L.L.C.)
WMZ Motors, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Tampa Management L.L.C.)
Asbury Automotive Texas Holdings L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive Texas L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive Texas Real Estate Holdings L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Texas Management L.L.C.)
Asbury Texas Management L.L.C.
McDavid Auction, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Texas Management L.L.C.)
McDavid Austin-Acra, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Texas Management L.L.C.)

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McDavid Frisco-Hon, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Texas Management L.L.C.)
McDavid Grande, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Texas Management L.L.C.)
McDavid Houston-Hon, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Texas Management L.L.C.)
McDavid Houston-Kia, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Texas Management L.L.C.)
McDavid Houston-Niss, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Texas Management L.L.C.)
McDavid Houston-Olds, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Texas Management L.L.C.)
McDavid Irving-Hon, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Texas Management L.L.C.)
McDavid Irving-PB&G, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Texas Management L.L.C.)
McDavid Irving-Zuk, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Texas Management L.L.C.)
McDavid Outfitters, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Texas Management L.L.C.)
McDavid Plano-Acra, L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Texas Management L.L.C.)
Plano Lincoln-Mercury, Inc.

By: /s/ J.G. Smith

Name: J. Gordon Smith
Title: Vice President

Asbury Automotive Group Holdings, Inc.
Asbury Automotive Group L.L.C.

By: /s/ J.G. Smith

Name: J. Gordon Smith
Title: Senior Vice President

Asbury Automotive Financial Services, Inc.

By: /s/ T. McCollum

Name: Thomas G. McCollum
Title: President

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By: /s/ Robert D. Frank

Name: Robert D. Frank
Title: Vice President

Asbury Automotive Used Car Centers L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive Used Car Centers Texas
GP L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive Used Car Centers Texas
L.P. (by its general partner Asbury Automotive
Used Car Centers GP L.L.C.)

By: /s/ John L. Kessler

Name: John L. Kessler
Title: Secretary

The Bank of New York

By: /s/ Marie E. Trimboli

Name: Marie E. Trimboli
Title: Assistant Vice President

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CUSIP: 043436 AC 8
ISIN: US043436AC83
Exchange Note CUSIP: 043436 AD 6
Exchange Note ISIN: US043436AD66

8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014

No. 144A-[1]

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ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.

promises to pay to _____, or registered assigns, the principal sum of _____ Dollars on March 15, 2014.

Interest Payment Dates: March 15 and
September 15 of each year until maturity and the
Maturity Date

Record Dates: March 1 with respect to March 15
Interest Payment Dates, September 1 with respect
to September 15 Interest Payment Dates and
March 1, 2014 with respect to interest payable at
maturity.

Dated: December 23, 2003

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.

By: _____

Name:
Title:

This is one of the Notes referred to in the within mentioned Indenture:

Dated: December 23, 2003

THE BANK OF NEW YORK,
As Trustee

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

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[Insert the Global Note Legend, if applicable pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture]

[Insert the Private Placement Legend, if applicable pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture]

Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

1. INTEREST. Asbury Automotive Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), promises to pay interest on the principal amount of this Note at 8% per annum from December 23, 2003 until maturity and shall pay the Special Interest payable pursuant to Section 2 of the Registration Rights Agreement referred to below. The Company will pay interest and Special Interest semi-annually in arrears on March 15 and September 15 of each year and on maturity, or if any such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day (each an “Interest Payment Date”). Interest on the Notes will accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from the date of issuance; provided that if there is no existing Default in the payment of interest, and if this Note is authenticated between a record date referred to on the face hereof and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date, interest shall accrue from such next succeeding Interest Payment Date; provided, further, that the first Interest Payment Date shall be March 15, 2004. The Company shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal and premium, if any, from time to time on demand at a rate that is 1% per annum in excess of the rate then in effect; it shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest and Special Interest (without regard to any applicable grace periods) from time to time on demand at the same rate to the extent lawful. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

2. METHOD OF PAYMENT. The Company will pay interest on the Notes (except defaulted interest) and Special Interest to the Persons who are registered Holders of Notes at the close of business on (i) the 1st of March next preceding each March 15 Interest Payment Date; (ii) the 1st of September next preceding each September 15 Interest Payment Date; and (iii) March 1, 2014 with respect to interest payable at maturity even if such Notes are canceled after such record date and on or before such Interest Payment Date, except as provided in Section 2.12 of the Indenture with respect to defaulted interest. The Notes will be payable as to principal, premium and Special Interest, if any, and interest at the office or agency of the Company maintained for such purpose within the City and State of New York, or, at the option of the Company, payment of interest and premium or Special Interest, if any, may be made by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders, and provided that payment by wire transfer of immediately available funds will be required with respect to principal of, interest on, premium and Special Interest on, all Global Notes and all other Notes the Holders of which shall have provided wire transfer instructions to the Company or the Paying Agent. Such payment shall be in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

3. PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR. Initially, The Bank of New York, the Trustee under the Indenture, will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Company may

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change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act in any such capacity.

4. INDENTURE. The Company issued the Notes under an Indenture dated as of December 23, 2003 (“Indenture”) between the Company, the Guarantors thereto and the Trustee. The terms of the Notes include those stated in the Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (15 U.S. Code §§ 77aaa-77bbb). The Notes are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture and such Act for a statement of such terms. To the extent any provision of this Note conflicts with the express provisions of the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern and be controlling. The Company shall be entitled, subject to its compliance with Section 4.09 of the Indenture, to issue additional Notes pursuant to Section 2.14 of the Indenture.

5. OPTIONAL REDEMPTION.

(a) Except as set forth in subparagraphs (b) and (c) of this Paragraph 5, the Company shall not have the option to redeem the Notes prior to March 15, 2009. Thereafter, the Company shall have the option to redeem all or part of the Notes upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days’ notice, at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) set forth below plus accrued and unpaid interest and Special Interest thereon, if any, to the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on March 15 of the years indicated below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
2009	104.000%
2010	102.667%
2011	101.333%
2012 and thereafter	100.000%

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph 5, at any time, after the date hereof, on or prior to March 15, 2007, the Company may on any one or more occasions redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes (which includes Additional Notes) issued under the Indenture at a redemption price equal to 108% of the aggregate principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest and Special Interest thereon, if any, to the redemption date with the net cash proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings provided that:

(i) at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes originally issued remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of such redemption (excluding Notes held by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries); and

(ii) the redemption occurs within 45 days of the date of the closing of such Equity Offering.

(c) At any time prior to March 15, 2009, all or part of the Notes may also be redeemed at the option of the Company, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior notice mailed by first-class mail to each Holder's registered address, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus the Applicable Premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest and Special Interest thereon, if any, to the Redemption Date.

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6. MANDATORY REDEMPTION.

Except as set forth in paragraph 7 below, the Company shall not be required to make mandatory redemption payments with respect to the Notes.

7. REPURCHASE AT OPTION OF HOLDER.

(a) If there is a Change of Control, the Company shall be required to make an offer (a "Change of Control Offer") to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof) of each Holder's Notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest and Special Interest thereon, if any, to the date of purchase (the "Change of Control Payment"). Within 30 days following any Change of Control, the Company shall mail a notice to each Holder setting forth the procedures governing the Change of Control Offer as required by the Indenture.

(b) If the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary consummates any Asset Sales, within five days of each date on which the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds exceeds \$10.0 million, the Company shall commence an offer to all Holders of Notes (as "Asset Sale Offer") pursuant to Section 3.09 of the Indenture to purchase the maximum principal amount of Notes (including any Additional Notes) that may be purchased out of the Excess Proceeds at an offer price in cash in an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to the date fixed for the closing of such offer, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Indenture. To the extent that the aggregate amount of Notes (including any Additional Notes) tendered pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer is less than the Excess Proceeds, the Company (or such Subsidiary) may use such deficiency for general corporate purposes. If the aggregate principal amount of Notes surrendered by Holders thereof exceeds the amount of Excess Proceeds, the Trustee shall select the Notes to be purchased on a pro rata basis. Holders of Notes that are the subject of an offer to purchase will receive an Asset Sale Offer from the Company prior to any related purchase date and may elect to have such Notes purchased by completing the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" on the reverse of the Notes.

8. NOTICE OF REDEMPTION. Notice of redemption will be mailed at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date (except that redemption notices may be mailed more than 60 days prior to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with Article 8 or Article 12 of the Indenture) to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at its registered address. Notes in denominations larger than \$1,000 may be redeemed in part but only in whole multiples of \$1,000, unless all of the Notes held by a Holder are to be redeemed. On and after the redemption date interest ceases to accrue on Notes or portions thereof called for redemption.

9. DENOMINATIONS, TRANSFER, EXCHANGE. The Notes are in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000. The transfer of Notes may be registered and Notes may be exchanged as provided in the Indenture. The Registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and the Company may require a Holder to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Note or portion of a Note selected for redemption, except for the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part. Also, the Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Notes for a period of 15 days before a selection of Notes

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to be redeemed or during the period between a record date and the corresponding Interest Payment Date.

10. PERSONS DEEMED OWNERS. The registered Holder of a Note may be treated as its owner for all purposes.

11. AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER. Subject to certain exceptions, the Indenture, the Subsidiary Guarantees or the Notes may be amended or supplemented with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes and Additional Notes, if any, voting as a single class, and any existing default or compliance with any provision of the Indenture, the Subsidiary Guarantees or the Notes may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes and Additional Notes, if any, voting as a single class. Without the consent of any Holder of a Note, the Indenture, the Subsidiary Guarantees or the Notes may be amended or supplemented to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency or to make a modification of a formal, minor or technical nature or to correct a manifest error, to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes, to comply with the covenant relating to mergers, consolidations and sales of assets, to provide for the assumption of the Company's or Guarantor's obligations to Holders of the Notes in case of a merger or consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of the Company's assets, to add Guarantees with respect to the Notes or to secure the Notes, to add to the covenants of the Company or any Guarantor for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes or surrender any right or power conferred upon the Company or any Guarantor, to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the Holders of the Notes or that does not adversely affect the legal rights under the Indenture of any such Holder, to comply with the requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of the Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act, to evidence and provide for the acceptance and appointment under the Indenture of a successor trustee pursuant to the requirements thereof, to provide for the issuance of exchange or private exchange notes or to provide for the issuance of Additional Notes in accordance with the limitations set forth in the Indenture.

12. DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES. Events of Default include: (i) default for 30 days in the payment when due of interest on, or Special Interest, if any, with respect to, the Notes, whether or not prohibited by Article 10 of the Indenture; (ii) default in payment when due of principal of, or premium, if any, on the Notes when the same becomes due and payable at maturity, upon redemption (including in connection with an offer to purchase) or otherwise, whether or not prohibited by Article 10 of the Indenture; (iii) failure by the Company to comply with Section 5.01 of the Indenture; (iv) failure by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to comply with Sections 4.07, 4.09, 4.10, 4.15 or 4.19 of the Indenture for a period of 30 days after notice

to the Company by the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes (including Additional Notes, if any) then outstanding voting as a single class; (v) failure by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries for 60 days after notice to the Company by the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Notes (including Additional Notes, if any) then outstanding voting as a single class to observe or perform any other covenant or other agreement in the Indenture; (vi) default under certain other agreements relating to Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, which default is caused by a failure to pay principal at its stated final maturity (after giving effect to any applicable grace period provided in such Indebtedness) (a "Payment Default") or results in the acceleration of such Indebtedness prior to its express maturity and, in each case, the principal

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amount of any such Indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such Indebtedness under which there has been a Payment Default or the maturity of which has been so accelerated, aggregates \$15.0 million or more; (vii) certain final judgments for the payment of money that remain not paid, discharged or stayed for a period of 60 days, provided that the aggregate of all such not paid, discharged or stayed judgments exceeds \$15.0 million; (viii) certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that are, alone or in combination, Significant Subsidiaries as specified in clauses (i) and (j) of Section 6.01 of the Indenture; and (ix) except as permitted by the Indenture, any Subsidiary Guarantee shall be held in any judicial proceeding to be unenforceable or invalid or shall cease for any reason to be in full force and effect or any Guarantor or any Person acting on its behalf shall deny or disaffirm its obligations under such Guarantor's Subsidiary Guarantee. If any Event of Default (other than an Event of Default specified in clause (i) or (j) of Section 6.01 of the Indenture with respect to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that are, alone or in combination, Significant Subsidiaries) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may declare all the Notes to be due and payable immediately. Upon any such declaration the Notes shall become due and payable immediately. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of an Event of Default arising from certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency as specified in clauses (i) and (j) of Section 6.01 of the Indenture with respect to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that are, alone or in combination, Significant Subsidiaries, all outstanding Notes will become due and payable immediately without further action or notice. Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on it. The Trustee may withhold from Holders of the Notes notice of any continuing Default or Event of Default (except a Default or Event of Default relating to the payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Note) if and so long as a committee of its Responsible Officers in good faith determines that withholding notice is in the interests of the Holders of the Notes. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes by notice to the Trustee may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Notes waive any existing Default and its consequences under the Indenture except a continuing Default in the payment of principal of, Special Interest, if any, or interest on, the Notes (other than non-payment of principal of or interest on or Special Interest, if any, on the Notes that become due solely because of the acceleration of the Notes) (provided that the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may rescind an acceleration and its consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from such acceleration). The Company is required to deliver to the Trustee annually a statement regarding compliance with the Indenture, and the Company is required upon becoming aware of any Default or Event of Default, to deliver to the Trustee a statement specifying such Default or Event of Default.

13. **TRUSTEE DEALINGS WITH COMPANY.** The Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may make loans to, accept deposits from, and perform services for the Company or its Affiliates, and may otherwise deal with the Company or its Affiliates, as if it were not the Trustee.

14. **NO RECOURSE AGAINST OTHERS.** A director, officer, employee, incorporator or stockholder, of the Company, as such, shall not have any liability for any obligations of the Company under the Notes or the Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder by accepting a Note waives

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and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issuance of the Notes.

15. **AUTHENTICATION.** This Note shall not be valid until authenticated by the manual signature of the Trustee or an authenticating agent.

16. **ABBREVIATIONS.** Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as: TEN COM (= tenants in common), TEN ENT (= tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (= joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (= Custodian), and U/G/M/A (= Uniform Gifts to Minors Act).

17. **ADDITIONAL RIGHTS OF HOLDERS OF RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTES AND RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTES.** In addition to the rights provided to Holders of Notes under the Indenture, Holders of Restricted Global Notes and Restricted Definitive Notes shall have all the rights set forth in the Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement dated as of December 23, 2003, between the Company and the parties named on the signature pages thereof or, in the case of Additional Notes, Holders of Restricted Global Notes and Restricted Definitive Notes shall have the rights set forth in one or more registration rights agreements, if any, among the Company and the other parties thereto relating to rights given by the Company to the purchasers of Additional Notes (collectively, the "Registration Rights Agreement").

18. **CUSIP NUMBERS.** Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Company has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Notes and the Trustee may use CUSIP numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

The Company will furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture and/or the Registration Rights Agreement. Requests may be made to:

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.
3 Landmark Square
Suite 500
Stamford, Connecticut 06901
Attention: Chief Financial Officer

ASSIGNMENT FORM

To assign this Note, fill in the form below:

(I) or (we) assign and transfer this Note to: _____

(Insert assignee's legal name)

(Insert assignee's Social Security or Tax Identification Number)

(Print or type assignee's name, address and zip code)

and irrevocably appoint
of the Company. The agent may substitute another to act for him.

to transfer this Note on the books

Date: _____

Your Signature: _____
(Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)

Signature Guarantee*: _____

* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

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OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE

If you want to elect to have this Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.10 or 4.15 of the Indenture check the appropriate box below.

Section 4.10

Section 4.15

If you want to elect to have only part of the Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.10 or Section 4.15 of the Indenture, state the amount you elect to have purchased:

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Date: _____

Your Signature: _____
(Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)
Tax Identification No.: _____

Signature Guarantee*: _____

* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

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SCHEDULE OF EXCHANGES OF INTERESTS IN THE GLOBAL NOTE

The following exchanges of a part of this Global Note for an interest in another Global Note or for a Definitive Note, or exchanges of a part of another Global Note or Definitive Note for an interest in this Global Note, have been made:

<u>Date of Exchange</u>	<u>Amount of decrease in Principal Amount of this Global Note</u>	<u>Amount of increase in Principal Amount of this Global Note</u>	<u>Principal Amount of this Global Note following such decrease (or increase)</u>	<u>Signature of authorized officer of Trustee or Note Custodian</u>

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CUSIP: U04348 AB 1
 ISIN: USU04348AB11
 Exchange Note CUSIP: 043436 AD 6
 Exchange Note ISIN: US04343AD66

8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014

No. [ST][SP]-[1] \$
 ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.
 promises to pay to _____, or registered assigns, the principal sum of _____ Dollars on March 15, 2014.

Interest Payment Dates: March 15, and September 15 of each year and the Maturity Date.

Record Dates: March 1 with respect to March 15 Interest Payment Dates, September 1 with respect to September 15 Interest Payment Dates and March 1, 2014 with respect to interest payable at maturity.

Dated: December 23, 2003

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.

By: _____

Name:

Title:

This is one of the Notes referred to in the within mentioned Indenture:

Dated: December 23, 2003

THE BANK OF NEW YORK,
 as Trustee

By: _____
 Authorized Signatory

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 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014

THE RIGHTS ATTACHING TO THIS TEMPORARY REGULATION S GLOBAL NOTE, AND THE CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING ITS EXCHANGE FOR CERTIFICATED NOTES, ARE AS SPECIFIED IN THE INDENTURE (AS DEFINED HEREIN). NEITHER THE HOLDER NOR THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THIS REGULATION S TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE PAYMENT OF INTEREST HEREON.

UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS EXCHANGED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR NOTES IN DEFINITIVE FORM, THIS NOTE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT AS A WHOLE BY THE DEPOSITARY TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE DEPOSITARY OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY THE DEPOSITARY OR ANY SUCH NOMINEE TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE OF SUCH SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY. UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY TRUST COMPANY (55 WATER STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK) ("DTC"), TO ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

THE NOTES EVIDENCED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 (THE “SECURITIES ACT”) AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT (A) (1) TO A PERSON WHO THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A, (2) IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION COMPLYING WITH RULE 903 OR RULE 904 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (3) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER (IF AVAILABLE), (4) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT OR (5) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND (B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

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1. INTEREST. Asbury Automotive Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), promises to pay interest on the principal amount of this Note at 8% per annum from December 23, 2003 until maturity and shall pay the Special Interest payable pursuant to Section 2 of the Registration Rights Agreement referred to below. The Company will pay interest and Special Interest semi-annually in arrears on March 15 and September 15 of each year and on maturity, or if any such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day (each an “Interest Payment Date”). Interest on the Notes will accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from the date of issuance; provided that if there is no existing Default in the payment of interest, and if this Note is authenticated between a record date referred to on the face hereof and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date, interest shall accrue from such next succeeding Interest Payment Date; provided, further, that the first Interest Payment Date shall be March 15, 2004. The Company shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal and premium, if any, from time to time on demand at a rate that is 1% per annum in excess of the rate then in effect; it shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest and Special Interest (without regard to any applicable grace periods) from time to time on demand at the same rate to the extent lawful. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Until this Temporary Regulation S Global Note is exchanged for one or more Regulation S Permanent Global Notes, the Holder hereof shall not be entitled to receive payments of interest hereon; until so exchanged in full, this Temporary Regulation S Global Note shall in all other respects be entitled to the same benefits as other Senior Subordinated Notes under the Indenture.

2. METHOD OF PAYMENT. The Company will pay interest on the Notes (except defaulted interest) and Special Interest to the Persons who are registered Holders of Notes at the close of business on (i) the 1st of March next preceding each March 15 Interest Payment Date; (ii) the 1st of September next preceding each September 15 Interest Payment Date; and (iii) March 1, 2014 with respect to interest payable at maturity even if such Notes are canceled after such record date and on or before such Interest Payment Date, except as provided in Section 2.12 of the Indenture with respect to defaulted interest. The Notes will be payable as to principal, premium and Special Interest, if any, and interest at the office or agency of the Company maintained for such purpose within the City and State of New York, or, at the option of the Company, payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders, and provided that payment by wire transfer of immediately available funds will be required with respect to principal of, interest, if any, on, premium and Special Interest on, all Global Notes and all other Notes the Holders of which shall have provided wire transfer instructions to the Company or the Paying Agent. Such payment shall be in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

3. PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR. Initially, The Bank of New York, the Trustee under the Indenture, will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Company may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act in any such capacity.

4. INDENTURE. The Company issued the Notes under an Indenture dated as of December 23, 2003 (“Indenture”), between the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee.

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The terms of the Notes include those stated in the Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (15 U.S. Code §§ 77aaa-77bbb). The Notes are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture and such Act for a statement of such terms. To the extent any provision of this Note conflicts with the express provisions of the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern and be controlling. The Company shall be entitled, subject to its compliance with Section 4.09 of the Indenture, to issue additional Notes pursuant to Section 2.14 of the Indenture.

5. OPTIONAL REDEMPTION.

(a) Except as set forth in subparagraphs (b) and (c) of this Paragraph 5, the Company shall not have the option to redeem the Notes prior to March 15, 2009. Thereafter, the Company shall have the option to redeem all or part of the Notes upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days’ notice, at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) set forth below plus accrued and unpaid interest and Special Interest thereon, if any, to the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on March 15 of the years indicated below:

Year	Percentage
2009	104.000%
2010	102.667%
2011	101.333%
2012 and thereafter	100.000%

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph 5, at any time, after the hereof, on or prior to March 15, 2007, the Company may on any more or more occasions redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes (which includes Additional Notes) issued

under the Indenture at a redemption price equal to 108% of the aggregate principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest and Special Interest thereon, if any, to the redemption date with the net cash proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings provided that:

(i) at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes originally issued remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of such redemption (excluding Notes held by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries); and

(ii) the redemption occurs within 45 days of the date of the closing of such Equity Offering.

(c) At any time prior to March 15, 2009, all or part of the Notes may also be redeemed at the option of the Company, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior notice mailed by first-class mail to each Holder's registered address, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus the Applicable Premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest and Special Interest thereon, if any, to the Redemption Date.

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6. MANDATORY REDEMPTION.

Except as set forth in paragraph 7 below, the Company shall not be required to make mandatory redemption payments with respect to the Notes.

7. REPURCHASE AT OPTION OF HOLDER.

(a) If there is a Change of Control, the Company shall be required to make an offer (a "Change of Control Offer") to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof) of each Holder's Notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest and Special Interest thereon, if any, to the date of purchase (the "Change of Control Payment"). Within 30 days following any Change of Control, the Company shall mail a notice to each Holder setting forth the procedures governing the Change of Control Offer as required by the Indenture.

(b) If the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary consummates any Asset Sales, within five days of each date on which the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds exceeds \$10.0 million, the Company shall commence an offer to all Holders of Notes (as "Asset Sale Offer") pursuant to Section 3.09 of the Indenture to purchase the maximum principal amount of Notes (including any Additional Notes) that may be purchased out of the Excess Proceeds at an offer price in cash in an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to the date fixed for the closing of such offer, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Indenture. To the extent that the aggregate amount of Notes (including any Additional Notes) tendered pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer is less than the Excess Proceeds, the Company (or such Subsidiary) may use such deficiency for general corporate purposes. If the aggregate principal amount of Notes surrendered by Holders thereof exceeds the amount of Excess Proceeds, the Trustee shall select the Notes to be purchased on a pro rata basis. Holders of Notes that are the subject of an offer to purchase will receive an Asset Sale Offer from the Company prior to any related purchase date and may elect to have such Notes purchased by completing the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" on the reverse of the Notes.

8. NOTICE OF REDEMPTION. Notice of redemption will be mailed at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date (except that redemption notices may be mailed more than 60 days prior to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with Article 8 or Article 12 of the Indenture) to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at its registered address. Notes in denominations larger than \$1,000 may be redeemed in part but only in whole multiples of \$1,000, unless all of the Notes held by a Holder are to be redeemed. On and after the redemption date interest ceases to accrue on Notes or portions thereof called for redemption.

9. DENOMINATIONS, TRANSFER, EXCHANGE. The Notes are in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000. The transfer of Notes may be registered and Notes may be exchanged as provided in the Indenture. The Registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and the Company may require a Holder to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Note or portion of a Note selected for redemption, except for the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part. Also, the Company need not exchange or register the transfer of any Notes for a period of 15 days before a selection of Notes

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to be redeemed or during the period between a record date and the corresponding Interest Payment Date.

This Temporary Regulation S Global Note is exchangeable in whole or in part for one or more Global Notes only (i) on or after the termination of the 40-day distribution compliance period (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) and (ii) upon presentation of certificates (accompanied by an Opinion of Counsel, if applicable) required by Article 2 of the Indenture. Upon exchange of this Temporary Regulation S Global Note for one or more Global Notes, the Trustee shall cancel this Temporary Regulation S Global Note.

10. PERSONS DEEMED OWNERS. The registered Holder of a Note may be treated as its owner for all purposes.

11. AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER. Subject to certain exceptions, the Indenture, the Subsidiary Guarantees or the Notes may be amended or supplemented with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes and Additional Notes, if any, voting as a single class, and any existing default or compliance with any provision of the Indenture, the Subsidiary Guarantees or the Notes may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes and Additional Notes, if any, voting as a single class. Without the consent of any Holder of a Note, the Indenture, the Subsidiary Guarantees or the Notes may be amended or supplemented to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency or to make a modification of a formal, minor or technical nature or to correct a manifest error, to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes, to comply with the covenant relating to mergers, consolidations and sales of assets, to provide for the assumption of the Company's or Guarantor's obligations to Holders of the Notes in case of a merger or consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of the Company's assets, to add Guarantees with respect to the Notes or to secure the Notes, to add to the covenants of the Company or any Guarantor for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes or surrender any right or power conferred upon the Company or any Guarantor, to make any change that would provide

any additional rights or benefits to the Holders of the Notes or that does not adversely affect the legal rights under the Indenture of any such Holder, to comply with the requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of the Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act, to evidence and provide for the acceptance and appointment under the Indenture of a successor trustee pursuant to the requirements thereof, or to provide for the issuance of exchange or private exchange notes.

12. **DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES.** Events of Default include: (i) default for 30 days in the payment when due of interest on, or Special Interest, if any, with respect to, the Notes, whether or not prohibited by Article 10 of the Indenture; (ii) default in payment when due of principal of, or premium, if any, on the Notes when the same becomes due and payable at maturity, upon redemption (including in connection with an offer to purchase) or otherwise, whether or not prohibited by Article 10 of the Indenture; (iii) failure by the Company to comply with Section 5.01 of the Indenture; (iv) failure by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to comply with Section 4.07, 4.09, 4.10, 4.15 or 4.19 of the Indenture for a period of 30 days after notice to the Company by the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes (including Additional Notes, if any) then outstanding voting as a single class; (v) failure by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries for 60 days after notice to the Company by the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Notes (including Additional Notes, if any) then outstanding voting as a single class to observe or

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perform any other covenant or other agreement in the Indenture; (vi) default under certain other agreements relating to Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, which default is caused by a failure to pay principal at its stated final maturity (after giving effect to any applicable grace period provided in such Indebtedness) (a "Payment Default") or results in the acceleration of such Indebtedness prior to its express maturity and, in each case, the principal amount of any such Indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such Indebtedness under which there has been a Payment Default or the maturity of which has been so accelerated, aggregates \$15.0 million or more; (vii) certain final judgments for the payment of money that remain not paid, discharged or stayed for a period of 60 days, provided that the aggregate of all such not paid, discharged or stayed judgments exceeds \$15.0 million; (viii) certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that are, alone or in combination, Significant Subsidiaries as specified in clauses (i) and (j) of Section 6.01 of the Indenture; and (ix) except as permitted by the Indenture, any Subsidiary Guarantee shall be held in any judicial proceeding to be unenforceable or invalid or shall cease for any reason to be in full force and effect or any Guarantor or any Person acting on its behalf shall deny or disaffirm its obligations under such Guarantor's Subsidiary Guarantee. If any Event of Default (other than an Event of Default specified in clause (i) or (j) of Section 6.01 of the Indenture with respect to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that are, alone or in combination, Significant Subsidiaries) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may declare all the Notes to be due and payable immediately. Upon any such declaration the Notes shall become due and payable immediately. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of an Event of Default arising from certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency as specified in clauses (i) and (j) of Section 6.01 of the Indenture with respect to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that are, alone or in combination, Significant Subsidiaries, all outstanding Notes will become due and payable immediately without further action or notice. Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on it. The Trustee may withhold from Holders of the Notes notice of any continuing Default or Event of Default (except a Default or Event of Default relating to the payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Note) if and so long as a committee of its Responsible Officers in good faith determines that withholding notice is in the interests of the Holders of the Notes. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes by notice to the Trustee may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Notes waive any existing Default and its consequences under the Indenture except a continuing Default in the payment of principal of, Special Interest, if any, or interest on, the Notes (other than non-payment of principal of or interest on or Special Interest, if any, on the Notes that become due solely because of the acceleration of the Notes) (provided that the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may rescind an acceleration and its consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from such acceleration). The Company is required to deliver to the Trustee annually a statement regarding compliance with the Indenture, and the Company is required upon becoming aware of any Default or Event of Default, to deliver to the Trustee a statement specifying such Default or Event Default.

13. **TRUSTEE DEALINGS WITH COMPANY.** The Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may make loans to, accept deposits from, and perform services for the Company or its Affiliates, and may otherwise deal with the Company or its Affiliates, as if it were not the Trustee.

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14. **NO RECOURSE AGAINST OTHERS.** A director, officer, employee, incorporator or stockholder, of the Company, as such, shall not have any liability for any obligations of the Company under the Notes or the Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issuance of the Notes.

15. **AUTHENTICATION.** This Note shall not be valid until authenticated by the manual signature of the Trustee or an authenticating agent.

16. **ABBREVIATIONS.** Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as: TEN COM (= tenants in common), TEN ENT (= tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (= joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (= Custodian), and U/G/M/A (= Uniform Gifts to Minors Act).

17. **ADDITIONAL RIGHTS OF HOLDERS OF RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTES AND RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTES.** In addition to the rights provided to Holders of Notes under the Indenture, Holders of Restricted Global Notes and Restricted Definitive Notes shall have all the rights set forth in the Exchange Registration Rights Agreement dated as of December 23, 2003, between the Company and the parties named on the signature pages thereof or, in the case of Additional Notes, Holders of Restricted Global Notes and Restricted Definitive Notes shall have the rights set forth in one or more registration rights agreements, if any, among the Company and the other parties thereto relating to rights given by the Company to the purchasers of Additional Notes (collectively, the "Registration Rights Agreement").

18. **CUSIP NUMBERS.** Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Company has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Notes and the Trustee may use CUSIP numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

The Company will furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture and/or the Registration Rights Agreement. Requests may be made to:

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.
3 Landmark Square, Suite 500
Stamford, Connecticut 06901
Attention: Chief Financial Officer

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ASSIGNMENT FORM

To assign this Note, fill in the form below:

(I) or (we) assign and transfer this Note to: _____

(Insert assignee's legal name)

(Insert assignee's Social Security or Tax Identification Number)

(Print or type assignee's name, address and zip code)

and irrevocably appoint _____
agent may substitute another to act for him.

to transfer this Note on the books of the Company. The

Date: _____

Your Signature: _____
(Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)

Signature Guarantee*: _____

* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee)

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OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE

If you want to elect to have this Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.10 or 4.15 of the Indenture check the appropriate box below.

Section 4.10

Section 4.15

If you want to elect to have only part of the Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.10 or Section 4.15 of the Indenture, state the amount you elect to have purchased:

\$ _____

Date: _____

Your Signature: _____
(Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)
Tax Identification No.: _____

Signature Guarantee*: _____

* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

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The following exchanges of a part of this Global Note for an interest in another Global Note or for a Definitive Note, or exchanges of a part of another Global Note or Definitive Note for an interest in this Global Note, have been made:

Date of Exchange	Amount of decrease in Principal Amount of this Global Note	Amount of increase in Principal Amount of this Global Note	Principal Amount of this Global Note following such decrease (or increase)	Signature of authorized officer of Trustee or Note Custodian

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EXHIBIT B

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.
 3 Landmark Square, Suite 500
 Stamford, Connecticut 06901

[Registrar address block]

Re: 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of December 23, 2003 (the “Indenture”), between Asbury Automotive Group, Inc., as issuer (the “Company”), the subsidiary guarantors listed on Schedule I to the Indenture, and The Bank of New York, as Trustee. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

, (the “Transferor”) owns and proposes to transfer the Note[s] or interest in such Note[s] specified in Annex A hereto, in the principal amount of \$ _____ in such Note[s] or interests (the “Transfer”), to _____ (the “Transferee”), as further specified in Annex A hereto. In connection with the Transfer, the Transferor hereby certifies that:

[CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

1. CHECK IF TRANSFEREE WILL TAKE DELIVERY OF A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THE 144A GLOBAL NOTE OR A DEFINITIVE NOTE PURSUANT TO RULE 144A. The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144A under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and, accordingly, the Transferor hereby further certifies that the beneficial interest or Definitive Note is being transferred to a Person that the Transferor reasonably believed and believes is purchasing the beneficial interest or Definitive Note for its own account, or for one or more accounts with respect to which such Person exercises sole investment discretion, and such Person and each such account is a “qualified institutional buyer” within the meaning of Rule 144A in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A and such Transfer is in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the 144A Global Note and/or the Definitive Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

2. CHECK IF TRANSFEREE WILL TAKE DELIVERY OF A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THE TEMPORARY REGULATION S GLOBAL NOTE, THE REGULATION S GLOBAL NOTE OR A DEFINITIVE NOTE PURSUANT TO REGULATION S. The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act and, accordingly, the Transferor hereby further certifies that (i) the Transfer is not being made to a person in the United States and (x) at the time the buy order was originated, the Transferee was outside the United States or such Transferor and any Person acting on its behalf reasonably believed and believes that the Transferee was outside the United

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States or (y) the transaction was executed in, on or through the facilities of a designated offshore securities market and neither such Transferor nor any Person acting on its behalf knows that the transaction was prearranged with a buyer in the United States, (ii) no directed selling efforts have been made in contravention of the requirements of Rule 903(b) or Rule 904(b) of Regulation S under the Securities Act (iii) the transaction is not part of a plan or scheme to evade the registration requirements of the Securities Act and (iv) if the proposed transfer is being made prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period, the transfer is not being made to a U.S. Person or for the account or benefit of a U.S. Person (other than an Initial Purchaser). Upon consummation of the proposed transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will be subject to the restrictions on Transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Regulation S Global Note, the Temporary Regulation S Global Note and/or the Definitive Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

3. CHECK AND COMPLETE IF TRANSFEREE WILL TAKE DELIVERY OF A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THE 144A GLOBAL NOTE OR A DEFINITIVE NOTE PURSUANT TO ANY PROVISION OF THE SECURITIES ACT OTHER THAN RULE 144A OR REGULATION S. The Transfer is being effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to beneficial interests in Restricted Global Notes and Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States, and accordingly the Transferor hereby further certifies that (check one):

(a) such Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act;

or

(b) o such Transfer is being effected to the Company or a subsidiary thereof;

or

(c) o such Transfer is being effected pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act and in compliance with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act;

or

(d) o such Transfer is being effected to an Institutional Accredited Investor and pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than Rule 144A, Rule 144 or Rule 904, and the Transferor hereby further certifies that it has not engaged in any general solicitation within the meaning of Regulation D under the Securities Act and the Transferor complies with the transfer restrictions applicable to beneficial interests in a Restricted Global Note or Restricted Definitive Notes and the requirements of the exemption claimed, which certification is supported by (1) a certificate executed by the Transferee in the form of Exhibit D to the Indenture and (2) an Opinion of Counsel provided by the Transferor or the Transferee (a copy of which the Transferor has attached to this certification), to the effect that such Transfer is in

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compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the 144A Global Note and/or the Definitive Notes and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

4. o Check if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or of an Unrestricted Definitive

Note.

(a) o Check if Transfer is pursuant to Rule 144. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will no longer be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes, on Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.

(b) o Check if Transfer is Pursuant to Regulation S. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will no longer be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes, on Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.

(c) o Check if Transfer is Pursuant to Other Exemption. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in compliance with an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than Rule 144, Rule 903 or Rule 904 and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any State of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will not be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes or Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.

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This certificate and the statements contained herein are made for your benefit and the benefit of the Company.

[Insert Name of Transferor]

By: _____

Name: _____

Title _____

Date: _____

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ANNEX A TO CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER

1. The Transferor owns and proposes to transfer the following:

[CHECK ONE OF (a) OR (b)]

- (a) a beneficial interest in the:
 - (i) 144A Global Note (CUSIP _____), or
 - (ii) Regulation S Global Note (CUSIP _____), or
- (b) a Restricted Definitive Note.

2. After the Transfer the Transferee will hold:

[CHECK ONE]

- (a) a beneficial interest in the:
 - (i) 144A Global Note (CUSIP _____), or
 - (ii) Regulation S Global Note (CUSIP _____), or
 - (iii) Unrestricted Global Note (CUSIP _____); or
- (b) a Restricted Definitive Note; or
- (c) an Unrestricted Definitive Note,

in accordance with the terms of the Indenture.

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EXHIBIT C

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF EXCHANGE

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.
 3 Landmark Square, Suite 500
 Stamford, Connecticut 06901.

[Registrar address block]

Re: 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014

(CUSIP _____)

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of December 23, 2003 (the "Indenture"), between Asbury Automotive Group, Inc., as issuer (the "Company"), the subsidiary guarantors listed on Schedule I to the Indenture, and The Bank of New York, as Trustee. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

_____, (the "Owner") owns and proposes to exchange the Note[s] or interest in such Note[s] specified herein, in the principal amount of \$ _____ in such Note[s] or interests (the "Exchange"). In connection with the Exchange, the Owner hereby certifies that:

1. EXCHANGE OF RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTES OR BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN A RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE FOR UNRESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTES OR BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN AN UNRESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE

(a) CHECK IF EXCHANGE IS FROM BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN A RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE TO BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN AN UNRESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note in an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

(b) CHECK IF EXCHANGE IS FROM BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN A RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE TO UNRESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTE. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Restricted Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the Definitive Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

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(c) CHECK IF EXCHANGE IS FROM RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTE TO BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN AN UNRESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE. In connection with the Owner's Exchange of a Restricted Definitive Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been

effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the beneficial interest is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

(d) o CHECK IF EXCHANGE IS FROM RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTE TO UNRESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTE. In connection with the Owner's Exchange of a Restricted Definitive Note for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the Unrestricted Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the Unrestricted Definitive Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

2. EXCHANGE OF RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTES OR BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTES FOR RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTES OR BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTES

(a) o CHECK IF EXCHANGE IS FROM BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN A RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE TO RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTE. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note for a Restricted Definitive Note with an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies that the Restricted Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer. Upon consummation of the proposed Exchange in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the Restricted Definitive Note issued will continue to be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Definitive Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

(b) o CHECK IF EXCHANGE IS FROM RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTE TO BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN A RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's Restricted Definitive Note for a beneficial interest in the [CHECK ONE]o 144A Global Note or o Regulation S Global Note with an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer and (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Restricted Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, and in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States. Upon consummation of the proposed Exchange in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the beneficial interest issued will be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the relevant Restricted Global Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

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This certificate and the statements contained herein are made for your benefit and the benefit of the Company.

[Insert Name of Transferor]

By: _____
Name:
Title

Date: _____

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EXHIBIT D

FORM OF CERTIFICATE FROM
ACQUIRING INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.
3 Landmark Square, Suite 500
Stamford, Connecticut 06901

[Registrar address block]

Re: 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of December 23, 2003 (the "Indenture"), between Asbury Automotive Group, Inc., as issuer (the "Company"), the subsidiary guarantors listed on Schedule I to the Indenture, and The Bank of New York, as Trustee. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

In connection with our proposed purchase of \$ _____ aggregate principal amount of:

- (a) o a beneficial interest in a Global Note, or
- (b) o a Definitive Note,

we confirm that:

1. We understand that any subsequent transfer of the Notes or any interest therein is subject to certain restrictions and conditions set forth in the Indenture and the undersigned agrees to be bound by, and not to resell, pledge or otherwise transfer the Notes or any interest therein except in compliance with, such restrictions and conditions and the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").

2. We understand that the offer and sale of the Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act, and that the Notes and any interest therein may not be offered or sold except as permitted in the following sentence. We agree, on our own behalf and on behalf of any accounts for which we are acting as hereinafter stated, that if we should sell the Notes or any interest therein, we will do so only (A) to the Company or any subsidiary thereof, (B) in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act to a “qualified institutional buyer” (as defined therein), (C) to an institutional “accredited investor” (as defined below) that, prior to such transfer, furnishes (or has furnished on its behalf by a U.S. broker-dealer) to you and to the Company a signed letter substantially in the form of this letter and an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Company to the effect that such transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act, (D) outside the United States in accordance with Rule 904 of Regulation S under the Securities Act, (E) pursuant to the provisions of Rule 144(k) under the Securities Act or (F) pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, and we further agree to provide to any person purchasing the Definitive Note or beneficial interest in a Global Note from us in a transaction meeting the requirements of clauses (A) through (E) of this paragraph a notice advising such purchaser that resales thereof are restricted as stated herein.

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3. We understand that, on any proposed resale of the Notes or beneficial interest therein, we will be required to furnish to you and the Company such certifications, legal opinions and other information as you and the Company may reasonably require to confirm that the proposed sale complies with the foregoing restrictions. We further understand that the Notes purchased by us will bear a legend to the foregoing effect.

4. We are an institutional “accredited investor” (as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) of Regulation D under the Securities Act) and have such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of our investment in the Notes, and we and any accounts for which we are acting are each able to bear the economic risk of our or its investment.

5. We are acquiring the Notes or beneficial interest therein purchased by us for our own account or for one or more accounts (each of which is an institutional “accredited investor”) as to each of which we exercise sole investment discretion.

You and the Company are entitled to rely upon this letter and are irrevocably authorized to produce this letter or a copy hereof to any interested party in any administrative or legal proceedings or official inquiry with respect to the matters covered hereby.

[Insert Name of Transferor]

By: _____

Name:
Title

Date: _____

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EXHIBIT E

[FORM OF SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEE]

For value received, the Guarantors (which term includes any successor Persons under the Indenture) have, jointly and severally, guaranteed, to the extent set forth in the Indenture and subject to the provisions in the Indenture, dated as of December 23, 2003 (the “Indenture”), among Asbury Automotive Group, Inc., the Guarantors listed on Schedule I thereto and The Bank of New York, as trustee (the “Trustee”), (a) that the principal and premium, if any, of and interest and Special Interest, if any, on the Notes (as defined in the Indenture) will be promptly paid in full when due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, redemption or otherwise, and interest on the overdue principal and premium, if any, of and interest and Special Interest, if any, on the Notes, if any, if lawful, and all other obligations of the Company to the Holders or the Trustee under the Indenture or the Notes will be promptly paid in full or performed, all in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and the Notes and (b) in case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any Notes or any of such other obligations, that the same will be promptly paid in full when due or performed in accordance with the terms of the extension or renewal, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise. The obligations of the Guarantors to the Holders of Notes and to the Trustee pursuant to the Subsidiary Guarantee and the Indenture are expressly set forth in Article 11 of the Indenture and reference is hereby made to the Indenture for the precise terms of the Subsidiary Guarantee. Each Holder of a Note, by accepting the same, (a) agrees to and shall be bound by such provisions, (b) authorizes and directs the Trustee, on behalf of such Holder, to take such action as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the subordination as provided in the Indenture and (c) appoints the Trustee attorney-in-fact of such Holder for such purpose; provided that the Indebtedness evidenced by this Subsidiary Guarantee shall cease to be so subordinated and subject in right of payment upon any defeasance of this Note in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture.

[NAME OF GUARANTOR(S)]

By: _____

Name:
Title

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EXHIBIT F

[FORM OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE
TO BE DELIVERED BY SUBSEQUENT GUARANTORS]

SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE (this "Supplemental Indenture"), dated as of _____, among _____ (the "Guaranteeing Subsidiary"), a subsidiary of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. (or its permitted successor), a Connecticut corporation (the "Company"), the Company, the other Guarantors (as defined in the Indenture referred to herein) and The Bank of New York, as trustee under the indenture referred to below (the "Trustee").

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the Company has heretofore executed and delivered to the Trustee an indenture (the "Indenture"), dated as of December 23, 2003 providing for the issuance of 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 (the "Notes");

WHEREAS, the Indenture provides that under certain circumstances the Guaranteeing Subsidiary shall execute and deliver to the Trustee a supplemental indenture pursuant to which the Guaranteeing Subsidiary shall unconditionally guarantee all of the Company's Obligations under the Notes and the Indenture on the terms and conditions set forth herein (the "Subsidiary Guarantee"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9.01 of the Indenture, the Trustee is authorized to execute and deliver this Supplemental Indenture.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Guaranteeing Subsidiary and the Trustee mutually covenant and agree for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Notes as follows:

1. CAPITALIZED TERMS. Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

2. AGREEMENT TO GUARANTEE. The Guaranteeing Subsidiary hereby agrees as follows:

(a) Along with all Guarantors named in the Indenture, to jointly and severally Guarantee to each Holder of a Note authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and to the Trustee and its successors and assigns, the Notes or the obligations of the Company hereunder or thereunder, that:

(i) the principal of and interest on the Notes will be promptly paid in full when due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, redemption or otherwise, and interest on the overdue principal of and interest on the Notes, if any, if lawful, and all other obligations of the Company to the Holders or the Trustee hereunder or thereunder will be promptly paid in full or performed, all in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof; and

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(ii) in case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any Notes or any of such other obligations, that same will be promptly paid in full when due or performed in accordance with the terms of the extension or renewal, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise. Failing payment when due of any amount so guaranteed or any performance so guaranteed for whatever reason, the Guarantors shall be jointly and severally obligated to pay the same immediately.

(b) The obligations hereunder shall be unconditional, irrespective of the validity, regularity or enforceability of the Notes or the Indenture, the absence of any action to enforce the same, any waiver or consent by any Holder of the Notes with respect to any provisions hereof or thereof, the recovery of any judgment against the Company, any action to enforce the same or any other circumstance which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor.

(c) The following is hereby waived: diligence, presentment, demand of payment, filing of claims with a court in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Company, any right to require a proceeding first against the Company, protest, notice and all demands whatsoever.

(d) This Subsidiary Guarantee shall not be discharged except by complete performance of the obligations contained in the Notes and the Indenture, and the Guaranteeing Subsidiary accepts all obligations of a Guarantor under the Indenture.

(e) If any Holder or the Trustee is required by any court or otherwise to return to the Company, the Guarantors, or any Custodian, Trustee, liquidator or other similar official acting in relation to either the Company or the Guarantors, any amount paid by either to the Trustee or such Holder, this Subsidiary Guarantee, to the extent theretofore discharged, shall be reinstated in full force and effect.

(f) The Guaranteeing Subsidiary shall not be entitled to any right of subrogation in relation to the Holders in respect of any obligations guaranteed hereby until payment in full of all obligations guaranteed hereby.

(g) As between the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Holders and the Trustee, on the other hand, (x) the maturity of the obligations guaranteed hereby may be accelerated as provided in Article 6 of the Indenture for the purposes of this Subsidiary Guarantee, notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such acceleration in respect of the obligations guaranteed hereby, and (y) in the event of any declaration of acceleration of such obligations as provided in Article 6 of the Indenture, such obligations (whether or not due and payable) shall forthwith become due and payable by the Guarantors for the purpose of this Subsidiary Guarantee.

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(h) The Guarantors shall have the right to seek contribution from any non-paying Guarantor so long as the exercise of such right does not impair the rights of the Holders under the Guarantee.

(i) Pursuant to Section 10.02 of the Indenture, after giving effect to any maximum amount and any other contingent and fixed liabilities that are relevant under any applicable Bankruptcy or fraudulent conveyance laws, and after giving effect to any collections from, rights to receive contribution from or payments made by or on behalf of any other Guarantor in respect of the obligations of such other Guarantor under Article 10 of the Indenture, this new Subsidiary Guarantee shall be limited to the maximum amount permissible such that the obligations of such Guarantor under this Subsidiary Guarantee will not constitute a fraudulent transfer or conveyance.

3. EXECUTION AND DELIVERY. Each Guaranteeing Subsidiary agrees that the Subsidiary Guarantees shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding any failure to endorse on each Note a notation of such Subsidiary Guarantee.

4. GUARANTEEING SUBSIDIARY MAY CONSOLIDATE, ETC. ON CERTAIN TERMS.

(a) The Guaranteeing Subsidiary may not sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets to or consolidate with or merge with or into (whether or not such Guarantor is the surviving Person) another corporation, Person or entity whether or not affiliated with such Guarantor unless:

either

(i)

(A) the Person acquiring the property in any such sale or disposition or the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger, if other than such Guarantor, assumes all the obligations of that Guarantor under the Indenture, its Guarantee and, if the Exchange Offer has not been consummated or Special Interest remains due and owing, under the Registration Rights Agreement pursuant to a supplemental indenture in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee and completes all other required documentation; or

(B) the Net Proceeds, if any, of such sale or other disposition are applied in accordance with the provisions of described in the third paragraph of Section 4.10 of this Indenture; and

(ii) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Default exists.

(b) In case of any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance and upon the assumption by the successor corporation, by supplemental

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indenture, executed and delivered to the Trustee and satisfactory in form to the Trustee, of the Subsidiary Guarantee endorsed upon the Notes and the due and punctual performance of all of the covenants and conditions of the Indenture to be performed by the Guarantor, such successor corporation shall succeed to and be substituted for the Guarantor with the same effect as if it had been named herein as a Guarantor. Such successor corporation thereupon may cause to be signed any or all of the Subsidiary Guarantees to be endorsed upon all of the Notes issuable hereunder which theretofore shall not have been signed by the Company and delivered to the Trustee. All the Subsidiary Guarantees so issued shall in all respects have the same legal rank and benefit under the Indenture as the Subsidiary Guarantees theretofore and thereafter issued in accordance with the terms of the Indenture as though all of such Subsidiary Guarantees had been issued at the date of the execution hereof.

(c) Except as set forth in Articles 4 and 5 and Section 11.05 of Article 11 of the Indenture, and notwithstanding clauses (a) and (b) above, nothing contained in the Indenture or in any of the Notes shall prevent any consolidation or merger of a Guarantor with or into the Company or another Guarantor, or shall prevent any sale or conveyance of the property of a Guarantor as an entirety or substantially as an entirety to the Company or another Guarantor.

5. RELEASES.

(a) In the event of a sale or other disposition of all of the assets of any Guarantor, by way of merger, consolidation or otherwise, or a sale or other disposition of all to the capital stock of any Guarantor, in each case to a Person that is not (either before or after giving effect to such transaction) a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, then such Guarantor (in the event of a sale or other disposition, by way of merger, consolidation or otherwise, of all of the capital stock of such Guarantor) or the corporation acquiring the property (in the event of a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of such Guarantor) will be released and relieved of any obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee; provided that the Net Proceeds, if any, of such sale or other disposition are applied in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Indenture, including without limitation Section 4.10 of the Indenture. Upon delivery by the Company to the Trustee of an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such sale or other disposition was made by the Company in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, including without limitation Section 4.10 of the Indenture, the Trustee shall execute any documents reasonably required in order to evidence the release of any Guarantor from its obligations under its Note Guarantee.

(b) Any Guarantor not released from its obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee shall remain liable for the full amount of principal of and interest on the Notes and for the other obligations of any Guarantor under the Indenture as provided in Article 11 of the Indenture.

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6. NO RECOURSE AGAINST OTHERS. No past, present or future director, officer, employee, incorporator, stockholder or agent of the Guaranteeing Subsidiary, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of the Company or any Guaranteeing Subsidiary under the Notes, any Subsidiary Guarantees, the Indenture or this Supplemental Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of the Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes. Such waiver may not be effective to waive liabilities under the federal securities laws and it is the view of the SEC that such a waiver is against public policy.

7. NEW YORK LAW TO GOVERN. THE INTERNAL LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THIS SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE BUT WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY.

8. COUNTERPARTS. The parties may sign any number of copies of this Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement.

9. EFFECT OF HEADINGS. The Section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

10. THE TRUSTEE. The Trustee shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever for or in respect of the validity or sufficiency of this Supplemental Indenture or for or in respect of the recitals contained herein, all of which recitals are made solely by the Guaranteeing Subsidiary and the Company.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed, all as of the date first above written.

SIGNATURES

Dated as of _____, 200

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.

By: _____
Name:
Title

EACH GUARANTOR LISTED ON SCHEDULE I HERETO

By: _____
Name:
Title

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

By: _____
Name:
Title

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Schedule I

SCHEDULE OF GUARANTORS

The following schedule lists each Guarantor under the Indenture as of the Issue

Date:

- Asbury Automotive Financial Services, Inc.
- Asbury Automotive Group Holdings, Inc.
- Asbury Automotive Group L.L.C.
- Asbury Automotive Management L.L.C.
- Asbury Automotive San Diego L.L.C.
- Asbury Automotive Southern California L.L.C.
- Asbury Automotive Used Car Centers
- Asbury Automotive Used Car Centers Texas GP L.L.C.
- Asbury Automotive Used Car Centers Texas L.P.
- Asbury Arkansas Hund L.L.C.
- Asbury Automotive Arkansas Dealership Holdings L.L.C.
- Asbury Automotive Arkansas L.L.C.
- Asbury MS Gray-Daniels L.L.C.
- Asbury MS Metro L.L.C.
- Escude-D L.L.C.

Escude-M L.L.C.
Escude-MO L.L.C.
Escude-NN L.L.C.
Escude-NS L.L.C.
Hope CPD L.L.C.
Hope FLM L.L.C.
NP FLM L.L.C.
NP MZD L.L.C.
NP VKW L.L.C.
Premier LM L.L.C.
Premier NSN L.L.C.
Premier Pon L.L.C.
Prestige Bay L.L.C.
TXK CPD, L.P.
TXK FRD, L.P.
TXK L.L.C.
Asbury Atlanta AC L.L.C.
Asbury Atlanta AU L.L.C.
Asbury Atlanta BM L.L.C.
Asbury Atlanta Chevrolet L.L.C.
Asbury Atlanta Hon L.L.C.
Asbury Atlanta Infiniti L.L.C.
Asbury Atlanta Jaguar L.L.C.
Asbury Atlanta VL L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive Atlanta L.L.C.
Atlanta Real Estate Holdings L.L.C.
Spectrum Insurance Services L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive Fresno L.L.C.
Asbury Fresno Imports L.L.C.

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AF Motors, L.L.C.
ALM Motors, L.L.C.
ANL, L.P.
Asbury Automotive Central Florida, L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive Deland, L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive Jacksonville GP L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive Jacksonville, L.P.
Asbury Deland Imports 2, L.L.C.
Asbury Jax Holdings, L.P.
Asbury Jax Management L.L.C.
Asbury-Deland Imports, L.L.C.
Avenue Motors, Ltd.
Bayway Financial Services, L.P.
BFP Motors L.L.C.
C&O Properties, Ltd.
CFP Motors, Ltd.
CH Motors, Ltd.
CHO Partnership, Ltd.
CK Chevrolet L.L.C.
CK Motors L.L.C.
CN Motors, Ltd.
Coggin Automotive Corp.
Coggin Chevrolet L.L.C.
Coggin Management, L.P.
Coggin Orlando Properties L.L.C.
CP-GMC Motors, Ltd.
CSA Imports L.L.C.
HFP Motors L.L.C.
KP Motors L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive Mississippi
Asbury MS Wimber L.L.C.
Asbury MS Yazoo L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive North Carolina Dealership Holdings L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive North Carolina L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive North Carolina Management L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive North Carolina Real Estate Holdings L.L.C.
Camco Finance II L.L.C.
Camco Finance L.L.C.
Crown Acura/Nissan, LLC
Crown Battleground, LLC
Crown CHH L.L.C.
Crown CHO L.L.C.

Crown CHV L.L.C.
Crown Dodge, LLC
Crown FDO L.L.C.
Crown FFO Holdings L.L.C.
Crown FFO L.L.C.
Crown Fordham L.L.C.
Crown GAC L.L.C.

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Crown GAU L.L.C.
Crown GBM L.L.C.
Crown GCA L.L.C.
Crown GCH L.L.C.
Crown GDO L.L.C.
Crown GH0 L.L.C.
Crown GKI L.L.C.
Crown GMI L.L.C.
Crown GNI L.L.C.
Crown GPG,L.L.C.
Crown GVO L.L.C.
Crown Honda, LLC
Crown Honda-Volvo, LLC
Crown Mitsubishi, LLC
Crown Motorcar Company L.L.C.
Crown Raleigh L.L.C.
Crown RIA L.L.C.
Crown RIB L.L.C.
Crown RIS L.L.C.
Crown Royal Pontiac, LLC
Crown RPG L.L.C.
Crown SJC L.L.C.
Crown SNI L.L.C.
RER Properties, LLC
RWIJ Properties, LLC
Asbury Automotive Oregon L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive Oregon Management L.L.C.
Damerow Ford Co.
Thomas FRD L.L.C.
Thomason Auto Credit Northwest, Inc.
Thomason Dam L.L.C.
Thomason Hon L.L.C.
Thomason Hund L.L.C.
Thomason Maz L.L.C.
Thomason Niss L.L.C.
Thomason on Canyon, L.L.C.
Thomason Outfitters L.L.C.
Thomason Pontiac-GMC L.L.C.
Thomason Sub L.L.C.
Thomason Suzu L.L.C.
Thomason Zuk L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive St. Louis, L.L.C.
Asbury St. Louis Cadillac L.L.C.
Asbury St. Louis Gen L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive Brandon, L.P.
Asbury Automotive Tampa GP L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive Tampa, L.P.
Asbury Tampa Management L.L.C.
Dealer Profit Systems L.L.C.

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Precision Computer Services, Inc.
Precision Enterprises Tampa, Inc.
Precision Infiniti, Inc.
Precision Motorcars, Inc.
Precision Nissan, Inc.
Tampa Hund, L.P.
Tampa Kia, L.P.
Tampa LM, L.P.
Tampa Mit, L.P.
Tampa Suzu, L.P.

WMZ Brandon Motors, L.P.
WMZ Motors, L.P.
Asbury Automotive Texas Holdings L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive Texas L.L.C.
Asbury Automotive Texas Real Estate Holdings L.P.
Asbury Texas Management L.L.C.
McDavid Auction, L.P.
McDavid Austin-Acra, L.P.
McDavid Frisco-Hon, L.P.
McDavid Grande, L.P.
McDavid Houston-Hon, L.P.
McDavid Houston-Kia, L.P.
McDavid Houston-Niss, L.P.
McDavid Houston-Olds, L.P.
McDavid Irving-Hon, L.P.
McDavid Irving-PB&G, L.P.
McDavid Irving-Zuk, L.P.
McDavid Outfitters, L.P.
McDavid Plano-Acra, L.P.
Plano Lincoln-Mercury, Inc.



Mr. Thomas R. Gibson

Dear Tom:

This letter agreement sets forth our agreement regarding the terms of your continued employment with Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.

1. For the balance of 2003, you will continue with your current title and compensation including full bonus eligibility. Your 2003 bonus will be paid at the same time as bonuses are paid to other corporate employees.
 2. Effective January 1, 2004, the following changes will be made to your title and compensation.
 - a. You will resign your seat on Asbury's Board of Directors. Upon election by the Board, you will assume the title of Chairman Emeritus.
 - b. Your duties will be determined by the CEO of Asbury.
 - c. Your base salary will be \$80,000 per year from January 1, 2004 until December 31, 2007. During this period, your salary may be increased, at the CEO's discretion, if performance and job responsibilities merit. You will not be eligible for bonus participation.
 - d. Assuming you have satisfactory job performance and do not accept full time employment with another company, you will continue as an employee of Asbury until the earlier of December 31, 2007, or your death.
 - e. Until your employment ends as described in d. above, you will continue to receive benefits that are provided to other corporate office employees, at the same levels of contribution and coverage as such employees enjoy.
 - f. Effective January 1, 2004 you will no longer receive reimbursement for "special perks" such as medical excess, clubs, life and disability policy reimbursement or auto allowance.
 - g. As an employee, you will continue to hold your stock options, which will vest on the dates established in the grant document. In accordance with your grant document, when your employment ends, assuming that you have reached 10 years of service with Asbury your options will be exercisable for a period of ninety days following termination. However, if your employment ends due to death or disability, your options will be exercisable for a period of one year following such death or disability .
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- h. If your employment is terminated or you die prior to December 31, 2007, Asbury will pay you or your heirs a lump sum in the amount of \$320,000 less the total amount of salary paid to you between January 1, 2004 and the date of your termination or death. Your benefits will end as of your date of termination or death except for any benefits to which you or your heirs may be entitled by law or the benefit plans in effect on such date.
 - i. You will continue to be bound by the terms of the Shareholders Agreement and the "lock-up agreement" you entered into with Goldman, Sachs & Co. dated March 18, 2002, both of which agreements restrict the sale of the stock you currently own as well as stock acquired in the open market or through the exercise of stock options.
 - j. The leased office space in Conshohocken, PA will not be renewed past the current expiration date of May 17, 2006. Following the expiration of the lease you will operate out of a home office and we will reimburse you for reasonable out of pocket expenses associated setting up and maintaining a home office and outsourced secretarial services you may require from time to time to support you in fulfilling your duties under this agreement.
 - k. You will continue to be reimbursed for normal business expenses associated with your new position, in accordance with Asbury's travel and expense reimbursement policies.

Asbury appreciates the significant contributions that you have made to the founding and growth of the company. We look forward to your contributions as Chairman Emeritus, and your continued services in your new role.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Phil Johnson

Accepted and agreed this

day of January 5, 2004

January 23, 2004

Mr. Thomas Gilman
4831 West Wickford
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Dear Tom:

This letter agreement ("Agreement") sets forth our agreement regarding your relinquishment of your duties as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. ("Asbury"), and the terms of your continued employment with Asbury.

1. Relinquishment. You relinquished your duties as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Asbury on September 15, 2003 (the "Relinquishment Date"). As of the Relinquishment Date, you no longer serve as an officer or director of Asbury or any subsidiaries or affiliates of Asbury. Upon Asbury's request, you agree to sign and deliver resignation letters memorializing your resignations as an officer or director of Asbury and its subsidiaries or affiliates.

2. Employment. You will continue as an employee of Asbury from the Relinquishment Date until the earliest of: (a) April 30, 2004, (b) your death, or (c) your receipt of written notice of termination from Asbury. Such notice may be given if you materially breach the terms and conditions of this Agreement, provided, however, if, in Asbury's good faith judgment, such breach is capable of being cured, you will receive written notice and a period of seven days from the date of such notice in which to cure such breach before Asbury may terminate your employment (the "Employment Period").

3. Salary. Your salary during the Employment Period will be One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), payable in equal installments on Asbury's regular payroll dates. If you die prior to receiving the entire One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), Asbury will pay your heirs in a lump sum the remaining balance of the One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) that you have not previously received.

4. Employment Duties. During the Employment Period, you will make yourself generally available by telephone, e-mail and facsimile to Asbury for assistance on any matters as reasonably requested by Asbury, including, but not limited to, credit agreement and lender issues, Asbury's Toyota lending relationship, Asbury's real estate holdings and financing issues, CAP EX projects, and transition and continuity matters, as well as to provide assistance in the pursuit or defense of any claims, investigations or litigation about which you may have

knowledge. You will also perform such other duties as reasonably specifically directed by either Kenneth B. Gilman or Gordon. In carrying out your employment duties, you agree that in no event will you contact parties outside Asbury on Asbury business in the absence of specific written instructions from either Mr. Gilman or Mr. Smith. While performing your employment duties, you will not incur any business expenses on behalf of Asbury without Asbury's prior written approval thereof.

5. Termination of Severance Pay Agreement. You and Asbury entered into an Agreement dated November 1, 2002 (the "Severance Pay Agreement"), setting forth the respective rights and obligations of each party in the event of termination of your employment. The Severance Pay Agreement is hereby terminated and of no further force and effect. You acknowledge that you are not entitled to any payments or benefits under the Severance Pay Agreement.

6. Continuation of Certain Benefits. You will continue to participate in health, dental, disability and life insurance in which you were participating on the Relinquishment Date until the earlier of: (a) September 14, 2004, and (b) your death (the "Benefit Termination Date"). Your levels of contribution and coverage will remain the same as in effect on the Relinquishment Date, except for any changes that apply to Asbury corporate employees generally. After the Benefit Termination Date, any such benefits to which you or your heirs may be entitled by law or the governing plan document for such benefits will continue for the time period and in the manner required by law or the governing plan document, as the case may be. In addition, you may continue to participate in Asbury's 401(k) plan during the Employment Period.

7. Discontinuance of Certain Benefits. Effective the Relinquishment Date, you are no longer eligible for participation in Asbury's bonus plan or entitled to a car allowance, Asbury executive perquisites, or vacation accrual.

8. Payments. In consideration of your agreement to relinquish your duties as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Asbury and the termination of the Severance Pay Agreement, upon execution and delivery to Asbury of this Agreement and the Release (as defined hereafter), you will be entitled to an aggregate amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) less applicable withholding and taxes, payable in equal installments on Asbury's regular payroll dates over a twelve month period. If you die prior to receiving all of these payments, Asbury agrees to pay the remaining balance of the payments in a lump sum to your heirs.

9. Target Bonus. In further consideration of your agreement to relinquish your duties as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Asbury and the termination of the Severance Pay Agreement, upon expiration of the seven day revocation period in the Release, Asbury will promptly pay you a lump sum payment of \$198,000 less applicable withholding and taxes, representing your prorated target bonus for 2003.

10. Stock Options. During the Employment Period, you will continue to hold your stock options, which will continue to vest during such period and become fully vested on the dates established in the applicable grant document(s) provided such vesting dates occur on or before the end of the Employment Period. Any stock options not vested as of the end of the Employment Period will be forfeited. In accordance with the applicable grant document(s), your vested options will be exercisable for a period of ninety (90) days following the last day of the Employment Period, unless such period terminates due to your death, in which case, your vested options will be exercisable for a period of one year following your death.

11. Release. As a condition to receiving the benefits described in this Agreement, you agree to execute and deliver to Asbury the General Release (the "Release") enclosed with this letter. You have a minimum of twenty one days to consider the enclosed Release. In accordance with the Older Worker Benefit Protection Act, I am required to advise you to consult with an attorney to the extent you desire regarding the terms of the Release. As a further condition to receiving the benefits described in this Agreement, upon expiration of the Employment Period, you agree to execute and deliver to Asbury the Separation of Employment Agreement and General Release in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Asbury agrees to execute and deliver the Release attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

12. Continuing Obligations. You will continue to be bound by the terms of the Shareholders Agreement dated March 1, 2002 and the "lock-up agreement" you entered into with Goldman, Sachs & Co. dated March 18, 2002 until such agreements or specific provisions thereof are terminated in accordance with their terms. Among other provisions, both of such agreements restrict the sale of the Asbury stock you currently own as well as Asbury stock acquired in the open market or through the exercise of stock options. Further, you agree not to disparage Asbury or otherwise take any actions to injure Asbury's business, reputation or good will.

From and after the date of execution of this Agreement, Asbury agrees that its Chief Executive Officer, Senior Vice Presidents and Vice Presidents will not take any actions with the intent and effect of disparaging you. For the purposes of this paragraph, an individual's refusal to respond to any inquiries made by third parties about you, your employment with Asbury or the termination of that employment (other than to confirm dates of employment), shall not constitute an action which is intended to disparage you.

13. Confidential Information Nondisclosure Provision. During and after the Employment Period, you agree not to disclose to any person (other than to an employee or director of Asbury or any affiliate and except as may be required by law) and not to use to compete with Asbury or any affiliate any confidential or proprietary information, or data that is not in the public domain that was obtained by you while employed by Asbury with respect to Asbury or any affiliate or with respect to any products, improvements, customers, methods of distribution, sales, prices, profits, costs, contracts, suppliers, business prospects, business

methods, techniques, research, trade secrets or know-how of Asbury or any affiliate (collectively, "Confidential Information"). On or before expiration of the Employment Period, you will deliver to Asbury all documents and data of any nature pertaining to your work with Asbury and will not take any documents or data or any reproduction of any documents containing or pertaining to any Confidential Information. You agree that in the event of your breach of this Paragraph 13, Asbury shall be entitled to inform all potential or new employers of the terms of this paragraph, and to cease payments and benefits that would otherwise be made under this Agreement, as well as to obtain injunctive relief and damages which may include recovery of amounts paid to you under this Agreement.

14. Non-Solicitation of Employees. You agree that during the Employment Period and for a period of one year following final payment to you of the amounts set forth in Paragraph 8 above, you shall not directly or indirectly solicit for employment or employ any person who, at any time during the 12 months preceding the Relinquishment Date, is or was employed by Asbury or any affiliate, to terminate their employment relationship. You agree that in the event of a breach by you of this Paragraph 14, Asbury shall be entitled to inform all potential or new employers of the terms of this paragraph, and to cease payments and benefits that would otherwise be made under this Agreement, as well as to obtain injunctive relief and damages which may include recovery of amounts paid to you under this Agreement.

15. Covenant Not to Compete. You agree that during the Employment Period, and until the date specified herein for receipt of the final payment to you of the amounts set forth in Paragraph 8 above, you shall not directly or indirectly engage in or participate in, represent or be connected with in any way, as an officer, director, partner, owner, employee, agent, independent contractor, consultant, proprietor or stockholder (except for the ownership of a less than 5% stock interest in a publicly-traded corporation) or otherwise, any activities on behalf of AutoNation, Sonic, Lithia, United Auto Group, Group 1, or any other publicly-traded automotive consolidator. If requested in writing by Asbury, you shall disclose in writing to Asbury the name, address and type of business conducted by any proposed new employer. You agree that in the event of a breach by you of this Paragraph 15, Asbury shall be entitled to inform all potential or new employers of the terms of this paragraph, and to cease payments and benefits that would otherwise be made under this Agreement, as well as to obtain injunctive relief and damages which may include recovery of amounts paid to you under this Agreement.

16. Indemnification. Your rights to indemnification shall continue to be governed by the Indemnification Agreement dated as of March 10, 2003 and you shall continue to be covered by Asbury's Directors' and Officers' Insurance.

This Agreement and the Release constitute the entire agreement between you and Asbury with respect to your relinquishment of your duties as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Asbury and your employment relationship with Asbury.

If you have any questions regarding this Agreement, please contact Phil Johnson, Asbury Vice President, Human Resources.. Otherwise, if you accept the terms and conditions of this Agreement, please countersign the extra copy of this Agreement which is enclosed and return it to Mr. Johnson, along with the signed Release. This Agreement and the Release must be delivered to me no later than the 22nd day after the date hereof.

Sincerely,

Kenneth B. Gilman
President and CEO
Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.

I HEREBY ACCEPT AND APPROVE of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and intending to be legally bound, execute and deliver this Agreement this 1st day of February, 2004.

Witness:

Print Name:

/s/ THOMAS F. GILMAN
THOMAS F. GILMAN

GENERAL RELEASE

1. Thomas F. Gilman, for and in consideration of the payments and undertakings of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. set forth in the letter from Kenneth B. Gilman dated January 23, 2004 (the "Letter Agreement"), do hereby REMISE, RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE Asbury Automotive Group, Inc., its officers, directors, shareholders, affiliates, and its and their respective employees, agents, successors and assigns, heirs, representatives, executors, and administrators (hereinafter all referred to as "Asbury"), from all causes of action, suits, debts, claims, and demands whatsoever in law or in equity, which I ever had, now have, or hereafter may have, or which my heirs, executors, or administrators may have, whether known or unknown, by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever, from the beginning of my employment with Asbury to the date of this General Release ("Agreement"), and particularly, but without limitation of the foregoing general terms, any claims arising from or relating in any way to my employment as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Asbury, my relinquishment of my duties as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Asbury, and the terms and conditions of that relinquishment, including, but not limited, any claims arising under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, as amended.

2. I agree and covenant that I will not institute any proceedings in a court of law seeking legal or equitable relief involving any matter arising out of my employment as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Asbury, my relinquishment of my duties as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Asbury, and the terms and conditions of that relinquishment, (other than an action to enforce the terms of the Letter Agreement and the plans referenced therein and the Release) including, but not limited, any claims arising under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, as amended.

3. I acknowledge that I remain bound by certain obligations as contained in the Letter Agreement and herein. I understand and agree that any violation of these obligations will be deemed to be a material breach of the Letter Agreement and this Agreement, and in such event Asbury shall have the right to terminate any payments or benefits remaining under the Letter Agreement and to seek recovery of any payments or benefits made prior to discovery of the breach. . Asbury acknowledges that I may bring an action to enforce the terms of the Letter Agreement and the plans referenced therein and the Release.

4. I certify and acknowledge as follows:

a. That I have read the terms of this Agreement, and that I understand its terms and effects, including the fact that I have agreed to RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE Asbury from any legal action arising out of my employment as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Asbury, my relinquishment of my duties as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Asbury, and the terms and conditions of that relinquishment, (other than an action to enforce the terms of the Letter Agreement and the plans

referenced therein and the Release) including, but not limited, any claims arising under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, as amended;

b. That I have signed this Agreement voluntarily and knowingly in exchange for the consideration described in the Letter Agreement, which I acknowledge is adequate and satisfactory to me;

c. That the payments, benefits, promises and undertakings set forth in the Letter Agreement exceed and are greater than the payments and benefits, if any, to which I would have been entitled upon termination of my employment as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Asbury had I not executed the Letter Agreement and this Agreement;

d. That I have been advised in writing to consult with an attorney concerning this Agreement;

e. That Asbury has provided me with a period of at least twenty-one (21) days in which to consider this Agreement, and that I have signed on the date indicated below after concluding that this Agreement is satisfactory to me; and

f. That neither Asbury nor any of its agents, representatives, employees, or attorneys, have made any representations to me construing the terms or effects of this Agreement other than those contained in this Agreement.

5. This Agreement may be revoked in writing by Asbury or me within seven (7) days after execution, and shall not become effective or enforceable until such revocation period expires. I understand and agree that in the event I wish to revoke this Agreement, notice of such revocation must be delivered, before 5 p.m. local time on the seventh day following my execution of this Agreement, to Asbury Automotive Group, Inc., Attn: Vice President, Human Resources, 3 Landmark Square, Suite 500, Stamford, CT 06901.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and intending to be legally bound hereby, I hereby execute this General Release this 1st day of February, 2004.

Witness:

Print Name:

/s/ THOMAS F. GILMAN
Thomas F. Gilman

EXHIBIT "A"

SEPARATION OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE

1. I, Thomas F. Gilman, for and in consideration of the payments and undertakings of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. set forth in the letter from Kenneth B. Gilman dated January 23, 2004 (the "Letter Agreement"), do hereby REMISE, RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE Asbury Automotive Group, Inc., its officers, directors, shareholders, affiliates, and its and their respective employees, agents, successors and assigns, heirs, representatives, executors, and administrators (hereinafter all referred to as "Asbury"), from all causes of action, suits, debts, claims, and demands whatsoever in law or in equity, which I ever had, now have, or hereafter may have, or which my heirs, executors, or administrators may have, whether known or unknown, by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever, from the beginning of my employment with Asbury to the date of this Separation of Employment Agreement and General Release ("Agreement"), and particularly, but without limitation of the foregoing general terms, any claims arising from or relating in any way to my employment relationship with Asbury, the termination of that relationship, and the terms and conditions of that employment relationship, including, but not limited, any claims arising under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, as amended.

2. I agree and covenant that I will not institute any proceedings in a court of law seeking legal or equitable relief involving any matter arising out of my employment relationship with Asbury, the termination of that relationship, the terms and conditions of that employment relationship (other than an action to enforce the terms of the Letter Agreement and the plans referenced therein and the Release) including, but not limited, any claims arising under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, as amended.

3. I agree and recognize that my employment relationship with Asbury has been permanently and irrevocably severed, and that Asbury has no obligation, contractual or otherwise, to employ or appoint me in the future.

4. I acknowledge that I remain bound by certain obligations as contained in the Letter Agreement and herein. I understand and agree that any violation of these obligations will be deemed to be a material breach of the Letter Agreement and this Agreement, and in such event Asbury shall have the right to terminate any payments of benefits remaining under the Letter Agreement and to seek recovery of any payments or benefits made prior to discovery of the breach. Asbury acknowledges that I may bring an action to enforce the terms of the Letter Agreement and the plans referenced therein and the Release.

5. I certify and acknowledge as follows:

a. That I have read the terms of this Agreement, and that I understand its terms and effects, including the fact that I have agreed to RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE Asbury from any legal action arising out of my employment relationship with Asbury, the termination of that relationship, the terms and conditions of that employment relationship, including, but not limited, any claims arising under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, as amended;

b. That I have signed this Agreement voluntarily and knowingly in exchange for the consideration described in the Letter Agreement, which I acknowledge is adequate and satisfactory to me;

c. That the payments, benefits, promises and undertakings set forth in the Letter Agreement exceed and are greater than the payments and benefits, if any, to which I would have been entitled upon resignation or termination of my employment with Asbury had I not executed the Letter Agreement and this Agreement;

d. That I have been advised in writing to consult with an attorney concerning this Agreement;

e. That Asbury has provided me with a period of at least twenty-one (21) days in which to consider this Agreement, and that I have signed on the date indicated below after concluding that this Agreement is satisfactory to me; and

f. That neither Asbury nor any of its agents, representatives, employees, or attorneys, have made any representations to me construing the terms or effects of this Agreement other than those contained in this Agreement.

6. This Agreement may be revoked in writing by Asbury or me within seven (7) days after execution, and shall not become effective or enforceable until such revocation period expires. I understand and agree that in the event I wish to revoke this Agreement, notice of such revocation must be delivered, before 5 p.m. local time on the seventh day following my execution of this Agreement, to Asbury Automotive Group, Inc., Attn: Vice President, Human Resources, 3 Landmark Square, Suite 500, Stamford, CT 06901.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and intending to be legally bound hereby, I hereby execute the foregoing Separation of Employment Agreement and General Release this 1st day of February, 2004.

Witness:

Print Name: _____

/s/ THOMAS F. GILMAN
Thomas F. Gilman

EXHIBIT B

GENERAL RELEASE

1. Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. ("Asbury"), for and in consideration of the undertakings of Thomas F. Gilman set forth in the General Release dated January __, 2004 and the Separation of Employment Agreement and General Release to be executed on May 1, 2004 (the "Releases"), does hereby REMISE, RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE Thomas F. Gilman and his heirs, successors, representatives, executors, administrators and assigns (hereinafter referred to as "Gilman"), from all causes of action, suits, debts, claims, and demands whatsoever in law or in equity which are "known to senior management of Asbury" on the date hereof or which, with the exercise of reasonable due diligence by such senior management could have been known to Asbury on the date hereof, by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever, from the beginning of Gilman's employment with Asbury to the date of this Release, and particularly, but without limitation of the foregoing general terms, any claims arising from or relating in any way to Gilman's employment as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Asbury, his relinquishment of duties as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Asbury, and the terms and conditions of that relinquishment ("Released Claims"). As used in this paragraph 1, "known to senior management of Asbury" shall mean actual knowledge of any officer of Asbury or any chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any subsidiary of Asbury.

2. Asbury agrees and covenants that it will not institute any proceedings in a court of law seeking legal or equitable relief involving any Released Claims.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and intending to be legally bound this General Release is hereby executed this __ day of _____, 2004.

Witness:

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.

By _____

Title _____

FIRST AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This first amendment to the Employment Agreement (as defined below), dated as of February 26, 2004 (this "Amendment") is made between Asbury Automotive Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and Kenneth Gilman.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Asbury Automotive Group, L.L.C. and Kenneth Gilman entered into the Employment Agreement, dated as of December 3, 2001 (the "Employment Agreement");

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2002, Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. became the successor in interest of Asbury Automotive Group, L.L.C.; and

WHEREAS, the Company and Kenneth Gilman wish to amend the definition of "Fair Market Value" set forth in Section 9(c) of the Employment Agreement in order to simplify the calculation.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

- Section 9(c) of the Employment Agreement is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"If Executive is employed by the Company on the second anniversary of the IPO, Executive shall receive additional options (the "Additional Options") to purchase the number of shares of Common Stock equal to the lesser of (i) 0.5% of the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on such date or (ii) \$5,000,000 divided by the Fair Market Value (defined below) of a share of common stock on such date. The strike price of the Additional Options shall be the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock. For purposes of this Section 9(c), "Fair Market Value" of a share of Common Stock means the greater of (x) the average of the high and low trading prices for a share of Common Stock for each of the five trading days prior to the date of grant of the Additional Options or (y) the average of the high and low trading prices for a share of Common Stock on the date of grant of the Additional Options."

- Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Employment Agreement.
- Except as specifically amended hereby, the other terms and conditions of the Employment Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- This Amendment may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which shall be considered one and the same agreement.

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- This Amendment shall be deemed to be made in, and in all respects shall be interpreted, construed and governed by and in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York, without regard to the conflicts of law principles of such State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be duly executed as of the day and year first written above.

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Ian Snow

Name: /s/ Ian Snow

Title: _____

/s/ Kenneth B. Gilman

Kenneth B. Gilman

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT, dated as of September 1, 2003 (this "Agreement"), between ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE TAMPA, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Company"), and Jeffrey I. Wooley ("Executive").

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the Company owns and operates certain retail motor vehicle dealerships located in the State of Florida (the "Business"), and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc., a publicly-held Delaware corporation that owns retail motor vehicle dealership groups throughout the United States ("Asbury");

WHEREAS, the Company desires to employ Executive and Executive desires to be employed by the Company, all upon the terms and conditions set forth more fully herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants and agreements contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the Company and Executive hereby agree as follows:

1. Agreement to Employ. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement, the Company hereby employs Executive and Executive hereby accepts employment by the Company.

2. Term; Position and Responsibilities.

(a) Term of Employment. The employment of Executive pursuant hereto shall commence on the date of this Agreement (the "Effective Date"), and shall remain in effect for an initial term expiring on the third anniversary of the Effective Date (the "Term") unless sooner terminated pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.

(b) Position and Responsibilities of Executive. During the Term, Executive will be employed as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and, in addition, in such other executive capacity or capacities for the Company or any of its affiliates as may be determined from time to time by or under the authority of the Board of Directors of Asbury (the "Board"), or the President and Chief Executive Officer of Asbury (the "Asbury CEO"). Executive shall be responsible for conducting the day to day operational and management activities of the Company. Executive shall have the power and authority to take (or authorize other officers, employees or agents of the Company to take) all actions on behalf of the Company (without the need for the consent or approval of any partner of the Company or any other person) that are within the ordinary course of business of the Company, consistent with past custom and practice, unless the Board or Asbury CEO shall have previously restricted (specifically or generally) such power and authority of the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. In addition, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Executive shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as are incident to the office of the President and Chief Executive Officer of a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the terms of Executive's employment will not require him to spend any period of time in excess of three days away from the businesses operated or owned by the Company other than in connection with incidental or routine trips. Executive shall report to the Asbury CEO, and shall undertake and discharge all assignments and responsibilities within his capabilities that are assigned to him by the Asbury CEO or Board. Executive will devote all of his skill, knowledge and full working time (reasonable vacation time and absence for sickness or similar disability excepted) solely and exclusively to the conscientious performance of such duties. Executive hereby represents that his employment hereunder and compliance by him with the terms and conditions of this Agreement will not conflict with or result in the breach of any agreement to which he is a party or by which he may be bound.

3. Compensation. As full compensation for all services to be rendered by Executive in the capacities referred to in the Agreement, the Company shall pay to Executive during the Term the salary and bonuses provided in this Section 3.

(a) Base Salary. Executive shall receive an annual base salary of \$425,000, payable in arrears in equal monthly installments.

(b) Incentive Compensation. Executive shall be entitled to participate in an annual incentive compensation program established by Asbury for selected Asbury platform chief executive officers (the "Incentive Compensation Program"). Executive acknowledges and agrees that the Incentive Compensation Program may be amended from time to time by Asbury, in its sole discretion, so long as the amendments similarly affect all other Asbury platform chief executive officers who are participants in the Incentive Compensation Program.

4. Benefits and Perquisites. During the Term:

(a) General. The Company will provide life insurance, medical insurance, disability insurance and other benefits comparable to those provided to the Company's other senior executive officers and permitted under applicable law;

(b) Vacation. Executive shall be entitled to such vacation as is consistent with his responsibility for the operation and management of the Company and consistent with prior practices;

(c) Certain Club Dues. The Company shall reimburse Executive for annual dues, not to exceed \$20,000 for membership in two country clubs selected by Executive;

(d) Automobile. The Executive (and his family) shall be entitled to the use of four demonstrator automobiles selected from the inventory of the Business; and

(e) Smoking Policy. The office area of Executive shall not be designated a non-smoking area, except to the extent required by applicable law; provided that the Company shall not be required to make any structural or other changes to such office area or provide the Executive with any special equipment in order to comply with applicable law.

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(f) Dress Code. Executive shall not be subject to any specific dress code requirements imposed by the Company or Asbury, except that the Executive shall dress in a manner reasonably presentable in the business community.

5. Expenses. The Company shall reimburse Executive for reasonable travel (including, without limitation, travel to “20 Group” meetings and dealer meetings), lodging and meal expenses incurred by him in connection with his performance of services hereunder upon submission of evidence, satisfactory to the Asbury CEO, of the incurrence and purpose of each such expense.

6. Termination of Employment.

(a) Termination Due to Death or Disability. Executive’s employment shall automatically terminate upon his death or the Asbury CEO’s or Board’s determination of his Disability. The term “Disability” shall mean a physical or mental disability or infirmity that prevents the performance by Executive of his duties hereunder lasting (or likely to last, based on competent medical evidence presented to the Board) for a continuous period of six months or longer. The reasoned and good faith judgment of the Asbury CEO or Board as to Disability shall be final and shall be based on such competent medical evidence as shall be presented to it by Executive or by any physician or group of physicians or other competent medical experts employed by Executive or the Company to advise the Asbury CEO or Board.

(b) Termination by the Board for Cause. Executive’s employment with the Company may be terminated for “Cause” by the Asbury CEO or Board. “Cause” shall mean (i) the negligent or willful failure by Executive to substantially perform his duties or to comply with any written directives (made in good faith and consistent with applicable law) of the Asbury CEO or Board and continuance of such failure for more than 20 days after the Company notifies Executive in writing thereof, (ii) Executive’s engaging in serious misconduct (including, without limitation, any criminal, fraudulent or dishonest conduct) that is injurious to the Company or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries, (iii) Executive’s conviction of, or entering a plea of nolo contendere to, any crime that constitutes a felony or involves moral turpitude, or (iv) the breach by Executive of any written covenant or agreement with the Company or any of its affiliates not to disclose any information pertaining to the Company or any of its affiliates or not to compete or interfere with the Company or any of its affiliates, including without limitation the covenants set forth in Sections 7, 8 and 10.

(c) Termination Without Cause. Executive’s employment with the Company may be terminated “Without Cause” by the Asbury CEO or Board. A termination “Without Cause” shall mean a termination of employment by the Asbury CEO or Board other than due to death or Disability as described in Section 6(a) or Cause as defined in Section 6(b).

(d) Termination by Executive. Executive may terminate his employment for “Good Reason”. “Good Reason” shall mean a termination of employment by Executive within 30 days following (i) any material diminution by the Board in Executive’s duties or job title, except in connection with termination of Executive’s employment for Cause

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as provided in Section 6(b) or death or Disability as provided in Section 6(a), (ii) the reduction by the Company of its capitalization to the extent that Executive is no longer able to properly perform his duties hereunder (which, at a minimum, shall mean capitalization necessary to maintain all minimum working capital requirements imposed by manufacturers supplying products for the Business), and (iii) the failure of the Company timely to pay Executive’s salary, bonus or benefits, provided in the case of each of the preceding clauses (i), (ii) or (iii), that (A) Executive shall have given the Company written notice of the circumstances constituting Good Reason and the Company shall have failed to cure such circumstances within 20 days, and (B) Executive shall not have caused the occurrence constituting Good Reason through the exercise of his authority as an officer of the Company.

(e) Notice and Effect of Termination; Date of Termination. Any termination of Executive’s employment by the Board pursuant to Section 6(a) (in the case of Disability), 6(b) or 6(c), or by Executive pursuant to Section 6(d), shall be communicated by a written “Notice of Termination” addressed to Executive or the Company, as appropriate. A “Notice of Termination” shall mean a notice stating that Executive’s employment hereunder has been or will be terminated, as the case may be, on the Date of Termination (as defined hereafter) indicating the specific termination provisions in this Agreement relied upon and setting forth in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for such termination of employment. The term “Date of Termination” shall mean (i) if Executive’s employment is terminated by his death, the date of his death, (ii) if Executive’s employment is terminated by the Asbury CEO or Board for Cause, the date on which Notice of Termination is given, and (iii) if Executive’s employment is terminated by the Asbury CEO or the Board Without Cause, due to Executive’s Disability or by Executive for

Good Reason, 30 days after the date on which Notice of Termination is given or, if no such Notice is given, 30 days after the date of termination of employment.

(f) Payments Upon Certain Terminations.

(i) Termination Without Cause or for Good Reason.

(A) In the event of a termination of Executive's employment with the Company by the Asbury CEO or Board Without Cause or a termination by Executive of his employment with the Company for Good Reason, in either case, prior to the last day of the Term, the Company shall pay to Executive his base salary at the annual base rate in effect immediately prior to the Date of Termination during the Severance Period (as defined below), plus any performance-based cash bonus for the portion of the calendar year preceding Executive's Date of Termination as the Board in its sole discretion determines to have been earned by Executive, provided that the Company may, at any time, pay to Executive in a single lump sum an amount equal to the Board's good faith determination of the present values of the installments of the base salary remaining to be paid to Executive, as of the date of such lump sum payment, calculated using a discount rate equal to the then prevailing interest rate payable on senior

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indebtedness of an issuer rated "B" by Moody's Investors Service or Standard & Poor's (or the then-equivalent rating) having a term as close as practicable to the length of the Severance Period (collectively, the "Severance Payment"). "Severance Period" means a period beginning on the Date of Termination and continuing for a period equal to the greater of (x) the number of days between the Date of Termination and the end of the Term, or (y) one (1) year; provided, however, in the event the Date of Termination occurs within one (1) year after a Change in Control (as defined below) the Severance Period shall be the period beginning on the Date of Termination and continuing for a period equal to the greater of (a) the number of days between the Date of Termination and the end of the Term, or (b) two (2) years. "Change in Control" means an event or series of events by which:

(i) during any period of 24 consecutive calendar months, individuals:

(a) who were directors of Asbury on the first day of such period, or

(b) whose election or nomination for election to the Board was recommended or approved by at least a majority of the directors then still in office who were directors of Asbury on the first day of such period, or whose election or nomination for election was so approved,

shall cease to constitute a majority of the Board;

(ii) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, statutory share exchange or similar form of corporate transaction involving Asbury or any of its subsidiaries (a "Reorganization") or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of Asbury to an entity that is not an affiliate of Asbury (a "Sale"), that in each case requires the approval of Asbury's stockholders under the law of Asbury's jurisdiction of organization, whether for such Reorganization or Sale (or the issuance of securities of Asbury in such Reorganization or Sale), unless immediately following such Reorganization or Sale more than 50% of the total voting power (in respect of the election of directors, or similar officials in the case of an entity other than a corporation) of (a) the entity resulting from such Reorganization, or the entity which has acquired all or substantially all of the assets of Asbury (the "Surviving Entity"), or (b) if applicable, the ultimate parent entity that directly or indirectly has beneficial ownership of more than 50% of the total voting power (in respect of the election of directors, or similar officials in the case of an entity other than a corporation) of the Surviving Entity (the "Parent Entity"), is represented by Asbury's outstanding securities eligible to vote for the election of the Board

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(the "Company Voting Securities") that were outstanding immediately prior to such Reorganization or Sale (or, if applicable, is represented by shares into which such Company Voting Securities were converted pursuant to such Reorganization or Sale), and such voting power among the holders thereof is in substantially the same proportion as the voting power of such Company Voting Securities among the holders thereof immediately prior to the Reorganization or Sale;

(iii) the stockholders of Asbury approve a plan of compete liquidation or dissolution of Asbury or a sale of all or substantially all of Asbury's assets; or

(iv) any “person” (as such term is defined in Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”) (or any successor section thereto)), corporation or other entity (other than (a) Asbury, (b) any trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of Asbury or an affiliate of Asbury, (c) any company owned, directly or indirectly, by the stockholders of Asbury in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of Shares (as defined hereafter) or (d) any entity or individual affiliated with (i) Ripplewood Holdings, L.L.C. or (ii) Freeman Spogli & Co. Incorporated, or their affiliates), becomes the “beneficial owner” (as such term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act (or any successor rule thereto)), directly or indirectly, of securities of Asbury representing 30% or more of the combined voting power of Asbury’s then-outstanding securities.

“Shares” means the shares of common stock of Asbury, \$0.01 par value, or such other securities of Asbury into which such shares of common stock shall be changed by reason of a recapitalization, merger, consolidation, split-up, combination, exchange of shares or other similar transaction.

(B) In addition, during the Severance Period, Executive will continue to receive the benefits to which he was entitled pursuant to Section 4(a) as of the Date of Termination, and Executive will be entitled to any vested benefits under any employee benefit plans. If for any reason at any time the Company is unable to treat Executive as being or having been an employee of the Company under any benefits plan in which he is entitled to participate and as a result thereof Executive receives reduced benefits under such plan during the Severance Period, the Company shall provide Executive with such benefits by direct payment or at the Company’s option by making available equivalent benefits from other sources. During the Severance Period, Executive shall not be entitled to receive incentive compensation and shall not be entitled to participate in any of the Company’s employee benefit plans that are introduced after the

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Date of Termination, except that an appropriate adjustment shall be made if such new employee benefit plan is a replacement for or amendment to an employee benefit plan in effect as of the Date of Termination in which Employee is a participant.

(C) As a condition to the receipt of the Severance Payment and to the receipt of the benefits provided in Section 6(f)(i)(B), Executive agrees to execute a general release in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A titled “General Release”.

(ii) Termination Upon Death or Disability. If Executive’s employment shall terminate upon his death or Disability, Executive shall be paid his full base salary through the Date of Termination at the annual base rate in effect immediately prior to the Date of Termination and in the event of termination due to Executive’s Disability, the provisions of Section 6(f)(i)(B) shall apply to Executive as if Section 6(f)(i)(A) were otherwise applicable. If Executive’s employment shall terminate upon his death or Disability, Executive shall not be paid any performance-based cash bonus for the portion of the calendar year preceding Executive’s Date of Termination.

(iii) Termination for Cause or Voluntary Termination by Executive. If the Asbury CEO or Board shall terminate Executive’s employment for Cause or if Executive shall voluntarily terminate his employment with the Company for other than Good Reason, he shall be paid only his full base salary through the Date of Termination at the annual base rate in effect immediately prior to the Date of Termination and Executive shall not be paid any incentive compensation cash bonus for the portion of the calendar year preceding Executive’s Date of Termination, nor shall he receive any other compensation or benefits beyond the Date of Termination.

(g) Limitation. Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, Executive’s entitlement to or payments under Section 6(f) or under any other plan or agreement shall be limited to the extent necessary so that no payment to be made to Executive on account of termination of his employment with the Company will be subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), as then in effect, but only if, by reason of such limitation, Executive’s net after tax benefit shall exceed the net after tax benefit if such reduction were not made. “Net after tax benefit” shall mean (i) the sum of all payments and benefits that Executive is then entitled to receive under Section 6(f) or under any other plan or agreement that would constitute a “parachute payment” within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code, less (ii) the amount of federal income tax payable with respect to the payments and benefits described in clause (i) above calculated at the maximum marginal income tax rate for each year in which such payments and benefits shall be paid to Executive (based upon the rate in effect for such year as set forth in the Code at the time of the first payment of the foregoing), less (iii) the amount of excise tax imposed with respect to the payments and benefits described in clause (i) above by Section 4999 of the Code. Any limitation under this Section 6(g) of Executive’s entitlement to payments shall be made in the manner and in the order directed by Executive.

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7. Covenant Not to Compete; Non-Solicitation of Employees.

(a) So long as Executive’s employment hereunder shall continue, or as otherwise expressly consented to, approved or permitted by the Asbury CEO or Board in writing, and to the fullest extent permitted under applicable law, Executive shall not:

(i) directly or indirectly engage, or have any ownership interest (other than an interest in the Company) in any firm, corporation, company, proprietorship or other business entity that engages (directly or indirectly) in the activities now engaged in by the

Company, Asbury or any affiliate of the Company or Asbury in any jurisdiction in which such activities are now conducted (including, without limitation, the states of Florida and Georgia); or

(ii) directly or indirectly, for his own account or the account of any other person or entity with which he shall become associated in any capacity or in which he shall have any ownership interest, (A) solicit for employment or employ any person who, at any time during the preceding 12 months, is or was employed by or otherwise engaged to perform services for the Company, Asbury or any of their affiliates, regardless of whether such employment or engagement is direct or through an entity with which such person is employed or associated, or otherwise intentionally interfere with the relationship of the Company, Asbury or any of their affiliates with any person or entity who or which is at the time employed by or otherwise engaged to perform services for the Company, Asbury or any such affiliate, or (B) induce any employee of the Company, Asbury or any of their affiliates to engage in any activity which Executive is prohibited from engaging in under Sections 7, 8 and 10 or to terminate his or her employment with the Company, Asbury or such affiliate.

(b) If the employment of Executive hereunder is terminated, the following provisions shall apply:

(i) In the event of a termination of Executive's employment with the Company by the Asbury CEO or Board Without Cause or a termination by Executive of his employment with the Company for Good Reason, the provisions of Section 7(a) shall continue in effect for the term of the Severance Period (as defined in Section 6(f)(i)(A)); provided, however, to the extent the Severance Period is calculated to be in excess of one year from the end of the Term (the "Optional Severance Period"), Executive may elect to forego that portion of the Severance Payment to which he is entitled as it relates to the Optional Severance Period, and such election shall automatically serve to restrict the application of the provisions of Section 7(a) to that period of time ending one (1) year from the end of the Term.

(ii) If the Asbury CEO or Board shall terminate Executive's employment for Cause or if Executive shall voluntarily terminate his employment with the Company for other than Good Reason, in either case, prior to the last day of the Term, then the provisions of Section 7(a) shall continue to apply for a period of one (1) year from the Date of Termination.

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(iii) In the event this Agreement expires at the end of the Term and Executive's employment with the Company has not been previously terminated, the provisions of Section 7(a) shall continue in effect for one (1) year after the end of the Term so long as the Company pays Executive the Severance Payment during such one (1) year period. In the event the Company elects not to or fails to pay Executive the Severance Payment for such one (1) year period the provision of Section 7(a) hereof shall be of no force or effect.

(iv) During any period described under this Section 7(b) which operates to continue the application of Section 7(a), Executive shall disclose in writing to the Company the name, address and type of business conducted by any proposed new employer of Executive within ten business days of commencing employment with the new employer.

8. Unauthorized Disclosure.

(a) During and after the Term, without the written consent of the Asbury CEO or Board, (i) Executive shall not disclose to any person (other than an employee or director of the Company, Asbury or their affiliates, or a person to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary or appropriate in connection with the performance by Executive of his duties under this Agreement) or use to compete with the Company, Asbury or any of their affiliates any confidential or proprietary information, knowledge or data that is not theretofore publicly known and in the public domain obtained by him while in the employ of the Company with respect to the Company, Asbury or any of their affiliates or with respect to any products, improvements, customers, methods of distribution, sales, prices, profits, costs, contracts (including, without limitation the terms and provisions of this Agreement), suppliers, business prospects, business methods, techniques, research, trade secrets or know-how of the Company, Asbury or any of their affiliates (collectively, "Proprietary Information"), and (ii) Executive shall use best efforts to keep confidential any such Proprietary Information and to refrain from making any such disclosure, in each case except as may be required by law or as may be required in connection with any judicial or administrative proceedings or inquiry.

9. [INTENTIONALLY OMITTED]

10. Return of Documents. In the event of the termination of Executive's employment for any reason, Executive will deliver to the Company all documents and data of any nature pertaining to his work with the Company and its affiliates, and he will not take with him any documents or data of any description or any reproduction thereof, or any documents containing or pertaining to any Proprietary Information.

11. Injunctive Relief with Respect to Covenants. Executive acknowledges and agrees that the covenants and obligations of Executive with respect to non-competition, non-disclosure, non-solicitation, confidentiality and the property of the Company and its affiliates relate to special, unique and extraordinary matters and that, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, a violation of any of the terms of such covenants and obligations will cause the Company and its affiliates irreparable injury for which adequate remedies are not available at law. Therefore, Executive expressly agrees that the Company, Asbury and their

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affiliates (which shall be express third-party beneficiaries of such covenants and obligations) shall be entitled to an injunction (whether temporary or permanent), restraining order or such other equitable relief (including the requirement to post bond) as a court of competent jurisdiction may deem necessary or appropriate to restrain Executive from committing any violation of the covenants and obligations contained in Sections 7, 8 and 10. These injunctive remedies are cumulative and in addition to any other rights and remedies the Company, Asbury or any such affiliate may have at law or in equity. Further, Executive represents that his experience and capabilities are such that the provisions of Sections 7, 8 and 10 will not prevent him from earning his livelihood. If a judicial determination is made that any of the provisions of Sections 7, 8 or 10 constitute an unreasonable or otherwise unenforceable restriction against Executive, the provisions of such section shall be rendered void only to the extent that such judicial determination finds such provisions to be unreasonable or otherwise unenforceable. Moreover, notwithstanding the fact that any provision of such sections is determined not to be specifically enforceable, the Company shall nevertheless be entitled to recover monetary damages as a result of Executive's breach of such provision.

12. Assumption of Agreement. The Company will require any successor (by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company, by agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Executive, to expressly assume and agree to perform this Agreement in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform it if no such succession had taken place. Failure of the Company to obtain such agreement prior to the effectiveness of any such succession shall be a breach of this Agreement and shall entitle Executive to compensation from the Company in the same amount and on the same terms as Executive would be entitled hereunder if the Company terminated his employment Without Cause as contemplated by Section 6, except that for purposes of implementing the foregoing, the date on which any such succession becomes effective shall be deemed the Date of Termination. As used in this Agreement, "Company" shall mean the Company as herein before defined and any successor to its business and/or assets as aforesaid which executes and delivers the agreement provided for in this Section 12 or which otherwise becomes bound by all the terms and provisions of this Agreement by operation of law.

13. Entire Agreement. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, and all promises, representations, understandings, arrangements and prior agreements relating to such subject matter (including those made to or with Executive by any other person or entity) are merged herein and superseded hereby.

14. Indemnification. The Company agrees that it shall indemnify and hold harmless Executive to the fullest extent permitted by the applicable law and the certificate of formation and Limited Partnership Agreement of the Company from and against any and all liabilities, costs, claims and expenses including, without limitation, all costs and expenses incurred in defense of litigation, including attorneys' fees, arising out of the employment of Executive hereunder, except to the extent arising out of or based upon the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Executive.

15. Miscellaneous.

(a) Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the Company and its successors and permitted assigns. This Agreement shall also be binding on and inure to the benefit of Executive and his heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives. If Executive's employment is terminated by reason of his death, all amounts payable by the Company pursuant to Section 6(f)(ii) (or if Executive shall die after his employment has terminated, any remaining amount of salary and incentive compensation payable by the Company pursuant to Section 6(f)(i)) shall be paid in accordance with the terms of this Agreement to Executive's devisee, legatee, or other designee or, if there be no such designee, to his estate.

(b) Dispute Resolution. The parties agree that they shall attempt, in good faith, to resolve any dispute under this Agreement by mediation in accordance with the Employment Mediation Rules of the American Arbitration Association ("AAA"), to be conducted in Tampa, Florida, and if such dispute cannot be resolved within thirty (30) days of either party's written request to the AAA for mediation, then such dispute shall be resolved by arbitration, with such arbitration process to include the following:

- (i) The party invoking arbitration under this Agreement shall notify the other party in writing;
- (ii) The arbitration shall be conducted in Tampa, Florida by a single arbitrator in accordance with the National Rules for the Resolution of Employment Disputes (the "Rules") of the AAA;
- (iii) The arbitration, including the arbitrator's decision, shall be completed within one hundred twenty days of receipt of notice by the party other than the party initiating arbitration under this section;
- (iv) The arbitrator shall have no authority to assess punitive or exemplary damages as to any dispute (i) arising out of or concerning the provisions of this Agreement or (ii) otherwise arising out of the employment relationship, except as and unless such damages are expressly authorized by otherwise applicable and controlling statutes;
- (v) The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding and enforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction; and
- (vi) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the provisions of this Section 15(b) shall not apply to any claim commenced by the Company for injunctive relief under this Agreement.

(c) Governing Law; Construction. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida without reference to principles of conflict of laws thereunder. No provision of this Agreement or any related document shall be construed against or interpreted to the disadvantage of any party hereto by any arbitration body, court or governmental body by reason of such party having or being deemed to have structured or drafted such provision.

(d) Taxes. The Company may withhold from any payments made under this Agreement all federal, state, city or other applicable taxes as shall be required pursuant to any law, governmental regulation or ruling.

(e) Amendments. No provisions of this Agreement may be modified, waived or discharged unless such modification, waiver or discharge is approved by the Asbury CEO, Board or a person authorized thereby and is agreed to in writing by Executive and the Asbury CEO or such officer of the Company as may be specifically designated by the Board. No waiver by any party hereto at any time of any breach by any other party hereto of, or compliance with, any condition or provision of this Agreement to be performed by such other party shall be deemed a waiver of similar or dissimilar provisions or conditions at the same or at any prior or subsequent time. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be implied from any course of dealing between or among the parties hereto or from any failure by any party hereto to assert its rights hereunder on any occasion or series of occasions. No agreements or representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, with respect to the subject matter hereof have been made by either party which are not set forth expressly in this Agreement.

(f) Severability. In the event that any one or more of the provisions of this Agreement shall be or become invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not be affected thereby.

(g) Notices. Any notice or other communication required or permitted to be delivered under this Agreement shall be (i) in writing, (ii) delivered personally, by nationally recognized overnight courier service or by certified or registered mail, first-class postage prepaid and return receipt requested, (iii) deemed to have been received on the date of delivery or on the third business day after the mailing thereof, and (iv) addressed as follows (or to such other address as the party entitled to notice shall hereafter designate in accordance with the terms hereof):

(A)	if to the Company, to it:	c/o Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. 3 Landmark Square, Suite 500 Stamford, CT 06901 Attention: President and CEO Telefax: (203) 356-4450
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(B) if to Executive, to him at the address listed on the signature page hereof.

(h) Survival. Sections 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, and if Executive's employment terminates in a manner giving rise to a payment under Section 6(f), Section 6(f) and 6(g) shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the termination of the employment of Executive.

(i) Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

(j) Headings. The section and other headings contained in this Agreement are for the convenience of the parties only and are not intended to be a part hereof or to affect the meaning or interpretation hereof.

(k) Executive's Recusal. Executive shall recuse himself from all deliberations of the Board regarding this Agreement, Executive's employment by the Company or related matters.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has duly executed this Agreement by its authorized representative and Executive has hereunto set his hand, in each case effective as of the date first above written.

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE TAMPA, L.P.

By: ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE TAMPA GP L.L.C., as General Partner

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

Witness:

Executive:

/s/ Audrey R. Pearson

Print Name: Audrey R. Pearson

/s/ Jeffrey I. Wooley

Jeffrey I. Wooley

Address: 10000 Lindelaan Drive
Tampa, Florida 33618
Fax: 813-261-4188
Tel: 813-933-7870

EXHIBIT A

GENERAL RELEASE

In consideration of the payments and other benefits set forth in Section 6(f)(i) of the Employment Agreement dated as of September 1, 2003 (the "Employment Agreement"), to which this form is attached, I, JEFFREY I. WOOLEY, hereby furnish Asbury Automotive Tampa, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Company"), with the following waiver and release.

I hereby waive, release, and discharge the Company, and each of its predecessors, successors, affiliates, employees, officers, directors, shareholders, assignees, agents, and attorneys (collectively "Releasees"), both in their capacities on behalf of the Company and in their individual capacities, from any and all claims, liabilities, demands, and causes of action, known or unknown, fixed or contingent, in connection with my employment with the Company or the termination of that employment ("Claims"), including but not limited to:

- i. Claims arising under any federal, state, or local laws including, without limitation, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, the Fair Labor Standards Act, and the Family and Medical Leave Act;
- ii. Claims for breach of contract, express or implied, including any Claims for breach of any implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing;
- iii. any tort Claims, including, without limitation, any Claims for personal injury, harm or damages, whether the result of intentional, unintentional, negligent, reckless, or grossly negligent acts or omissions;
- iv. any Claims for wrongful discharge or other Claims arising out of any legal restrictions on the right to terminate employees;
- v. any Claims for unpaid wages, including vacation pay and other paid time off; or
- vi. any Claims for attorneys' fees or costs.

This General Release shall not apply to: (i) any obligation to me under the terms of the Employment Agreement including, without limitation, any of my entitlements or any of the entitlements of my family or the personal representative of my domiciliary probate estate under the terms of the Employment Agreement or under any benefit or retirement plan or program of the Company in which I participate under the terms of the Employment Agreement; (ii) the indemnification obligations of the Company set forth in Section 14 of the Employment Agreement; or (iii) the indemnification obligations of Asbury relating to my service as a member of the board of directors or officer of Asbury or any of its affiliates.

I understand that I have been given a period of 21 days from the date my employment with the Company was terminated in which to review and consider this document, and that I may use as much or as little of this 21-day period as I desire. I further understand that I have the right to discuss all aspects of this document with an attorney of my choosing and that, although

whether to consult with an attorney or not is my decision, the Company encourages me to do so. By signing this document, I acknowledge and agree that I am entering into it knowingly and voluntarily, that I have used as much, if any, of the 21-day period as I desired, and that I have exercised the right to consult with an attorney to the full extent I desired.

I also understand that I have the right to revoke this General Release within seven (7) days after signing it by delivering a written notice of revocation to the Company's General Counsel. For such revocation to be effective, it must be received no later than the close of business on the seventh day after I sign this document.

Each party to this General Release acknowledges and agrees that any disputes arising under or in connection with this General Release shall be resolved by third party mediation of the dispute and, if such dispute is not resolved within 30 days, by binding arbitration, to be held in Tampa, Florida in accordance with the rules and procedures of the American Arbitration Association. Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

EMPLOYEE:

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE TAMPA, L.P.

/s/ Jeffrey I. Wooley
JEFFREY I. WOOLEY

By: Asbury Automotive Tampa GP L.L.C., its General Partner

By: /s/ Kenneth B. Gilman
Name: _____
Title: _____

Date: 2/3/04

Date: _____

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.

Subsidiaries:

AF Motors, L.L.C.

ALM Motors, L.L.C.

ANL, L.P.

Asbury Arkansas Hund L.L.C.

Asbury Atlanta AC L.L.C.

Asbury Atlanta AU L.L.C.

Asbury Atlanta BM L.L.C.

Asbury Atlanta Chevrolet L.L.C.

Asbury Atlanta Hon L.L.C.

Asbury Atlanta Infiniti L.L.C.

Asbury Atlanta Jaguar L.L.C.

Asbury Atlanta Lex L.L.C.

Asbury Atlanta VL L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive Arkansas Dealership Holdings L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive Arkansas L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive Atlanta L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive Brandon, L.P.

Asbury Automotive Central Florida, L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive Deland, L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive Financial Services, Inc.

Asbury Automotive Fresno L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive Group Holdings, Inc.

Asbury Automotive Group L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive Jacksonville GP L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive Jacksonville, L.P.

Asbury Automotive Management L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive Mississippi L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive North Carolina Dealership Holdings L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive North Carolina L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive North Carolina Management L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive North Carolina Real Estate Holdings L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive Oregon L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive Oregon Management L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive San Diego L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive Southern California L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive St. Louis, L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive Tampa GP L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive Tampa, L.P.

Asbury Automotive Texas Holdings L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive Texas L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive Texas Real Estate Holdings L.P.

Asbury Automotive Used Car Centers L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive Used Car Centers Texas GP L.L.C.

Asbury Automotive Used Car Centers Texas L.P.

Asbury Deland Imports 2, L.L.C.

Asbury Fresno Imports L.L.C.

Asbury Jax Holdings, L.P.

Asbury Jax Management L.L.C.

Asbury MS Gray-Daniels L.L.C.

Asbury MS Metro L.L.C.

Asbury MS Wimber L.L.C.

Asbury MS Yazoo L.L.C.

Asbury Sacramento Imports L.L.C.

Asbury So Cal DC L.L.C.

Asbury So Cal Hon L.L.C.

Asbury So Cal Niss L.L.C.

Asbury St. Louis Cadillac L.L.C.

Asbury St. Louis Gen L.L.C.

Asbury St. Louis Lex L.L.C.

Asbury St. Louis LR L.L.C.

Asbury Tampa Management L.L.C.

Asbury Texas Management L.L.C.

Asbury-Deland Imports, L.L.C.

Atlanta Real Estate Holdings L.L.C.

Avenues Motors, Ltd.

Bayway Financial Services, L.P.

BFP Motors L.L.C.

C&O Properties, Ltd.

Camco Finance II L.L.C.

Camco Finance L.L.C.

CFP Motors, Ltd.

CH Motors, Ltd.

CHO Partnership, Ltd.
CK Chevrolet LLC
CK Motors LLC
CN Motors, Ltd.
Coggin Automotive Corp.
Coggin Cars L.L.C.
Coggin Chevrolet L.L.C.
Coggin Management, L.P.
Coggin Orlando Properties LLC
CP-GMC Motors, Ltd.
Crown Acura/Nissan, LLC
Crown Battleground, LLC
Crown CHH L.L.C.
Crown CHO L.L.C.
Crown CHV L.L.C.
Crown Dodge, LLC
Crown FDO L.L.C.
Crown FFO Holdings L.L.C.
Crown FFO L.L.C.
Crown Fordham L.L.C.
Crown GAC L.L.C.
Crown GAU L.L.C.
Crown GBM L.L.C.
Crown GCA L.L.C.
Crown GCH L.L.C.
Crown GDO L.L.C.
Crown GH0 L.L.C.

Crown GKI L.L.C.
Crown GMI L.L.C.
Crown GNI L.L.C.
Crown GPG L.L.C.
Crown GVO L.L.C.
Crown Honda, LLC
Crown Honda-Volvo, LLC
Crown Mitsubishi, LLC
Crown Motorcar Company L.L.C.
Crown Raleigh L.L.C.

Crown RIA L.L.C.

Crown RIB L.L.C.

Crown RIS L.L.C.

Crown Royal Pontiac, LLC

Crown RPG L.L.C.

Crown SJC L.L.C.

Crown SNI L.L.C.

CSA Imports L.L.C.

Damerow Ford Co.

Dealer Profit Systems L.L.C.

Escude-D L.L.C.

Escude-M L.L.C.

Escude-MO L.L.C.

Escude-NN L.L.C.

Escude-NS L.L.C.

Escude-T L.L.C.

HFP Motors L.L.C.

Hope CPD L.L.C.

Hope FLM L.L.C.

KP Motors L.L.C.

McDavid Auction, L.P.

McDavid Austin-Acra, L.P.

McDavid Frisco-Hon, L.P.

McDavid Grande, L.P.

McDavid Houston-Hon, L.P.

McDavid Houston-Kia, L.P.

McDavid Houston-Niss, L.P.

McDavid Houston-Olds, L.P.

McDavid Irving-Hon, L.P.

McDavid Irving-PB&G, L.P.

McDavid Irving-Zuk, L.P.

McDavid Outfitters, L.P.

McDavid Plano-Acra, L.P.

NP FLM L.L.C.

NP MZD L.L.C.

NP VKW L.L.C.

Plano Lincoln-Mercury, Inc.

Precision Computer Services, Inc.

Precision Enterprises Tampa, Inc.

Precision Infiniti, Inc.

Precision Motorcars, Inc.

Precision Nissan, Inc.

Premier LM L.L.C.

Premier NSN L.L.C.

Premier Pon L.L.C.

Prestige Bay L.L.C.

Prestige TOY L.L.C.

RER Properties, LLC

RWIJ Properties, LLC

Spectrum Insurance Services L.L.C.

Tampa Hund, L.P.

Tampa Kia, L.P.

Tampa LM, L.P.

Tampa Mit, L.P.

Tampa Suzu, L.P.

Thomason Auto Credit Northwest, Inc.

Thomason Dam L.L.C.

Thomason Frd L.L.C.

Thomason Hon L.L.C.

Thomason Hund L.L.C.

Thomason Maz L.L.C.

Thomason Niss L.L.C.

Thomason on Canyon, L.L.C.

Thomason Outfitters L.L.C.

Thomason Pontiac-GMC L.L.C.

Thomason Sub L.L.C.

Thomason Suzu L.L.C.

Thomason Ty L.L.C.

Thomason Zuk L.L.C.

TXK CPD, L.P.

TXK FRD, L.P.

TXK L.L.C.

WMZ Brandon Motors, L.P.

WMZ Motors, L.P.

WTY Motors, L.P.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' CONSENT

We consent to the incorporation by reference in Registration Statement Nos. 333-105450 and 333-84646 on Form S-8 of our report dated March 5, 2004 (which report expresses an unqualified opinion and includes an explanatory paragraph relating to the adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets"), appearing in this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2003.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Stamford, Connecticut
March 11, 2004

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Kenneth B. Gilman, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and we have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
 - (b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (c) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting;
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ KENNETH B. GILMAN

Kenneth B. Gilman
Chief Executive Officer
March 11, 2004

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SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, J. Gordon Smith, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and we have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
 - (b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (c) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting;
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ J. GORDON SMITH

J. Gordon Smith
Chief Financial Officer
March 11, 2004

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the year ending December 31, 2003 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Kenneth B. Gilman, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

/s/ KENNETH B. GILMAN

Kenneth B. Gilman
Chief Executive Officer
March 11, 2004

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In connection with the Annual Report of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the year ending December 31, 2003 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, J. Gordon Smith, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

/s/ J. GORDON SMITH

J. Gordon Smith
Chief Financial Officer
March 11, 2004

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