## SKECHERS USA INC

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UNITED STATES<br>SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION<br>Washington, D.C. 20549<br>Form 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2008

## OR

o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from $\qquad$ to $\qquad$
Commission File Number 001-14429
SKECHERS U.S.A., INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

## Delaware <br> (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

228 Manhattan Beach Blvd.
Manhattan Beach, California
90266
(Address of Principal Executive Office)
(Zip Code)
(310) 318-3100
(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or $15(\mathrm{~d})$ 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 $p$
No o
Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of large accelerated filer , accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

| Large accelerated filer b | Accelerated filer o | Non-accelerated filer o | Smaller reporting company o |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) |  |  |  |
| Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). |  |  |  |
| Yeso No p |  |  |  |
| THE NUMBER OF SHARES OF CLASS A COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING AS OF AUGUST 1, 2008: 33,312,085. |  |  |  |
| THE NUMBER OF SHARES OF CLASS B COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING AS OF AUGUST 1, 2008: 12,801,789. |  |  |  |

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SKECHERS U.S.A., INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)
(In thousands)

| ASSETS | $\begin{gathered} \text { June 30, } \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } \\ \text { 31, } \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current Assets: |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 145,622 | \$ | 199,516 |
| Short-term marketable securities |  |  | 104,500 |
| Trade accounts receivable, less allowances of \$14,210 in 2008 and \$10,284 in |  |  |  |
| 2007 | 232,853 |  | 167,406 |
| Other receivables | 9,063 |  | 10,520 |
| Total receivables | 241,916 |  | 177,926 |
| Inventories | 234,152 |  | 204,211 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 20,865 |  | 13,993 |
| Deferred tax assets | 8,594 |  | 8,594 |
| Total current assets | 651,149 |  | 708,740 |
| Property and equipment, at cost, less accumulated depreciation and amortization | 126,932 |  | 98,400 |
| Intangible assets, less accumulated amortization |  |  | 78 |
| Deferred tax assets | 15,977 |  | 13,983 |
| Long-term marketable securities | 94,075 |  |  |
| Other assets, at cost | 23,271 |  | 6,776 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 911,404 | \$ | 827,977 |

## LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

Current Liabilities:
Current installments of long-term borrowings 206437
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Accounts payable } & 185,154 & 164,466\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Accrued expenses } & 31,005 & 19,949\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Total current liabilities } & \text { 216,365 }\end{array}$
Long-term borrowings, excluding current installments 16,462
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Total liabilities } & \text { 201,314 }\end{array}$
Minority interest 2,620
Commitments and contingencies
Stockholders equity:
Preferred Stock, $\$ .001$ par value; 10,000 authorized; none issued and outstanding Class A Common Stock, $\$ .001$ par value; 100,000 shares authorized; 33,305 and 32,992 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively
Class B Common Stock, $\$ .001$ par value; 60,000 shares authorized; 12,802 and 12,852 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively
Additional paid-in capital 263,084 258,084
Accumulated other comprehensive income
Retained earnings
11,747
Total stockholders equity
401,255 353,770 676,132 626,663
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY
\$ 911,404 \$
827,977

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.
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SKECHERS U.S.A., INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Unaudited)
(In thousands, except per share data)

|  | Three-Months Ended June 30, |  |  |  | Six-Months Ended June 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2008 |  | 2007 |  | 2008 |  | 2007 |
| Net sales | \$ | 354,574 | \$ | 352,211 | \$ | 739,496 | \$ | 697,107 |
| Cost of sales |  | 197,381 |  | 200,183 |  | 410,131 |  | 396,040 |
| Gross profit |  | 157,193 |  | 152,028 |  | 329,365 |  | 301,067 |
| Royalty income |  | 230 |  | 1,193 |  | 1,070 |  | 2,394 |
|  |  | 157,423 |  | 153,221 |  | 330,435 |  | 303,461 |
| Operating expenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Selling |  | 38,592 |  | 40,950 |  | 64,126 |  | 67,791 |
| General and administrative |  | 98,857 |  | 90,473 |  | 198,079 |  | 176,457 |
|  |  | 137,449 |  | 131,423 |  | 262,205 |  | 244,248 |
| Earnings from operations |  | 19,974 |  | 21,798 |  | 68,230 |  | 59,213 |
| Other income (expense): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest income |  | 1,835 |  | 2,446 |  | 4,294 |  | 4,884 |
| Interest expense |  | $(1,347)$ |  | $(1,160)$ |  | $(2,353)$ |  | $(2,751)$ |
| Other, net |  | 844 |  | (147) |  | 748 |  | (169) |
|  |  | 1,332 |  | 1,139 |  | 2,689 |  | 1,964 |
| Earnings before income taxes and minority |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Income tax expense |  | 7,045 |  | 7,989 |  | 23,814 |  | 22,329 |
| Minority interest in loss of consolidated subsidiary |  | (380) |  |  |  | (380) |  |  |


| Net earnings | $\$$ | 14,641 | $\$$ | 14,948 | $\$$ | 47,485 | $\$$ | 38,848 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Net earnings per share:
Basic
$\begin{array}{llllllll}\$ & 0.32 & \$ & 0.33 & \$ & 1.03 & \$ & 0.87\end{array}$

Diluted

| $\$$ | 0.31 | $\$$ | 0.32 | $\$$ | 1.02 | $\$$ | 0.84 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Weighted average shares:

| Basic |  | 46,000 |  | 45,576 |  | 45,941 |  | 44,777 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Diluted |  | 46,810 |  | 46,808 |  | 46,737 |  | 46,809 |
| Comprehensive income: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net earnings | \$ | 14,641 | \$ | 14,948 | \$ | 47,485 | \$ | 38,848 |
| Unrealized loss on marketable securities, net of tax |  | $(2,559)$ |  |  |  | $(3,906)$ |  |  |
| Gain (loss) foreign currency translation adjustment, net of tax |  | (159) |  | 1,861 |  | 890 |  | (902) |
| Total comprehensive income | \$ | 11,923 | \$ | 16,809 | \$ | 44,469 | \$ | 37,946 |

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.
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## SKECHERS U.S.A., INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS <br> (Unaudited) <br> (In thousands)

|  | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { Six-Months Ended June 30, } \\ 2008 & 2007 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash flows from operating activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Net earnings | \$ | 47,485 | \$ | 38,848 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided (used) by operating activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Minority interest |  | (380) |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization of property and equipment |  | 8,715 |  | 8,185 |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs |  |  |  | 95 |
| Amortization of intangible assets |  | 119 |  | 203 |
| Provision for bad debts and returns |  | 4,954 |  | 2,709 |
| Tax benefits from stock-based compensation |  | 533 |  | 3,110 |
| Non cash stock compensation |  | 1,127 |  | 651 |
| Loss on disposal of equipment |  | 1,538 |  | 55 |
| (Increase) decrease in assets: |  |  |  |  |
| Receivables |  | $(68,316)$ |  | $(50,230)$ |
| Inventories |  | $(29,841)$ |  | $(3,717)$ |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets |  | $(6,819)$ |  | $(2,127)$ |
| Other assets |  | $(16,231)$ |  | (46) |
| Increase (decrease) in liabilities: |  |  |  |  |
| Accounts payable |  | 19,655 |  | 14,911 |
| Accrued expenses |  | 10,929 |  | $(5,007)$ |
| Net cash (used) provided by operating activities |  | $(26,532)$ |  | 7,640 |
| Cash flows used in investing activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Capital expenditures |  | $(37,838)$ |  | $(17,301)$ |
| Purchases of investments |  | $(11,725)$ |  | $(122,125)$ |
| Maturities of investments |  | 16,250 |  | 79,875 |
| Net cash used in investing activities |  | $(33,313)$ |  | $(59,551)$ |
| Cash flows from financing activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Net proceeds from the issuances of stock through employee stock purchase plan and the exercise of stock options |  | 2,812 |  | 6,662 |
| Payments on long-term debt |  | (407) |  | (362) |
| Contribution from minority interest holder of consolidated entity |  | 3,000 |  |  |
| Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation |  | 528 |  | 287 |
| Net cash provided by financing activities |  | 5,933 |  | 6,587 |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents |  | $(53,912)$ |  | $(45,324)$ |
| Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents |  | 18 |  | 1,148 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period |  | 199,516 |  | 160,485 |

Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period

Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:
Interest paid
Income taxes paid
\$ 145,622
\$ 116,309

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:
During the six-months ended June 30, 2007, the Company issued approximately 3.5 million shares of Class A common stock to note holders upon conversion of our $4.50 \%$ convertible subordinated debt with a carrying value of \$89,969.

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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# SKECHERS U.S.A., INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES <br> NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS <br> JUNE 30, 2008 and 2007 <br> (Unaudited) 

## (1) GENERAL

## Basis of Presentation

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include certain footnotes and financial presentations normally required under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial reporting. The interim financial information is unaudited, but reflects all normal adjustments and accruals which are, in the opinion of management, considered necessary to provide a fair presentation for the interim periods presented. The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

The results of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2008 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the entire fiscal year ending December 31, 2008.

## Use of Estimates

The preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## Minority interest

Minority interest in the Company s consolidated financial statements results from the accounting for the noncontrolling interest in a consolidated subsidiary or affiliate. Minority interest represents a partially-owned subsidiary s or consolidated affiliate s income, losses, and components of other comprehensive income which is attributable to the noncontrolling parties interests. The Company has a 50 percent interest in Skechers China Limited ( Skechers China ), a joint venture which was formed in October 2007, and made an initial capital contribution of $\$ 3.0$ million during the six months ended June 30, 2008. Our joint venture partner also made a $\$ 3.0$ million initial capital contribution during the six months ended June 30, 2008. The Company consolidates this joint venture into its financial statements because it has control of the board of directors. Minority interest of $\$ 0.4$ million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008 represents the share of net loss that is attributable to the equity of Skechers China that we do not own. Transactions between Skechers China and Skechers have been eliminated in the consolidated financial statements.

## Recent accounting pronouncements

Effective January 1, 2008, the Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) Statement of Financial Accounting Standards Statement ( SFAS ) No. 159 The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities, Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 ( SFAS 159 ), which provides companies with an option to report selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value. Furthermore, SFAS 159 establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to facilitate comparisons between companies that choose different measurement attributes for similar types of assets and liabilities. The Company chose not to elect the fair value option for its financial assets and liabilities existing at January 1, 2008, and did not elect the fair value

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option on financial assets and liabilities transacted in the six months ended June 30, 2008. Therefore, the adoption of SFAS No. 159 had no impact on the Company s consolidated financial statements.

Effective January 1, 2008, the Company adopted FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards Statement No. 157 Fair Value Measurements ( SFAS 157 ). The standard provides guidance for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities. The standard also responds to investors requests for expanded information about the extent to which companies measure assets and liabilities at fair value, the information used to measure fair value, and the effect of fair value measurements on earnings. The standard applies whenever other standards require (or permit) assets or liabilities to be measured at fair value. The standard does not expand the use of fair value in any new circumstances. On November 14, 2007, the FASB agreed to a one-year deferral for the implementation of SFAS No. 157 for other non-financial assets and liabilities. The Company s adoption of SFAS No. 157 did not have a material effect on the Company s consolidated financial statements for financial assets and liabilities and any assets and liabilities carried at fair value.

## (2) INVESTMENTS

Investments in marketable securities consist of certain auction rate equity securities and other investments aggregating $\$ 94.1$ million at June 30, 2008, net of unrealized losses of $\$ 5.9$ million, and $\$ 104.5$ million at December 31, 2007. These investments have been classified as non current assets on the consolidated condensed balance sheet as of June 30, 2008 based on the Company s current expectations regarding liquidity. During the second quarter of 2008 issuers refinanced $\$ 9.7$ million of our preferred stock investments at par. In addition, issuers have called an additional $\$ 2.8$ million at par, which we expect to collect during the third quarter. Our available-for-sale securities at June 30, 2008, included $\$ 80.8$ million of auction rate preferred stocks and $\$ 19.2$ million of auction rate Dividend Received Deduction ( DRD ) preferred securities. The auction rate preferred stocks are collateralized by portfolios of municipal bonds issued by various state and local governments and collateral is required to be maintained at $200 \%$ of the amount of preferred stock, and interest rates are reset at weekly auctions every seven days. The auction rate DRD preferred securities are backed by corporate preferred stocks and interest rates are reset at auctions every 90 days.

In the first quarter of 2008 as a result of the recent liquidity issues experienced in the global credit and capital markets, auctions since February for the Company s auction rate securities failed. As a result of these failed auctions, the interest rates on the investments reset to the maximum rate per the applicable investment offering statements. A failed auction is not an indication of an increased credit risk or a reduction in the underlying collateral; however, the Company will not be able to liquidate the investments until a successful auction occurs, a buyer is found outside the auction process, the securities are called or refinanced by the issuer, or the securities mature. Accordingly, there is no assurance that future auctions will succeed or that other events will occur to provide liquidity, and as a result, our ability to liquidate our investments in the near term may be limited or may not exist.

On a quarterly basis, the Company assesses its investments for impairment. If the investments are deemed to be impaired, the Company then determines whether the impairment is temporary or other than temporary. If the impairment is deemed to be temporary, the Company records an unrealized loss in other comprehensive income. If the impairment is deemed to be other than temporary, the Company records the impairment in the Company s consolidated condensed statements of operations.

Because of the lack of liquidity noted above, the Company determined that there were no observable market transactions for which to determine the current market value of these securities, nor was there a consistent methodology employed by broker-dealers to provide values to their clients for these investments. As a result, management determined that these investments met the definition of the Level III fair value hierarchy under SFAS 157. Management estimated the value of the Company s holdings of these securities based on a calculated discount that could be applied if these investments were valued using longer-term interest rates and maturities. This estimate gave consideration to announced plans by certain issuers to partially redeem or attempt to restore liquidity to these securities as well as a lack of clarity as to whether these efforts will be successful. The Company s valuation is

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highly subjective and could change significantly based on the assumptions used. Our marketable securities are the only assets and liabilities that are measured and recognized at fair value using the SFAS 157 hierarchy.

The Company intends to liquidate the investments at par within a reasonable time period, and the issuers of the securities are currently able and will continue to make interest payments at the maximum rate. Based on the Company s current 12 -month cash forecast, the Company believes operating cash flows, existing cash balances and credit facilities will provide sufficient liquidity for the Company s ongoing operations and growth initiatives.

## (3) REVENUE RECOGNITION

The Company recognizes revenue on wholesale sales when products are shipped and the customer takes title and assumes risk of loss, collection of relevant receivable is reasonably assured, persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists and the sales price is fixed or determinable. This generally occurs at time of shipment. The Company recognizes revenue from retail sales at the point of sale. Allowances for estimated returns, discounts, doubtful accounts and chargebacks are provided for when related revenue is recorded. Related costs paid to third-party shipping companies are recorded as a cost of sales.

Royalty income is earned from licensing arrangements. Upon signing a new licensing agreement, we receive up-front fees, which are generally characterized as prepaid royalties. These fees are initially deferred and recognized as revenue as earned (i.e., as licensed sales are reported to the company or on a straight-line basis over the term of the agreement). The first calculated royalty payment is based on actual sales of the licensed product. Typically, at each quarter-end we receive correspondence from our licensees indicating the actual sales for the period. This information is used to calculate and accrue the related royalties based on the terms of the agreement.

## (4) OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

In addition to net earnings, other comprehensive income includes changes in foreign currency translation adjustments and unrealized gains and losses on marketable securities. The Company operates internationally through several foreign subsidiaries. Assets and liabilities of the foreign operations denominated in local currencies are translated at the rate of exchange at the balance sheet date. Revenues and expenses are translated at the weighted average rate of exchange during the period of translation. The resulting translation adjustments along with the translation adjustments related to intercompany loans of a long-term investment nature are included in the translation adjustment in other comprehensive income.

## (5) STOCK COMPENSATION

For stock-based awards we have recognized compensation expense based on the estimated grant date fair value using the Black-Scholes valuation model, which requires the input of highly subjective assumptions including the expected stock price volatility, expected term and forfeiture rate. Stock compensation expense was $\$ 0.6$ million and $\$ 0.3$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Stock compensation expense was $\$ 1.1$ million and $\$ 0.7$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Shares subject to option under the Company s 1998 Stock Option, Deferred Stock and Restricted Stock Plan (the Equity Incentive Plan ) were as follows:

|  |  | WEIGHTED <br> WEIGHTED <br> AVERAGE | AGGREGATE <br> AVERAGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| REMAINING |  |  |  |
| INTRINSIC |  |  |  |

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1,751,414
11.75
3.3 years
\$14,643,679

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A summary of the status and changes of our nonvested shares related to the Equity Incentive Plan as of and during the six months ended June 30, 2008 is presented below:

|  |  | WEIGHTED <br> AVERAGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| GRANT-DATE |  |  |

## (6) EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share represents net earnings divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per share, in addition to the weighted average determined for basic earnings per share, includes potential common shares, if dilutive, which would arise from the exercise of stock options and nonvested shares using the treasury stock method, which in the current period includes consideration of average unrecognized stock-based compensation cost resulting from the adoption SFAS $123(\mathrm{R})$, and assumes the conversion of the Company s $4.50 \%$ convertible subordinated notes for the period in which they were outstanding.

The following is a reconciliation of net earnings and weighted average common shares outstanding for purposes of calculating basic earnings per share (in thousands, except per share amounts):

## Three-Months Ended June

|  |  |  | Six-Months Ended June 30, |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Basic earnings per share | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ |  |
| Net earnings | $\$ 14,641$ | $\$ 14,948$ | $\$ 47,485$ | $\$ 38,848$ |  |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding | 46,000 | 45,576 | 45,941 | 44,777 |  |
| Basic earnings per share | $\$ 0.32$ | $\$$ | 0.33 | $\$$ | 1.03 |

The following is a reconciliation of net earnings and weighted average common shares outstanding for purposes of calculating diluted earnings per share (in thousands, except per share amounts):

| Diluted earnings per share | Three-Months Ended June30, |  |  |  | Six-Months Ended June30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 |  | 2007 |  | 2008 |  | 2007 |  |
| Net earnings | \$ | 14,641 | \$ | 14,948 | \$ | 47,485 | \$ | 38,848 |
| After tax effect of interest expense on $4.50 \%$ convertible subordinated notes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 357 |
| Earnings for purposes of computing diluted earnings per share | \$ | 14,641 | \$ | 14,948 | \$ | 47,485 | \$ | 39,205 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding |  | 46,000 |  | 45,576 |  | 45,941 |  | 44,777 |
| Dilutive effect of stock options |  | 810 |  | 1,232 |  | 796 |  | 1,307 |
| Weighted average shares to be issued assuming conversion of $4.50 \%$ convertible subordinated notes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 725 |


| Weighted average common shares outstanding |  | 46,810 |  | 46,808 |  | 46,737 |  | 46,809 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Diluted earnings per share | $\$$ | 0.31 | $\$$ | 0.32 | $\$$ | 1.02 | $\$$ | 0.84 |

Options to purchase 156,016 shares of Class A common stock were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share for both the three months and six months ended June 30, 2008 because their effect would have been anti-dilutive. There were no options excluded from the computation for both the three months and six months ended June 30, 2007.

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## (7) INCOME TAXES

The Company s effective tax rates for the second quarter and first six months of 2008 were $33.1 \%$ and $33.6 \%$, respectively, compared to the effective tax rates of $34.8 \%$ and $36.5 \%$ for the second quarter and first six months of 2007, respectively. Income tax expense for the three months ended June 30,2008 was $\$ 7.0$ million compared to $\$ 8.0$ million for the same period in 2007. Income tax expense for the six months ended June 30, 2008 was $\$ 23.8$ million compared to $\$ 22.3$ million for the same period in 2007. Income taxes for the three months ended June 30, 2008 were computed using the estimated effective tax rates applicable to each of the domestic and international taxable jurisdictions for the full year. The rate for the six months ended June 30, 2008 is lower than the expected domestic rate of approximately $40 \%$ due to our non-U.S. subsidiary earnings in lower tax rate jurisdictions and our planned permanent reinvestment of undistributed earnings from our non-U.S. subsidiaries, thereby indefinitely postponing their repatriation to the United States. As such, the Company did not provide for deferred income taxes on accumulated undistributed earnings of our non-U.S. subsidiaries.

We have applied for advanced pricing agreements with various tax authorities related to the transfer pricing of certain intercompany transactions. On August 1, 2008, we received a decision on one of these applications, and as a result of this agreement, a portion of the $\$ 17.4$ million balance of unrecognized tax benefits as of June 30, 2008 will be reduced, which may or may not impact earnings. If the advanced pricing agreements are not resolved in 2008, we may continue to add to the unrecognized tax benefits as we did in 2006 and 2007.

## (8) LINE OF CREDIT

The Company has a secured line of credit, expiring on May 31, 2011, which permits the Company and certain of its subsidiaries to borrow up to $\$ 150.0$ million based upon eligible accounts receivable and inventory, which line can be increased to $\$ 250.0$ million at our request. The loan agreement provides for the issuance of letters of credit up to a maximum of $\$ 30.0$ million. The loan agreement contains customary affirmative and negative covenants for secured credit facilities of this type. The Company was in compliance with all other covenants of the loan agreement at June 30, 2008. The Company had $\$ 9.0$ million of outstanding letters of credit under this line of credit as of June 30, 2008.

## (9) LITIGATION

The Company recognizes legal expense in connection with loss contingencies as incurred.
On March 15, 2007, the Company filed a lawsuit against Vans, Inc. in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California (Case No. CV 07-10703 (PLA)) seeking a declaration, among other things, that certain of its footwear designs do not infringe Vans claimed checkerboard design and waffle outsole design trademarks. On April 4, 2007, in its answer to the Company s complaint, Vans filed counter-claims and cross-claims against the Company and Ecko Unlimited, Inc., respectively, for trademark infringement, trademark dilution, unfair competition and misappropriation. Vans was seeking, among other things, compensatory, treble and punitive damages, profits, attorneys fees and costs, and injunctive relief against the Company to prevent any future sales and distribution of footwear that allegedly bears a design similar to Vans checkerboard design or waffle outsole design. On November 20, 2007, the court denied Vans preliminary injunction, and Vans appealed this ruling on December 20, 2007. Subsequently, the parties reached a settlement in principle, and on May 15, 2008, they reduced it to writing and finalized a formal settlement agreement. The settlement did not have a material adverse effect on the Company s financial condition or results of operations.

On July 10, 2008, Crocs, Inc. filed a lawsuit against the Company in the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado, CROCS, INC. v. SKECHERS U.S.A., INC. (Case No. 08cv01450-RPM). The complaint alleges patent infringement, trade dress infringement and dilution, unfair competition and deceptive trade practices arising out of the Company s manufacture, distribution and sales of footwear that is allegedly similar to several Crocs products. The lawsuit seeks, among other things, actual damages, treble or punitive damages as applicable, profits, attorney sfees and costs, and a preliminary and/or permanent injunction against the Company to prevent any future

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manufacturing, distribution or sales of footwear that infringes Crocs design patents or trade dress or that uses any mark that is confusingly similar to Crocs animated crocodile design mark. The Company plans on defending the allegations vigorously and believe the claims are without merit. Nonetheless, it is too early to predict the outcome and whether the outcome will have a material adverse effect on the Company s financial condition or results of operations.

The Company has no reason to believe that any liability with respect to pending legal actions, individually or in the aggregate, will have a material adverse effect on the Company s consolidated financial statements or results of operations. The Company occasionally becomes involved in litigation arising from the normal course of business, and management is unable to determine the extent of any liability that may arise from unanticipated future litigation.
(10) STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

Certain Class B stockholders converted 50,000 and 290,000 shares of Class B common stock into an equivalent number of shares of Class A common stock during the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Certain Class B stockholders converted 50,000 and 816,400 shares of Class B common stock into an equivalent number of shares of Class A common stock during the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

## (11) SEGMENT AND GEOGRAPHIC REPORTING INFORMATION

We have four reportable segments domestic wholesale sales, international wholesale sales, retail sales, and e-commerce sales. Management evaluates segment performance based primarily on net sales and gross profit. All other costs and expenses of the Company are analyzed on an aggregate basis, and these costs are not allocated to the Company s segments. Net sales, gross profit and identifiable assets for the domestic wholesale segment, international wholesale, retail, and the e-commerce segment on a combined basis were as follows (in thousands):

|  | Three Months Ended June 30, |  |  |  | Six Months Ended June 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2008 |  | 2007 |  | 2008 |  | 2007 |
| Net sales |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Domestic wholesale | \$ | 201,400 | \$ | 219,751 |  | 422,183 | \$ | 432,919 |
| International wholesale |  | 77,482 |  | 59,774 |  | 176,967 |  | 131,331 |
| Retail |  | 71,174 |  | 68,612 |  | 131,752 |  | 125,397 |
| E-commerce |  | 4,518 |  | 4,074 |  | 8,594 |  | 7,460 |
| Total | \$ | 354,574 | \$ | 352,211 |  | 739,496 |  | 697,107 |


|  | Three Months Ended June30, |  |  |  | Six Months Ended June 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2008 |  | 2007 |  | 2008 |  | 2007 |
| Gross profit |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Domestic wholesale | \$ | 75,905 | \$ | 85,209 | \$ | 164,060 | \$ | 170,425 |
| International wholesale |  | 34,269 |  | 21,672 |  | 80,230 |  | 48,893 |
| Retail |  | 44,762 |  | 42,952 |  | 80,806 |  | 77,835 |
| E-commerce |  | 2,257 |  | 2,195 |  | 4,269 |  | 3,914 |
| Total | \$ | 157,193 | \$ | 152,028 | \$ | 329,365 | \$ | 301,067 |


|  | June 30, | December 31, |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ |
| Identifiable assets | $\$$ | 681,667 |
| Domestic wholesale | 146,025 | $\$$ |
| International wholesale |  | 629,377 |

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| Retail |  | 83,451 | 80,250 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| E-commerce |  | 261 |  | 155 |
| Total |  | $\$$ | 911,404 | $\$$ |
|  | 11 |  |  |  |

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|  | Three Months Ended June |  |  |  | Six Months Ended June 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 |  | 2007 |  | 2008 |  | 2007 |  |
| Additions to property and equipment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Domestic wholesale | \$ | 15,047 | \$ | 1,917 | \$ | 23,729 | \$ | 7,711 |
| International wholesale |  | 547 |  | 568 |  | 736 |  | 733 |
| Retail |  | 8,464 |  | 5,760 |  | 13,373 |  | 8,857 |
| Total | \$ | 24,058 | \$ | 8,245 | \$ | 37,838 | \$ | 17,301 |

Geographic Information:
The following summarizes our operations in different geographic areas for the period indicated (in thousands):

|  | Three Months Ended June 30, |  |  |  | Six Months Ended June 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2008 |  | 2007 |  | 2008 |  | 2007 |
| Net sales (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | \$ | 269,662 | \$ | 286,112 | \$ | 549,953 | \$ | 555,166 |
| Canada |  | 11,360 |  | 9,604 |  | 24,304 |  | 18,786 |
| Other International (2) |  | 73,552 |  | 56,495 |  | 165,239 |  | 123,155 |
| Total | \$ | 354,574 | \$ | 352,211 |  | 739,496 | \$ | 697,107 |


|  | June 30, <br> $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | December 31, <br> $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Long-lived assets | $\$$ | 124,171 | $\$$ | 96,044 |
| United States | 2222 |  | 343 |  |
| Canada | 2,539 |  | 2,013 |  |
| Other International (2) | $\$$ | 126,932 | $\$$ | 98,400 |

(1) The Company has subsidiaries
in Canada,
United
Kingdom,
Germany,
France, Spain,
Italy,
Netherlands,
Brazil, Malaysia and Thailand that generate net sales within those respective
countries and in some cases the neighboring regions. The Company also has a joint venture in China that generates net sales from that country. The Company also has a subsidiary in Switzerland that generates net sales from that country in addition to net sales to our distributors located in numerous non-European countries. Net sales are attributable to geographic regions based on the location of the Company subsidiary.
(2) Other
international
consists of
Switzerland,
United
Kingdom,
Germany,
France, Spain,
Italy,
Netherlands,
Brazil,
Malaysia,
Thailand and China.
(12) BUSINESS AND CREDIT CONCENTRATIONS

The Company generates the majority of its sales in the United States; however, several of its products are sold into various foreign countries, which subjects the Company to the risks of doing business abroad. In addition, the Company operates in the footwear industry, which is impacted by the general economy, and its business depends on the general economic environment and levels of consumer spending. Changes in the marketplace may significantly
affect management sestimates and the Company s performance. Management performs regular evaluations concerning the ability of customers to satisfy their obligations and provides for estimated doubtful accounts. Domestic accounts receivable, which generally do not require collateral from customers, were equal to $\$ 156.9$ million and $\$ 110.3$ million before allowances for bad debts, sales returns and chargebacks at June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively. Foreign accounts receivable, which generally are collateralized by letters of credit, were equal to $\$ 90.1$ million and $\$ 67.4$ million before allowance for bad debts, sales returns and chargebacks at June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively. The Company provided for potential credit losses of $\$ 5.0$ million and $\$ 2.7$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

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Net sales to customers in the U.S. exceeded $70 \%$ of total net sales for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007. Assets located outside the U.S. consist primarily of cash, accounts receivable, inventory, property and equipment, and other assets. Net assets held outside the United States were $\$ 154.8$ million and $\$ 126.1$ million at June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively.

The Company s net sales to its five largest customers accounted for approximately $25.2 \%$ and $26.6 \%$ of total net sales for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The Company s net sales to its five largest customers accounted for approximately $25.1 \%$ and $24.9 \%$ of total net sales for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. No customer accounted for more than $10 \%$ of our net sales during the three and six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. One customer accounted for $10.5 \%$ and $10.0 \%$ of our outstanding accounts receivable balance at June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

The Company s top five manufacturers produced approximately $69.0 \%$ and $68.5 \%$ of our total purchases for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. One manufacturer accounted for $32.2 \%$ and $34.4 \%$ of total purchases for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. A second manufacturer accounted for $11.5 \%$ and $11.7 \%$ of total purchases for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. A third manufacturer accounted for $10.4 \%$ and $9.0 \%$ of total purchases for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The Company s top five manufacturers produced approximately $65.7 \%$ and $64.5 \%$ of our total purchases for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. One manufacturer accounted for $31.5 \%$ and $29.5 \%$ of total purchases for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. A second manufacturer accounted for $11.6 \%$ and $10.6 \%$ of total purchases for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Most of the Company s products are produced in China. The Company s operations are subject to the customary risks of doing business abroad, including, but not limited to, currency fluctuations and revaluations, custom duties and related fees, various import controls and other monetary barriers, restrictions on the transfer of funds, labor unrest and strikes and, in certain parts of the world, political instability. The Company believes it has acted to reduce these risks by diversifying manufacturing among various factories. To date business risks have not had a material adverse impact on the Company s operations.

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## ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto in Item 1. of this document.

We intend for this discussion to provide the reader with information that will assist in understanding our financial statements, the changes in certain key items in those financial statements from period to period, and the primary factors that accounted for those changes, as well as how certain accounting principles affect our financial statements. The discussion also provides information about the financial results of the various segments of our business to provide a better understanding of how those segments and their results affect the financial condition and results of operations of our company as a whole.

This quarterly report on Form 10-Q may contain forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, which can be identified by the use of forward-looking language such as may, will, believe, expect, anticipate or other comparable terms. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in forward-looking statements, and reported results shall not be considered an indication of the Company s future performance. Factors that might cause or contribute to such differences include international, national and local general economic, political and market conditions; intense competition among sellers of footwear for consumers; changes in fashion trends and consumer demands; popularity of particular designs and categories of products; the level of sales during the spring, back-to-school and holiday selling seasons; the ability to anticipate, identify, interpret or forecast changes in fashion trends, consumer demand for our products and the various market factors described above; the ability of the Company to maintain its brand image; the ability to sustain, manage and forecast the Company s growth and inventories; the ability to secure and protect trademarks, patents and other intellectual property; the loss of any significant customers, decreased demand by industry retailers and cancellation of order commitments; potential disruptions in manufacturing related to overseas sourcing and concentration of production in China, including, without limitation, difficulties associated with political instability in China, the occurrence of prolonged adverse weather conditions, a natural disaster or outbreak of a pandemic disease in China, or electrical shortages, labor shortages or work stoppages that may lead to higher production costs, production delays and/or transportation delays; changes in monetary controls and valuations of the Yuan by the Chinese government; increased costs of freight and transportation to meet delivery deadlines; violation of labor or other laws by our independent contract manufacturers, suppliers or licensees; potential imposition of additional duties, tariffs or other trade restrictions; business disruptions resulting from natural disasters such as an earthquake due to the location of the Company s domestic warehouse, headquarters and a substantial number of retail stores in California; changes in business strategy or development plans; changes in economic conditions that could affect the Company sability to open retail stores in new markets and/or the sales performance of the Company s existing stores; the disruption, the ability to attract and retain qualified personnel; expense and potential liability associated with existing or unanticipated future litigation; and other factors referenced or incorporated by reference in the Company s annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

The risks included here are not exhaustive. Other sections of this report may include additional factors that could adversely impact our business and financial performance. Moreover, we operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risk factors emerge from time to time and we cannot predict all such risk factors, nor can we assess the impact of all such risk factors on our business or the extent to which any factor or combination of factors may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. Given these risks and uncertainties, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results. Investors should also be aware that while we do, from time to time, communicate with securities analysts, we do not disclose any material non-public information or other confidential commercial information to them. Accordingly, individuals should not assume that we agree with any statement or report issued by any analyst, regardless of the content of the report. Thus, to the extent that reports issued by securities analysts contain any projections, forecasts or opinions, such reports are not our responsibility.

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## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

We have four reportable segments domestic wholesale sales, international wholesale sales, retail sales, which includes domestic and international retail sales, and e-commerce sales. We evaluate segment performance based primarily on net sales and gross profit. Net earnings for the three months ended June 30, 2008 was $\$ 14.6$ million, or $\$ 0.31$ earnings per diluted share. The largest portion of our revenue is derived from the domestic wholesale segment. Revenue as a percentage of net sales was as follows:

|  | $\mathbf{3 0 0}$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| Percentage of revenues by segment |  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ |
| Domestic wholesale | $56.8 \%$ | $62.4 \%$ |
| International wholesale | $21.8 \%$ | $17.0 \%$ |
| Retail | $20.1 \%$ | $19.5 \%$ |
| E-commerce | $1.3 \%$ | $1.1 \%$ |
| Total | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |

As of June 30, 2008 we had 190 domestic retail stores and 17 international retail stores, and we believe that we have established our presence in most major domestic retail markets. During the first six months of 2008, we opened 12 domestic concept stores, one international concept store, three domestic outlet stores and one domestic warehouse store, and we closed two domestic concept stores. Footwear purchases are highly discretionary and with various macroeconomic pressures creating a difficult U.S. retail environment, we expect a challenging domestic business environment for the remainder of 2008. We also expect negative comparable sales in our retail stores and overall retail sales of footwear in the U.S. to decline during 2008 therefore, during the remainder of 2008, we intend to focus on our international business by (i) enhancing the efficiency of our international operations, (ii) increasing our international customer base; (iii) increasing the product count within each customer; (iv) tailoring our product offerings currently available to our international customers to increase demand for our product, (v) continuing to pursue opportunistic international retail store locations and (vi) exploring and expanding in emerging markets where we do not have a significant business presence. We periodically review all of our stores for impairment, and we carefully review our under-performing stores and may consider the non-renewal of leases upon completion of the current term of the applicable lease.

We have applied for advanced pricing agreements with various tax authorities related to the transfer pricing of certain intercompany transactions. On August 1, 2008, we received a decision on one of these applications, and as a result of this agreement, a portion of the $\$ 17.4$ million balance of unrecognized tax benefits as of June 30, 2008 will be reduced, which may or may not impact earnings. If the advanced pricing agreements are not resolved in 2008, we may continue to add to the unrecognized tax benefits as we did in 2006 and 2007.

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## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table sets forth for the periods indicated, selected information from our results of operations (in thousands) as a percentage of net sales:

|  | Three-Months Ended June 30, 2008 <br> 2007 |  |  |  | Six-Months Ended June 30, 2008 <br> 2007 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$ 354,574 | 100.0\% | \$ 352,211 | 100.0\% | \$739,496 | 100.0\% | \$ 697,107 | 100.0\% |
| Cost of sales | 197,381 | 55.7 | 200,183 | 56.8 | 410,131 | 55.5 | 396,040 | 56.8 |
| Gross profit | 157,193 | 44.3 | 152,028 | 43.2 | 329,365 | 44.5 | 301,067 | 43.2 |
| Royalty income | 230 | 0.1 | 1,193 | 0.3 | 1,070 | 0.2 | 2,394 | 0.3 |
|  | 157,423 | 44.4 | 153,221 | 43.5 | 330,435 | 44.7 | 303,461 | 43.5 |


| Operating <br> expenses: | 38,592 | 10.9 | 40,950 | 11.6 | 64,126 | 8.7 | 67,791 | 9.7 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Selling <br> General and <br> administrative | 98,857 | 27.9 | 90,473 | 25.7 | 198,079 | 26.8 | 176,457 | 25.3 |
|  | 137,449 | 38.8 | 131,423 | 37.3 | 262,205 | 35.5 | 244,248 | 35.0 |


| Earnings from <br> operations | 19,974 | 5.6 | 21,798 | 6.2 | 68,230 | 9.2 | 59,213 | 8.5 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Interest income, | 488 | 0.1 | 1,286 | 0.3 | 1,941 | 0.3 | 2,133 | 0.3 |
| net | 844 | 0.2 | $(147)$ |  | 748 | 0.1 | $(169)$ |  |
| Other, net |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Earnings before income taxes
Income taxes

| 21,306 | 6.0 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 7,045 | 2.0 |
|  |  |
| $(380)$ | $(0.1$ |

$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}\text { Net earnings } & \$ 14,641 & 4.1 \% & \$ & 14,948 & 4.2 \% & \$ & 47,485 & 6.4 \% & \$ & 38,848\end{array} \quad 5.6 \%$

## THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 COMPARED TO THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

## Net sales

Net sales for the three months ended June 30, 2008 were $\$ 354.6$ million, an increase of $\$ 2.4$ million or $0.7 \%$, over net sales of $\$ 352.2$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2007. The increase in net sales was primarily due to increased international wholesale sales partially offset by lower domestic wholesale sales. Net sales also increased within the domestic retail segment from an increased store base, which more than offset the effect of negative comparable store sales.

Our domestic wholesale net sales decreased $\$ 18.4$ million to $\$ 201.4$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2008, from $\$ 219.8$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2007. The decrease in our domestic wholesale segment was broad based and across key divisions primarily due to the weak U.S. retail environment; however, we saw
increases in our Women s Sport and Men s USA divisions during the quarter. The average selling price per pair within the domestic wholesale segment increased to $\$ 18.93$ per pair for the three months ended June 30, 2008 from $\$ 18.59$ per pair in the same period last year. The decrease in the domestic wholesale segment s net sales came on a $9.7 \%$ unit sales volume decrease to 10.6 million pairs from 11.7 million pairs for the same period in 2007.

Our international wholesale segment net sales increased $\$ 17.8$ million, or $29.6 \%$, to $\$ 77.5$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2008, compared to $\$ 59.7$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2007. Our international wholesale sales consist of direct subsidiary sales those sales we make to department stores and specialty retailers sales to our distributors who in turn sell to department stores and specialty retailers in various international regions where we do not sell direct. This includes sales made by our consolidated joint venture which we control but where there is a significant minority interest. Direct subsidiary sales increased $\$ 15.8$ million or $53.5 \%$, to $\$ 45.1$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2008 compared to net sales of $\$ 29.3$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2007. The increase in direct subsidiary sales was primarily due to increased sales into the United Kingdom, Canada, and Germany. Our distributor sales increased $\$ 2.0$ million to $\$ 32.4$ million or $6.5 \%$ for the three months ended June 30,2008 , compared to sales of $\$ 30.4$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2007. This was primarily due to increased sales to our distributors in Japan, Dubai and Russia.

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Our retail segment sales increased $\$ 2.6$ million to $\$ 71.2$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2008, a $3.7 \%$ increase over sales of $\$ 68.6$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2007. The increase in retail sales was due to a net increase of 39 stores and positive international comparable store sales partially offset by negative domestic comparable store sales. Our domestic retail sales increased $2.3 \%$ for the three months ended June 30, 2008 compared to the same period in 2007 due to a net increase of 34 stores partially offset by negative comparable store sales. Our international retail sales increased $17.5 \%$ for the three months ended June 30, 2008 compared to the same period in 2007 due to a net increase of five stores, positive comparable store sales and foreign currency translation gains. During the three months ended June 30, 2008, we opened 12 new domestic stores and one international concept store, and we closed one domestic concept store. Of our new store additions, ten were concept stores, two were outlet stores and one was a warehouse store. For the three months ended June 30, 2008, we realized positive comparable store sales in our international retail stores of $5.9 \%$ while we realized negative comparable store sales of $9.7 \%$ in our domestic retail stores.

Our e-commerce sales increased $\$ 0.4$ million to $\$ 4.5$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2008, a $10.9 \%$ increase over sales of $\$ 4.1$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2007. Our e-commerce sales made up approximately $1 \%$ of our consolidated net sales for each of the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007.

## Gross profit

Gross profit for the three months ended June 30, 2008 increased $\$ 5.2$ million to $\$ 157.2$ million as compared to $\$ 152.0$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2007. Gross profit as a percentage of net sales, or gross margin, increased to $44.3 \%$ for the three months ended June 30, 2008 from $43.2 \%$ for the same period in the prior year. The gross margin increase was largely the result of a higher proportion of our revenues coming from our international wholesale segment through foreign subsidiaries, which achieved higher gross margins than our domestic wholesale segment and sales through our foreign distributors. Gross profit for our domestic wholesale segment decreased $\$ 9.3$ million, or $10.9 \%$, to $\$ 75.9$ million for the three months ended June 30,2008 compared to $\$ 85.2$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2007. Gross margins for our domestic wholesale segment decreased to $37.7 \%$ for the three months ended June 30, 2008 from $38.8 \%$ for the same period in the prior year. The decrease was due to increased product costs that were partially offset by the increase in average selling price per pair.

Gross profit for our international wholesale segment increased $\$ 12.7$ million, or $58.1 \%$, to $\$ 34.3$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2008 compared to $\$ 21.6$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2007. Gross margins were $44.2 \%$ for the three months ended June 30, 2008 compared to $36.3 \%$ for the three months ended June 30, 2007. International wholesale sales through our foreign subsidiaries achieved higher gross margins than our international wholesale sales through our foreign distributors. Gross margins for our direct subsidiary sales were $54.8 \%$ for the three months ended June 30, 2008 as compared to $45.2 \%$ for the three months ended June 30, 2007. Gross margins for our distributor sales were $29.6 \%$ for the three months ended June 30, 2008 as compared to $27.7 \%$ for the three months ended June 30, 2007. The increase in gross margins for the international wholesale segment was due to increased sales through our foreign subsidiaries and favorable currency translation gains.

Gross profit for our retail segment increased $\$ 1.8$ million, or $4.2 \%$, to $\$ 44.8$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2008 as compared to $\$ 43.0$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2007. This increase in gross profit was due to a net increase of 39 stores and a positive comparable store sales increase of $5.9 \%$ in our international stores. Gross margins increased to $62.9 \%$ for the three months ended June 30, 2008 as compared to $62.6 \%$ for the three months ended June 30, 2007. The increase in gross margins was due to a larger proportion of sales coming from our international retail segment and favorable currency translation offset by decreased margins and negative comparable sales of $9.7 \%$ in our domestic stores due to the weak U.S. retail environment.

Our cost of sales includes the cost of footwear purchased from our manufacturers, royalties, duties, quota costs, inbound freight (including ocean, air and freight from the dock to our distribution centers), broker fees and storage costs. Because we include expenses related to our distribution network in general and administrative expenses while some of our competitors may include expenses of this type in cost of sales, our gross margins may not be comparable, and we may report higher gross margins than some of our competitors in part for this reason.

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## Selling expenses

Selling expenses decreased by $\$ 2.4$ million, or $5.8 \%$, to $\$ 38.6$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2008 from $\$ 41.0$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2007. As a percentage of net sales, selling expenses were $10.9 \%$ and $11.6 \%$ for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The decrease in selling expenses was primarily due to decreased promotional costs of $\$ 2.8$ million, which were partially offset by slightly increased advertising costs. Promotional costs were higher in the prior year due to the launch of our Cali Gear line.

Selling expenses consist primarily of the following: sales representative sample costs, sales commissions, trade shows, advertising and promotional costs, which may include television, print ads, ad production costs and point-of-purchase (POP) costs.

## General and administrative expenses

General and administrative expenses increased by $\$ 8.4$ million, or $9.3 \%$, to $\$ 98.9$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2008 from $\$ 90.5$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2007. As a percentage of sales, general and administrative expenses were $27.9 \%$ and $25.7 \%$ for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The increase in general and administrative expenses was primarily due to higher rent expense of $\$ 2.6$ million as a result of an additional 34 domestic stores from the same period a year ago, increased general and administrative expenses of $\$ 2.8$ million related to the start-up of our joint venture in China, and increased outside services of $\$ 1.2$ million. In addition, the expenses related to our distribution network, including the functions of purchasing, receiving, inspecting, allocating, warehousing and packaging of our products totaled $\$ 27.7$ million and $\$ 23.9$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The $\$ 3.8$ million increase was due in part to the lease of additional domestic distribution space at a nearby facility and its functional integration with the existing domestic distribution facility as well as increased sales volumes.

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of the following: salaries, wages and related taxes and various overhead costs associated with our corporate staff, stock-based compensation, domestic and international retail store operations, non-selling-related costs of our international operations, costs associated with our domestic and European distribution centers, professional fees related to legal, consulting and accounting, insurance, depreciation and amortization, and expenses related to our distribution network, which includes the functions of purchasing, receiving, inspecting, allocating, warehousing and packaging our products. These costs are included in general and administrative expenses and are not allocated to segments.

## Interest income

Interest income for the three months ended June 30, 2008 decreased $\$ 0.6$ million to $\$ 1.8$ million compared to $\$ 2.4$ million for the same period in 2007. The decrease in interest income resulted from lower interest rates during the three months ended June 30, 2008 when compared to the same period in 2007.

## Interest expense

Interest expense was $\$ 1.3$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2008 compared to $\$ 1.2$ million for the same period in 2007. Interest expense was incurred on mortgages on our distribution center and our corporate office located in Manhattan Beach, California, and on amounts owed to our foreign manufacturers. The increase in interest expense was primarily due to increased interest on purchases from our manufacturers.

## Income taxes

The effective tax rate for the three months ended June 30, 2008 was $33.1 \%$ as compared to $34.8 \%$ for the three months ended June 30, 2007. The decrease in our tax rate was due in part to a larger proportion of our net sales coming from our non-U.S. subsidiary operations that have lower tax rates than our domestic statutory rate. Income tax expense for the three months ended June 30,2008 was $\$ 7.0$ million compared to $\$ 8.0$ million for the same period

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in 2007. Income taxes were computed using the estimated effective tax rates applicable to each of our domestic and international taxable jurisdictions for the full fiscal year. The 2008 rate is expected to be lower than the statutory domestic rate of approximately $40 \%$ due to our non-U.S. subsidiary earnings in lower tax rate jurisdictions and our reinvestment of undistributed earnings from our non-U.S. subsidiaries, thereby indefinitely postponing their remittance to the United States Internal Revenue Service. As such, we did not provide for deferred income taxes on accumulated undistributed earnings of our non-U.S. subsidiaries.

## Minority interest in net loss of consolidated subsidiary

Minority interest of $\$ 0.4$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2008 represents the share of net loss that is attributable to the equity that we do not own of Skechers China our joint venture which was formed in October 2007. SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 COMPARED TO SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2007 Net sales

Net sales for the six months ended June 30, 2008 were $\$ 739.5$ million, an increase of $\$ 42.4$ million or $6.1 \%$, over net sales of $\$ 697.1$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2007. The increase in net sales was primarily due to increased international wholesale sales and growth within the domestic retail segment from an increased store base as well as positive international comparative store sales increases partially offset by lower domestic wholesale sales.

Our domestic wholesale net sales decreased $\$ 10.7$ million to $\$ 422.2$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2008, from $\$ 432.9$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2007. The decrease in our domestic wholesale segment was broad based and across key divisions primarily due to the weak U.S. retail environment; however, we saw increases in our Cali Gear and Women s Sport divisions during the six months ended June 30, 2008. The average selling price per pair within the domestic wholesale segment increased to $\$ 18.50$ per pair for the six months ended June 30, 2008 from $\$ 18.35$ per pair in the same period last year. The decrease in domestic wholesale segment net sales came on a $2.4 \%$ unit sales volume decrease to 22.9 million pairs from 23.5 million pairs for the same period in 2007.

Our international wholesale segment net sales increased $\$ 45.7$ million, or $34.7 \%$, to $\$ 177.0$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2008, compared to $\$ 131.3$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2007. Direct subsidiary sales increased $\$ 46.4$ million, or $63.7 \%$, to $\$ 119.2$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 compared to net sales of $\$ 72.8$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2007. The increase in direct subsidiary sales was primarily due to increased sales into the United Kingdom, Germany, Spain, and Canada. Our distributor sales decreased $\$ 0.7$ million to $\$ 57.8$ million or $1.2 \%$ for the six months ended June 30,2008 , compared to sales of $\$ 58.5$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2007. This was primarily due to decreased sales to our distributors in Panama and Serbia.

Our retail segment sales increased $\$ 6.3$ million to $\$ 131.7$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2008, a $5.1 \%$ increase over sales of $\$ 125.4$ million for the six months ended June 30 , 2007. The increase in retail sales was due to a net increase of 39 stores and positive international comparable store sales partially offset by negative domestic comparable store sales. Our domestic retail sales increased $3.8 \%$ for the six months ended June 30, 2008 compared to the same period in 2007 due to a net increase of 34 stores partially offset by negative comparable store sales. Our international retail sales increased $18.5 \%$ for the six months ended June 30, 2008 compared to the same period in 2007 due to a net increase of five stores, positive comparable store sales and foreign currency translation gains. During the six months ended June 30, 2008, we opened 16 new domestic stores and one international store, and closed two domestic concept stores. Of our new store additions, 13 were concept stores, three were outlet stores and one was a warehouse store. For the six months ended June 30, 2008, we realized positive comparable store sales in our international retail stores of $8.5 \%$, while we realized negative comparable store sales of $8.1 \%$ in our domestic retail stores.

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Our e-commerce sales increased $\$ 1.1$ million to $\$ 8.6$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2008, a $15.2 \%$ increase over sales of $\$ 7.5$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2007. Our e-commerce sales made up approximately $1 \%$ of our consolidated net sales for each of the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007.

## Gross profit

Gross profit for the six months ended June 30, 2008 increased $\$ 28.3$ million to $\$ 329.4$ million as compared to $\$ 301.1$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2007. Gross margin increased to $44.5 \%$ for the six months ended June 30, 2008 from $43.2 \%$ for the same period in the prior year. The gross margin increase was largely the result of a higher proportion of our revenues coming from our international wholesale segment through foreign subsidiaries, which achieved higher gross margins than our domestic wholesale segment and sales through our foreign distributors. Gross profit for our domestic wholesale segment decreased $\$ 6.3$ million, or $3.7 \%$, to $\$ 164.1$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 compared to $\$ 170.4$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2007. Gross margins for our domestic wholesale segment decreased to $38.9 \%$ for the six months ended June 30, 2008 from $39.4 \%$ for the same period in the prior year. The decrease was due to increased product costs that were partially offset by the increase in average selling price per pair.

Gross profit for our international wholesale segment increased $\$ 31.3$ million, or $64.1 \%$, to $\$ 80.2$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 compared to $\$ 48.9$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2007. Gross margins were $45.3 \%$ for the six months ended June 30, 2008 compared to $37.2 \%$ for the six months ended June 30, 2007. Gross margins for our direct subsidiary sales were $53.0 \%$ for the six months ended June 30, 2008 as compared to $42.5 \%$ for the six months ended June 30, 2007. Gross margins for our distributor sales were $29.5 \%$ for the six months ended June 30, 2008 as compared to $30.6 \%$ for the six months ended June 30, 2007. The increase in gross margins for the international wholesale segment was due to increased sales through our foreign subsidiaries and favorable currency translation gains.

Gross profit for our retail segment increased $\$ 3.0$ million, or $3.8 \%$, to $\$ 80.8$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 as compared to $\$ 77.8$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2007. This increase in gross profit was due to a net increase of 39 stores and a positive comparable store sales increase of $8.5 \%$ in our international stores. Gross margins decreased to $61.3 \%$ for the six months ended June 30, 2008 as compared to $62.1 \%$ for the six months ended June 30, 2007. The decrease in gross margins was primarily due to decreased margins and negative comparable sales of $8.1 \%$ in our domestic stores due to the weak U.S. retail environment.

## Selling expenses

Selling expenses decreased by $\$ 3.7$ million, or $5.4 \%$, to $\$ 64.1$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 from $\$ 67.8$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2007. As a percentage of net sales, selling expenses were $8.7 \%$ and $9.7 \%$ for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The decrease in selling expenses was primarily due to decreased promotional costs of $\$ 4.3$ million, which were partially offset by increased advertising costs of $\$ 0.5$ million. Promotional costs were higher in the prior year due to the launch of our Cali Gear line.

## General and administrative expenses

General and administrative expenses increased by $\$ 21.6$ million, or $12.3 \%$, to $\$ 198.1$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 from $\$ 176.5$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2007. As a percentage of sales, general and administrative expenses were $26.8 \%$ and $25.3 \%$ for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The increase in general and administrative expenses was primarily due to higher rent expense of $\$ 4.5$ million as a result of an additional 34 domestic stores from the same period a year ago, increased salaries and wages of $\$ 3.0$ million, increased warehouse and distribution costs of $\$ 3.3$ million from increased sales, general and administrative expenses of $\$ 2.8$ million related to the start-up of our joint venture in China, $\$ 1.4$ million related to the write-off of leasehold improvements at seven of our domestic retail stores, and increased outside services of $\$ 1.3$ million. In addition, the expenses related to our distribution network, including the functions of purchasing, receiving, inspecting, allocating, warehousing and packaging of our products totaled $\$ 58.4$ million and $\$ 48.5$ million for the

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six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The $\$ 9.9$ million increase was due in part to the lease of additional domestic distribution space at a nearby facility and its functional integration with the existing domestic distribution facility as well as increased sales volumes.

## Interest income

Interest income for the six months ended June 30, 2008 decreased $\$ 0.6$ million to $\$ 4.3$ million compared to $\$ 4.9$ million for the same period in 2007. The decrease in interest income resulted from lower interest rates during the six months ended June 30, 2008 when compared to the same period in 2007.

## Interest expense

Interest expense was $\$ 2.4$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 compared to $\$ 2.8$ million for the same period in 2007. Interest expense was incurred on our convertible notes through February 20, 2007, mortgages on our distribution center and our corporate office located in Manhattan Beach, California, and amounts owed to our foreign manufacturers. The decrease in interest expense was primarily due to the conversion of our $4.5 \%$ convertible subordinated notes to shares of our Class A common stock on or prior to February 20, 2007.

## Income taxes

The effective tax rate for the six months ended June 30,2008 was $33.6 \%$ as compared to $36.5 \%$ for the six months ended June 30, 2007. The decrease in our tax rate was due in part to a larger proportion of our net sales coming from our non-U.S. subsidiary operations that have lower tax rates than our domestic statutory rate. Income tax expense for the six months ended June 30 , 2008 was $\$ 23.8$ million compared to $\$ 22.3$ million for the same period in 2007. Income taxes were computed using the estimated effective tax rates applicable to each of our domestic and international taxable jurisdictions for the full fiscal year. The 2008 rate is expected to be lower than the statutory domestic rate of approximately $40 \%$ due to our non-U.S. subsidiary earnings in lower tax rate jurisdictions and our reinvestment of undistributed earnings from our non-U.S. subsidiaries, thereby indefinitely postponing their remittance to the United States Internal Revenue Service. As such, we did not provide for deferred income taxes on accumulated undistributed earnings of our non-U.S. subsidiaries.

## Minority interest in net loss of consolidated subsidiary

Minority interest of $\$ 0.4$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2008 represents the share of net loss that is attributable to the equity that we do not own of Skechers China our joint venture which was formed in October 2007. LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our working capital at June 30, 2008 was $\$ 434.8$ million, a decrease of $\$ 89.1$ million from working capital of $\$ 523.9$ million at December 31, 2007. The decrease was primarily due to the reclassification of $\$ 94.1$ million of our investments in auction rate securities to long-term assets. Our cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2008 were $\$ 145.6$ million compared to $\$ 199.5$ million at December 31, 2007. The decrease in cash and cash equivalents of $\$ 53.9$ million was the result of increased receivables of $\$ 68.3$ million, capital expenditures of $\$ 37.8$ million, and increased inventory level of $\$ 29.8$ million, partially offset by our net earnings of $\$ 47.5$ million, increased accrued expenses of $\$ 10.9$ million and increased payables of $\$ 19.7$ million.

As a result of the recent liquidity issues experienced in the global credit and capital markets, auctions for our auction rate securities have failed since mid-February 2008. A failed auction is not an indication of an increased credit risk or a reduction in the underlying collateral; however, we will not be able to liquidate the investments until a successful auction occurs, a buyer is found outside the auction process, the securities are called or refinanced by the issuer or the securities mature. Accordingly, there is no assurance that future auctions will succeed or other events will occur to provide liquidity, and as a result, our ability to liquidate our investments in the near term may be limited or may not exist and, as a result, these auction rate securities are classified as long term investments as of

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June 30, 2008. In connection with this classification, we recorded a $\$ 5.9$ million unrealized loss on these securities based on what we believe is a temporary decline in value. During the second quarter of 2008, issuers refinanced $\$ 9.7$ million of our preferred stock investments at par. In addition, issuers have called an additional $\$ 2.8$ million at par which we expect to collect during the third quarter of 2008.

We determined that there were no observable market transactions for which to determine the current market value of these securities, nor was there a consistent methodology employed by broker-dealers to provide values to their clients for these investments. Consequently, we estimated the value of our holdings of these securities based on a calculated discount that could be applied if these investments were valued using longer-term interest rates and maturities. The discount calculation assumed, among other factors, that a purchaser of these securities would expect a yield of approximately 100 basis points over the current yield of these investments and that the issuers would redeem these investments or they would be otherwise converted to cash ratably over the next seven years. These assumptions were our attempt to give consideration to announced plans by certain issuers to partially redeem or attempt to restore liquidity to these securities as well as a lack of clarity as to whether these efforts will be successful. We calculated a discount that amounted to approximately $3.6 \%$ of the par value of the auction rate preferred securities. If these investments were discounted to adjust the yield to the current 30 year AAA rated municipal tax-exempt bonds rate, the resulting discount would be approximately $13.7 \%$ of the par value of these securities. Our valuation is highly subjective and could change significantly based on the various assumptions used.

For the six months ended June 30, 2008, net cash used in operating activities was $\$ 26.5$ million compared to net cash provided by operating activities of $\$ 7.6$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2007. The decrease in our operating cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2008, when compared to the six months ended June 30, 2007 was primarily the result of a larger increase in inventory levels and larger increase in accounts receivable due to higher sales, partially offset by higher net earnings.

Net cash used in investing activities was $\$ 33.3$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 as compared to $\$ 59.6$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2007. Capital expenditures for the six months ended June 30, 2008 were approximately $\$ 37.8$ million, which primarily consisted of a corporate real property purchase, new store openings and remodels, and warehouse equipment upgrades. This was compared to capital expenditures of $\$ 17.3$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2007, which primarily consisted of new store openings and remodels, warehouse equipment upgrades, and the construction of a new corporate facility. Excluding the costs of our new distribution center in Moreno Valley, California, we expect our ongoing capital expenditures for the remainder of 2008 to be approximately $\$ 20.0$ million, which includes opening an additional 15 to 20 domestic retail stores, store remodels and tenant improvements in our new corporate facility. We are currently in the process of designing and purchasing the equipment to be used in our new distribution center and estimate the cost of this equipment to be between $\$ 75.0$ million and $\$ 85.0$ million, which we expect to incur approximately $\$ 22.0$ million in the remainder of 2008 and the balance during fiscal 2009. We currently anticipate that our capital expenditure requirements for 2008 will be funded through our operating cash flows, current cash, or available lines of credit.

Net cash provided by financing activities was $\$ 5.9$ million during the six months ended June 30, 2008 compared to $\$ 6.6$ million during the six months ended June 30, 2007. The decrease in cash provided by financing activities was due to lower proceeds from the issuance of Class A common stock upon the exercise of stock options during the six months ended June 30,2008 as compared to the same period in the prior year which was partially offset by a capital contribution by our minority partner to our joint venture.

In April 2002, we issued $\$ 90.0$ million aggregate principal amount of $4.50 \%$ convertible subordinated notes due April 15, 2007. On January 19, 2007, we called these notes for redemption. The redemption date was February 20, 2007. The aggregate principal amount of notes outstanding was $\$ 90.0$ million. Holders of $\$ 89.969$ million principal amount of the notes converted their notes into shares of our Class A common stock prior to the redemption date, which included $\$ 2.5$ million of principal amount of the notes held by us. As a result of these conversions, 3,464,594 shares of Class A common stock were issued to holders of the notes, which included 96,272 shares issued to us that were immediately retired. In connection with these conversions, we paid approximately $\$ 500$ in cash to holders who elected to convert their notes, which represented cash paid in lieu of fractional shares. In addition, we paid

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approximately $\$ 32,000$ to holders who redeemed their notes, which represented the redemption price of $100.9 \%$ of $\$ 31,000$ principal amount of the notes plus accrued interest.

We have outstanding debt of $\$ 16.5$ million that primarily relates to notes payable for one of our distribution center warehouses and one of our administrative offices, which notes are secured by the respective properties.

We have a secured line of credit, expiring on May 31, 2011, permitting our company and certain of its subsidiaries to borrow up to $\$ 150.0$ million based upon eligible accounts receivable and inventory, which line of credit can be increased to $\$ 250.0$ million at our request. The loan agreement provides for the issuance of letters of credit up to a maximum of $\$ 30.0$ million. The loan agreement contains customary affirmative and negative covenants for secured credit facilities of this type. We were in compliance with all covenants of the loan agreement at June 30, 2008. We had outstanding letters of credit of $\$ 9.0$ million under this line of credit as of June 30, 2008.

We believe that anticipated cash flows from operations, available borrowings under our secured line of credit, cash on hand and financing arrangements will be sufficient to provide us with the liquidity necessary to fund our anticipated working capital and capital requirements through the second quarter of 2009. However, in connection with our current strategies, we will incur significant working capital requirements and capital expenditures. Our future capital requirements will depend on many factors, including, but not limited to, costs associated with moving to a new distribution facility, the levels at which we maintain inventory, the market acceptance of our footwear, the success of our international operations, the levels of promotion and advertising required to promote our footwear, the extent to which we invest in new product design and improvements to our existing product design, acquisition of other brands or companies, and the number and timing of new store openings. To the extent that available funds are insufficient to fund our future activities, we may need to raise additional funds through public or private financing of debt or equity. We cannot be assured that additional financing will be available or that, if available, it can be obtained on terms favorable to our stockholders and us. Failure to obtain such financing could delay or prevent our planned expansion, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, if additional capital is raised through the sale of additional equity or convertible securities, dilution to our stockholders could occur. OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

We do not have any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities that would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance-sheet arrangements or for other contractually narrow or limited purposes. As such, we are not exposed to any financing, liquidity, market or credit risk that could arise if we had engaged in such relationships. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND USE OF ESTIMATES

Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations is based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, sales and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. For a detailed discussion of the our critical accounting policies please refer to our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) on February 29, 2008.
RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS
In May 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 162 The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ( SFAS 162 ). SFAS 162 identifies the sources of accounting principles and the framework for selecting the principles used in the preparation of financial statements of nongovernmental entities that are presented in

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conformity with GAAP. This statement shall be effective 60 days following the Securities Exchange and Commission s approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board amendments to AU Section 411, The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity With Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. We do not expect that the adoption of SFAS 162 will have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No.161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133 ( SFAS 161 ). This Statement requires enhanced disclosures about an entity s derivative and hedging activities, including (a) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, (b) how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities ( SFAS 133 ), and its related interpretations, and (c) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity s financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. SFAS 161 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. We are currently evaluating the impact of this standard on our Consolidated Financial Statements; however, we do not expect that the adoption of SFAS 161 will have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160 Accounting for Noncontrolling Interests ( SFAS 160 ), which clarifies the classification of noncontrolling interests in consolidated statements of financial position and the accounting for and reporting of transactions between the reporting entity and holders of such noncontrolling interests. SFAS 160 will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. We are currently evaluating the impact of this standard on our Consolidated Financial Statements; however, we do not expect that the adoption of SFAS 160 will have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141(R) Applying the Acquisition Method ( SFAS 141(R) ), which clarifies the accounting for a business combination and requires an acquirer to recognize the assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree at the acquisition date, measured at their fair values as of that date. SFAS $141(\mathrm{R})$ will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. We are currently evaluating the impact of this standard on our Consolidated Financial Statements; however, we do not expect that the adoption of SFAS 141(R) will have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations.
QUARTERLY RESULTS AND SEASONALITY
While sales of footwear products have historically been somewhat seasonal in nature with the strongest sales generally occurring in the second and third quarters, we believe that changes in our product offerings have somewhat mitigated the effect of this seasonality and, consequently, our sales are not necessarily as subjected to seasonal trends as those of our past or of our competitors in the footwear industry.

We have experienced, and expect to continue to experience, variability in our net sales and operating results on a quarterly basis. Recently, various macroeconomic pressures have created a difficult U.S. retail environment which has caused a downturn in our domestic business. Our domestic customers generally assume responsibility for scheduling pickup and delivery of purchased products. Any delay in scheduling or pickup which is beyond our control could materially negatively impact our net sales and results of operations for any given quarter. We believe the factors which influence this variability include (i) the timing of our introduction of new footwear products, (ii) the level of consumer acceptance of new and existing products, (iii) general economic and industry conditions that affect consumer spending and retail purchasing, (iv) the timing of the placement, cancellation or pickup of customer orders, (v) increases in the number of employees and overhead to support growth, (vi) the timing of expenditures in anticipation of increased sales and customer delivery requirements, (vii) the number and timing of our new retail store openings and (viii) actions by competitors. Due to these and other factors, the operating results for any particular quarter are not necessarily indicative of the results for the full year.

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## INFLATION

We do not believe that the relatively moderate rates of inflation experienced in the United States over the last three years have had a significant effect on our sales or profitability. However, we cannot accurately predict the effect of inflation on future operating results. Although higher rates of inflation have been experienced in the U.S. as well as in a number of for

