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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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FORM 10-K

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008

Commission file number 0-20797

RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

74-1733016
(I.R. S. Employer Identification No.)

555 IH 35 South, New Braunfels, TX
(Address of principal executive offices)

78130
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(830) 626-5200**

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:
None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:
Class A and Class B Common Stock, \$.01 par value
(Title of Class)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.
Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act.
Yes No

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller Reporting Company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).
Yes No

The aggregate market value of common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2008 was approximately \$481,933,449 based upon the last sales price on June 30, 2008 on The NASDAQ Global Select MarketSM of \$14.48 for the registrant's Class A common stock and \$13.96 for the registrant's Class B common stock. Shares of common stock held by each executive officer and director and by each shareholder affiliated with a director or an executive officer have been excluded from this calculation because such persons may be deemed to be affiliates. This determination of affiliate status is not necessarily a conclusive determination for other purposes.

The registrant had 26,307,584 shares Class A common stock and 10,685,144 shares of Class B common stock outstanding on March 9, 2009.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of registrant's definitive proxy statement for the registrant's 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission not later than April 30, 2009, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

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NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in this Form 10-K (or otherwise made by the Company or on the Company’s behalf from time to time in other reports, filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, news releases, conferences, website postings or otherwise) that are not statements of historical fact constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), notwithstanding that such statements are not specifically identified. Forward-looking statements include statements about the Company’s financial position, business strategy and plans and objectives of management of the Company for future operations. These forward-looking statements reflect the best judgments of the Company about the future events and trends based on the beliefs of the Company’s management as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to the Company’s management. Use of the words “may,” “should,” “continue,” “plan,” “potential,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “expect” and “intend” and words or phrases of similar import, as they relate to the Company or its subsidiaries or Company management, are intended to identify forward-looking statements but are not the exclusive means of identifying such statements. Forward-looking statements reflect the current view of the Company with respect to future events and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in such statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those set forth under Item 1A—Risk Factors as well as future growth rates and margins for certain of our products and services, future demand for our products and services, risks associated with the current global economic crisis and its impact on capital markets and liquidity, competitive factors, general economic conditions, cyclical, economic conditions in the new and used truck and equipment markets, customer relations, relationships with vendors, the interest rate environment, governmental regulation and supervision, seasonality, distribution networks, product introductions and acceptance, technological change, changes in industry practices, one-time events and other factors described herein and in the Company’s quarterly and other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (collectively, “Cautionary Statements”). Although the Company believes that its expectations are reasonable, it can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Based upon changing conditions, should any one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should any underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described in any forward-looking statements. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to the Company or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the applicable Cautionary Statements. All forward-looking statements speak only as the date on which they are made and the Company undertakes no duty to update or revise any forward-looking statements.

NOTE REGARDING INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) allows us to disclose important information to you by referring you to other documents we have filed with the SEC. The information we refer to is “incorporated by reference” into this Form 10-K. Please read that information.

NOTE REGARDING TRADEMARKS USED IN THIS FORM 10-K

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PART I

Item 1. Business

References herein to “the Company,” “Rush Enterprises,” “Rush,” “we,” “our” or “us” mean Rush Enterprises, Inc., a Texas corporation, its subsidiaries and Associated Acceptance, Inc., the insurance agency affiliated with the Company, unless the context requires otherwise.

Access to Company Information

Rush electronically files annual reports, quarterly reports, and special reports with the SEC. You may read and copy any of the materials that we have filed with the SEC at the SEC’s Public Reference Room at 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549. You may obtain information about the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Our filings are also available to you on the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov.

Rush makes certain of our SEC filings available, free of charge, through our website, including annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and all amendments to these reports. These filings are available as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with or furnished to the SEC. Rush’s website address is www.rushenterprises.com. The information contained on our website, or on other websites linked to our website, is not part of this document.

General

Rush Enterprises, Inc. was incorporated in Texas in 1965 and currently consists of two reportable segments: the Truck Segment and the Construction Equipment Segment. The Company conducts business through numerous subsidiaries, all of which it wholly owns, directly or indirectly. Its principal offices are located at 555 IH 35 South, New Braunfels, Texas 78130.

The Company is a full-service, integrated retailer of premium transportation and construction equipment and related services. The Company’s Rush Truck Centers sell vehicles manufactured by Peterbilt Motors Company (a division of PACCAR, Inc.), International, Volvo, GMC, Hino, UD, Ford, Isuzu and Blue Bird. The Company also operates John Deere construction equipment dealerships at its Rush Equipment Centers in Southeast Texas. Through its strategically located network of Rush Truck Centers and its Rush Equipment Centers, the Company provides one-stop service for the needs of its customers, including retail sales of new and used trucks and construction equipment, aftermarket parts sales, service and repair facilities, and financing, leasing and rental, and insurance products.

The Company’s Rush Truck Centers are principally located in high traffic areas throughout the southern United States. Since commencing operations as a Peterbilt heavy-duty truck dealer in 1966, the Company has grown to operate more than 50 Rush Truck Centers in Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

Our business strategy consists of providing our customers with competitively priced products supported with timely and reliable service through our integrated dealer network. We intend to continue to implement our business strategy, reinforce customer loyalty and remain a market leader by continuing to develop our Rush Truck Centers and Rush Equipment Centers as we extend our geographic focus through strategic acquisitions of new locations and expansions of our existing facilities and product lines.

Rush Truck Centers. Our Rush Truck Centers are located in Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas. The following chart reflects our franchises and parts, service and body shop operations by location.

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Rush Truck Center Location	Heavy-Duty Franchise(s)	Medium-Duty and Bus Franchise(s)	Parts	Service	Body Shop
Alabama:					
Mobile	Peterbilt	Peterbilt	Yes	Yes	Yes
Arizona:					
Flagstaff	None	None	Yes	Yes	No
Phoenix	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, GMC, Hino	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tucson	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, GMC, Hino	Yes	Yes	No
California:					
El Centro	Peterbilt	Peterbilt	Yes	Yes	No
Escondido	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, Hino	Yes	Yes	No
Fontana Heavy-Duty	Peterbilt	Peterbilt	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fontana Medium-Duty	None	Peterbilt, GMC, Hino, Isuzu, UD	Yes	Yes	No
Pico Rivera	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, UD (parts only)	Yes	Yes	Yes
San Diego	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, GMC, Hino	Yes	Yes	Yes
San Luis Obispo	None	None	Yes	Yes	No
Sylmar	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, UD	Yes	Yes	No
Colorado:					
Denver Heavy-Duty	Peterbilt	Peterbilt	Yes	Yes	Yes
Denver Medium-Duty	None	Ford, Isuzu	Yes	Yes	No
Greeley	Peterbilt	Peterbilt	Yes	Yes	No
Pueblo	Peterbilt	Peterbilt	Yes	Yes	No
Florida:					
Haines City	Peterbilt	Peterbilt	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tampa	Peterbilt	Peterbilt	Yes	Yes	No
Winter Garden	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, GMC, Isuzu, UD	Yes	Yes	No
Jacksonville	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, Hino	Yes	Yes	Yes

Georgia:					
Atlanta	None	GMC, Hino, Isuzu, UD	Yes	Yes	No
New Mexico:					
Albuquerque	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, UD	Yes	Yes	Yes
Las Cruces	None	None	Yes	Yes	No
North Carolina:					
Charlotte	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, Hino, Isuzu	Yes	Yes	No
Charlotte	International	International	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oklahoma:					
Ardmore	Peterbilt	Peterbilt	Yes	Yes	No
Oklahoma City	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, GMC, Hino	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tulsa	Peterbilt, Volvo	Peterbilt, GMC, Hino	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tennessee:					
Nashville	Peterbilt	Peterbilt	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Rush Truck Center Location	Heavy-Duty Franchise(s)	Medium-Duty and Bus Franchise(s)	Parts	Service	Body Shop
Texas:					
Abilene	Peterbilt	Peterbilt	Yes	Yes	No
Alice	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, Blue Bird	Yes	Yes	No
Austin	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, GMC, Hino, Isuzu, UD, Blue Bird	Yes	Yes	No
Dallas Heavy-Duty	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, Blue Bird	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dallas Medium-Duty	None	Peterbilt, GMC, Hino, UD, Blue Bird	Yes	Yes	No
El Paso	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, GMC, Hino (service only)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fort Worth	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, UD, Blue Bird	Yes	Yes	No
Houston	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, GMC, Hino, Blue Bird	Yes	Yes	Yes
Laredo	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, Blue Bird	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lufkin	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, Blue Bird	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pharr	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, Hino, UD, Blue Bird	Yes	Yes	Yes
San Antonio	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, GMC, Hino, Blue Bird	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sealy	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, Blue Bird	Yes	Yes	No
Texarkana	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, GMC, Hino, Isuzu, Blue Bird	Yes	Yes	No
Tyler	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, Blue Bird	Yes	Yes	No
Waco	Peterbilt	Peterbilt, GMC, Hino, Isuzu, Blue Bird	Yes	Yes	No

Rush Equipment Center. Our Rush Equipment Centers in Southeast Texas, provide a full line of John Deere construction equipment, including backhoe loaders, hydraulic excavators, crawler-dozers and four-wheel drive loaders.

Leasing and Rental Services. Through certain of our Rush Truck Centers and three stand-alone Rush Truck Leasing stores, we provide a broad line of product selections for lease or rent, including Class 4, Class 5, Class 6, Class 7 and Class 8 trucks, heavy-duty cranes and refuse haulers. Our lease and rental fleets are offered on a daily, monthly or long-term basis.

Financial and Insurance Products. At our dealerships we offer third-party financing to assist customers in purchasing new and used trucks and construction equipment. Additionally, we sell, as agent, a complete line of property and casualty insurance, including collision and liability insurance on trucks, cargo insurance and credit life insurance.

Perfection Equipment. Our Perfection Equipment subsidiary operates out of two locations in Oklahoma City. Perfection Equipment offers installation of equipment, equipment repair, parts installation, and paint and body repair to owners of commercial vehicles. Perfection Equipment carries over 120 lines of truck and industrial parts and over 100 lines of equipment. Perfection Equipment specializes in up-fitting a variety of trucks used by oilfield service providers and other specialized service providers.

World Wide Tires. We operate World Wide Tires stores in four locations in Texas. World Wide Tires primarily sells tires for use on Class 8 trucks.

Industry

See Part II, Item 7, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Industry” for a description of our industry and the markets in which we operate.

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Our Business Strategy

Operating Strategy. Our strategy is to operate an integrated dealer network that primarily markets Peterbilt heavy-duty trucks, medium-duty trucks from various manufacturers, Blue Bird buses and John Deere construction equipment and provides complementary products and services. Our strategy includes the following key elements:

- **One-Stop Centers.** We have developed our truck and construction equipment dealerships as “one-stop centers” where, at one convenient location, our customers can do the following: purchase new and used trucks, buses or construction equipment; finance, lease or rent trucks or construction equipment; purchase aftermarket parts and accessories; and have service performed by certified technicians. We believe that this full-service strategy also helps to mitigate cyclical

economic fluctuations because the parts and service sales at our dealerships generally tend to be less volatile than our new and used truck and construction equipment sales.

- **Branding Program.** We employ a branding program for our dealerships through distinctive signage and uniform marketing programs to take advantage of our existing name recognition and to communicate the standardized high quality of our products and reliability of our services throughout our dealership network.
- **Management by Dealership Units.** At each of our dealerships, we operate one or more of the following business units: new sales, used sales, financial services, parts, service or body shop. Our general managers measure and manage the operations of each of our dealerships according to the specific business units operating at that location. We believe that this system enhances the profitability of all aspects of a dealership and increases our overall operating margins. Operating goals for each business unit at each of our dealerships are established annually and managers are rewarded for performance.
- **Integrated Management Information Systems.** In order to efficiently operate separate business units within each dealership, we rely upon our management information systems to determine and monitor appropriate inventory levels and product mix at each Rush Truck Center. Each Rush Truck Center can access a centralized real-time inventory tracking system that is accessible simultaneously by all locations. Our parts reordering system assists each Rush Truck Center in maintaining the proper inventory levels and typically permits inventory delivery to each location, or directly to customers, within 24 hours from the time the order is placed. In addition, by actively monitoring market conditions, assessing product and expansion strategies and remaining abreast of changes within the market, we are able to proactively address market-by-market changes by realigning and, if necessary, adding product lines and models.

Growth Strategy. Through our expansion and acquisition initiatives, we have grown to operate a large, multistate, full-service network of truck dealerships. As described below, we intend to continue to grow our business internally and through acquisitions by expanding into new geographic areas, expanding our product offerings and opening new one-stop truck and equipment centers in existing markets.

- **Expansion Into New Geographic Areas.** We plan to continue to expand our Rush Truck Center network and build a Rush Equipment Center network by acquiring additional dealerships in geographic areas contiguous to our current operations. We have successfully expanded our presence from our Texas base into a coast-to-coast network of Rush Truck Centers. We believe the geographic diversity of our Rush Truck Center network has significantly expanded our customer base while reducing the effects of local economic cycles. Geographic diversification supports the sale of trucks and parts by allowing us to allocate our inventory among the geographic regions we serve based on market demand within these regions.
- **Expansion of Product Offerings.** We intend to continue to expand our product lines within our Rush Truck Centers and our Rush Equipment Centers by adding product categories that are both complementary to our existing product lines and well suited to our operating model.

We believe that there are many additional product and service offerings that would complement our primary product lines. We expect any product category expansion that we pursue to satisfy our requirements that:

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- the products serve a commercial customer base;
 - the products provide opportunities for incremental income through related aftermarket sales, service or financing; and
 - Rush operating controls can be implemented to enhance the financial performance of the business.
- **Open New Rush Truck and Equipment Centers in Existing Areas of Operation.** We believe that there are opportunities to increase our share of the heavy-duty truck market by introducing our one-stop centers to underserved markets within our current areas of operation. The introduction of additional one-stop centers enables us to enhance revenues from our existing customer base as well as increase the awareness of the “Rush” brand name for new customers.

In identifying new areas for expansion, we analyze the target market’s level of new truck registrations, customer buying and leasing trends and the existence of competing franchises. We also assess the potential performance of a parts and service center to determine whether a market is suitable for a Rush Truck Center. After a market has been strategically reviewed, we survey the region for a well-situated location. Whether we acquire existing dealerships or open a new Rush Truck Center, we will introduce our branding program and implement our integrated management system.

Management of Our Dealerships

We manage our dealerships as described below.

Rush Truck Centers

Our Rush Truck Centers are responsible for sales of new and used heavy- and medium-duty trucks, as well as related parts and services.

New Truck Sales. New heavy-duty truck sales represent the largest portion of our revenue, accounting for approximately \$665.5 million, or 40.2%, of our total revenues in 2008. New Class 8 heavy-duty Peterbilt truck sales accounted for approximately 73.6% of our new truck revenues for 2008.

Our Rush Truck Centers that sell new and used Class 8 heavy-duty trucks also sell Class 6 and Class 7 medium-duty Peterbilt trucks. Certain Rush Truck Centers also sell medium-duty trucks manufactured by GMC, Hino, Isuzu, Ford or UD and buses manufactured by Blue Bird (see Part I, Item 1, “General — *Rush Truck Centers*” for a description of our industry and the markets in which we operate). New medium-duty truck sales, excluding new bus sales, accounted for approximately \$202.7 million, or 12.2% of our total revenues for 2008, and 22.7% of our new truck revenues for 2008. Our customers use heavy- and medium-duty trucks to haul various materials, including general freight, petroleum, wood products, refuse and construction materials. In 2008, we acquired the Blue Bird bus franchise for the majority of Texas. New bus sales accounted for approximately \$19.4 million, or 1.2% of our total revenues for 2008, and 2.2% of our new truck revenues for 2008.

A significant portion of our new truck sales are to fleet customers (customers who purchase more than five trucks in any 12-month period). Because of the size of our Rush Truck Center network, our strong relationships with our fleet customers and our ability to handle large quantities of used truck trade-ins, we are able to successfully market and sell to fleet customers nationwide. We believe that we have a competitive advantage over most other dealers in that we can absorb multi-unit trade-ins often associated with fleet sales and effectively disperse the used trucks for resale throughout our dealership network. We believe that our attention to customer service and our broad range of trucking services, including our ability to offer truck financing and insurance to our customers, has resulted in a high level of customer loyalty.

Used Truck Sales. Used truck sales accounted for approximately \$149.9 million, or 9.1%, of our total revenues for 2008. We sell used heavy- and medium-duty trucks at most of our Rush Truck Centers. We believe that we are well positioned to market used heavy-duty trucks due to our ability to recondition them for resale utilizing the parts and service departments of our Rush Truck Centers and our ability to move used trucks between Rush Truck Centers to satisfy customer demand. The majority of our used truck fleet consists of trucks taken as trade-ins from new truck customers, but we supplement our used truck fleet by purchasing used trucks from third parties for resale.

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Truck Parts and Service. Truck-related parts and service revenues accounted for approximately \$457.6 million, or 27.6%, of our total revenues for 2008. The parts business enhances our sales and service functions and is a source of recurring revenue. Most Rush Truck Centers carry a wide variety of Peterbilt and other truck parts in its inventory. We also have field service trucks and technicians who are capable of making on-site repairs at our customers' locations.

Certain Rush Truck Centers also feature fully equipped service and body shop facilities, the combination and configuration of which varies by location, capable of handling a broad range of truck repairs on most makes and classes of trucks. Each Rush Truck Center is a warranty service center for the truck manufacturers represented at that location and most are also authorized service centers for other manufacturers, including the following: Caterpillar, Cummins, Eaton and Arvin Meritor. We have more than 900 service and body shop bays, including 23 paint booths, throughout our Rush Truck Center network.

We perform both warranty and nonwarranty service work on heavy- and medium-duty trucks and components. The cost of warranty work is generally reimbursed by the applicable manufacturer at retail consumer rates. A majority of the service technicians at our Rush Truck Centers have been certified by various truck or component manufacturers.

Truck Leasing and Rental. Truck leasing and rental revenues accounted for approximately \$54.8 million, or 3.3%, of our total revenues for 2008. At our Rush Truck Leasing locations, we engage in full-service truck leasing under the PacLease trade name at eleven locations and are the largest PacLease dealer in the United States. During 2008, we acquired an Idealease franchise in Charlotte, North Carolina. Leasing and rental customers contribute to additional parts sales and service work at Rush Truck Centers because most of our leases require service and maintenance for the leased trucks to be performed at our facilities (or at facilities outside our service area, as we direct). Rented trucks are also generally serviced at our facilities. We had 2,570 units in our lease and rental fleet as of December 31, 2008 compared to 2,404 units as of December 31, 2007. As of December 31, 2008, we owned approximately 83% of our lease and rental fleet, and leased the remaining trucks in our fleet primarily from PACCAR Leasing Company ("PACCAR Leasing"). Currently, the average age of the trucks in our lease and rental fleet is approximately 31 months. Generally, we hold trucks in our lease and rental fleet for approximately 6 years, depending on the type of truck, and then sell them through the used sales operations at our Rush Truck Centers. Historically, we have realized gains on the sale of used lease trucks in excess of the cost of the purchase option contained in our leases with PACCAR Leasing or the book value of trucks owned by the Company.

Rush Equipment Center

Our Rush Equipment Centers are responsible for sales of new and used construction equipment and related parts and service.

New Construction Equipment Sales. New construction equipment sales accounted for approximately \$59.0 million, or 3.6%, of our total revenues for 2008. Our Rush Equipment Centers carry a complete line of John Deere construction equipment. A new piece of John Deere construction equipment typically ranges in price from \$50,000 for a backhoe to \$500,000 for an excavator. We carry a full line of complementary construction equipment manufactured by other suppliers to enhance our John Deere product line. We sell construction equipment to a diverse customer base including residential and commercial construction contractors, utility companies, government agencies, and various petrochemical, industrial and material supply businesses.

We believe that John Deere's reputation for manufacturing high quality construction equipment attracts new and repeat customers who value lower maintenance and repair costs and a higher residual value at trade-in. We attempt to increase this brand loyalty with an operating strategy that is similar to the operating strategy used by our Rush Truck Centers and focuses on providing fast, reliable service. We believe that our operating strategy will enable us to both increase our customer base and generate repeat business for all product offerings.

Used Construction Equipment Sales. Used construction equipment sales accounted for approximately \$3.2 million, or 0.2%, of our total revenues for 2008. We sell used construction equipment manufactured by several manufacturers, including John Deere, Case, Caterpillar, and Komatsu. Our used construction equipment inventory is derived from trade-ins from our construction equipment customers and purchases from third parties.

Construction Equipment Parts and Service. Construction equipment related parts and service revenues accounted for approximately \$20.8 million, or 1.3%, of our total revenues for 2008. Our Rush Equipment Centers carry a wide variety of John Deere and other parts in its inventory, which consists of over 7,000 items from more than 15 suppliers. We are an

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authorized John Deere construction equipment parts and accessories supplier in the Houston, Texas area. We maintain a fully equipped service operation capable of handling repairs on John Deere construction equipment and most other brands of construction equipment at our Rush Equipment Centers. We enhance our service presence with field service trucks and technicians who are capable of making on-site repairs at our customers' locations.

Additional information related to these operating segments for 2008, 2007 and 2006 is included in Note 20 — Segments in the Notes to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8.

Financial and Insurance Products

We sell, as agent, a complete line of property and casualty insurance to our truck customers and other truck owners. Our agency is licensed to sell truck liability, general liability, collision and comprehensive, workers' compensation, cargo, credit life and occupational accident insurance coverage. We serve as sales representatives for a number of leading insurance companies including the Great American Insurance Companies, Hartford Insurance Group and American General Financial Group. Our renewal rate during 2008 was 80%.

At our Rush Truck Centers and our Rush Equipment Centers we have personnel responsible for arranging third-party financing for our product offerings. We also have licensed insurance agents at some of our dealerships in Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, New Mexico, North Carolina, Tennessee and Texas who arrange insurance for our customers. The sale of financial and insurance products accounted for approximately \$12.3 million, or 0.7%, of our total revenue for 2008. Finance and insurance revenues have minimal direct costs and, therefore, contribute a disproportionate share of our operating profits.

New and Used Truck Financing. We arranged customer financing through various commercial lending sources for approximately 30% of our new and used truck sales in 2008 and 2007. Generally, truck finance contracts are memorialized through the use of installment contracts, which are secured by the trucks financed, and require a down payment of 10% to 30% of the value of the financed truck, with the remaining balance financed over a two to five-year period. The majority of finance contracts are sold without recourse to the Company. The Company's recourse liability related to finance contracts sold with recourse to the Company ranges from 5% to 100% of the

outstanding amount of each note initiated on behalf of the finance company (see “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Critical Accounting Policies”). The Company provides an allowance for repossession losses and early repayment penalties.

New and Used Construction Equipment Financing. We arranged customer financing through various commercial lending sources for approximately \$32.7 million of our new and used construction equipment sales in 2008, a decrease of 31.2% from approximately \$47.5 million in 2007. Generally, construction equipment finance contracts are memorialized through the use of installment or lease contracts, which are secured by the construction equipment financed, and generally require a down payment of 0% to 10% of the value of the financed piece of construction equipment, with the remaining balance being financed over a three to five-year period. All finance contracts for construction equipment are assigned without recourse.

Sales and Marketing

Our established expansion and acquisition strategy and long history of operations in the heavy- and medium-duty truck business have resulted in a strong customer base that is diverse in terms of geography, industry and scale of operations. Rush Truck Centers’ customers include owner operators, regional and national truck fleets, corporations and local governments. During 2008, no single customer of our Rush Truck Centers accounted for more than 10% of our total truck sales by dollar volume. Our Rush Equipment Centers’ customer base is similarly diverse and, during 2008, no single Rush Equipment Center customer accounted for more than 10% of our total construction equipment sales by dollar volume. We generally promote our products and related services through direct customer contact by our sales personnel, advertisements in trade magazines and attendance at industry shows.

We believe that the consistently reliable service received by our customers, our longevity and our geographic diversity have resulted in increased market recognition of the “Rush” brand name and have served to reinforce customer loyalty. In an effort to enhance our name recognition and to communicate the standardized high level of quality products and services provided at our Rush Truck Centers and our Rush Equipment Centers, we implement our “Rush” brand name concept at each of our dealerships. Each of our dealerships is identified as either a Rush Truck Center or Rush Equipment Center.

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Facility Management

Personnel. Each Rush Truck Center and Rush Equipment Center is typically managed by a general manager who oversees the operations, personnel and the financial performance of the location, subject to the direction of our corporate office. Additionally, each Rush Truck Center is typically staffed by a sales manager, parts manager, service manager, sales representatives, parts employees, and other service and makeready employees, as appropriate, given the services offered. The sales staff of each Rush Truck Center and Rush Equipment Center is compensated on a salary plus commission basis, with a high percentage of their compensation consisting of commission, while the general manager, parts manager and service manager receive a combination of salary and performance bonus, with a high percentage of their compensation consisting of the performance bonus. We believe that our employees are among the highest paid in their respective industry which enables us to attract and retain qualified personnel.

On an annual basis, general managers prepare detailed monthly profit and loss forecasts based upon historical information and projected trends. A portion of each general manager’s performance bonus is based upon whether they meet or exceed their operating plans. During the year, general managers regularly review their facility’s progress with senior management and make appropriate adjustments as needed. Most of our employees receive annual performance evaluations.

We have been successful in retaining our senior management and general managers. To promote communication and efficiency in operating standards, general managers and members of senior management attend company-wide strategy sessions each year. In addition, management personnel attend various industry-sponsored leadership and management seminars and receive continuing education on the products we distribute, marketing strategies and management information systems.

Members of senior management regularly travel to each location to provide on-site management and support. Each location is audited regularly for compliance with corporate policies and procedures. These routine unannounced internal audits, objectively measure dealership performance with respect to corporate expectations in the management and administration of sales, truck and equipment inventory, parts inventory, parts sales, service sales, body shop sales, corporate policy compliance, human resources compliance, and environmental and safety compliance matters. The Company has instituted succession planning pursuant to which employees in each Rush Truck Center and Rush Equipment Center are groomed as assistant managers to assume management responsibilities in existing and future dealerships.

Purchasing and Suppliers. We believe that pricing is an important element of our marketing strategy. Because of our size, our Rush Truck Centers benefit from volume purchases at favorable prices that permit them to achieve a competitive pricing position in the industry. We purchase our truck inventory and parts and accessories directly from the manufacturer. All other manufacturers’ parts and accessories, including those of Caterpillar, Cummins and other component manufacturers, are purchased through wholesale vendors or from PACCAR, which buys such products in bulk for resale to the Company and other Peterbilt dealers. All purchasing commitments are negotiated by personnel at our corporate headquarters. We have been able to negotiate favorable pricing levels and terms, which enables us to offer competitive prices for our products. We purchase all of our John Deere construction equipment inventory and John Deere parts directly from John Deere.

Management Information Systems. Each Rush Truck Center and Rush Equipment Center maintains a centralized real-time inventory tracking system which is accessible simultaneously by all locations and by our corporate office. We utilize our management information systems to monitor the inventory level of trucks and parts at each of our dealerships. From information assimilated from management information systems, management has developed a model reflecting historic sales levels of different product lines. This model enables management to identify the appropriate level and combination of inventory and forms the basis of our operating plan. Our management information systems and databases are also used to monitor market conditions and sales information and assess product and expansion strategies.

Information received from manufacturers, industry analysts and industry contacts allows us to determine market share statistics and gross volume sales numbers for our products as well as those of competitors. This information impacts ongoing operations because management remains aware of changes within the markets we service and is able to react accordingly by realigning product lines and by adding new product lines and models.

Distribution and Inventory Management. We utilize a real-time inventory tracking system to maintain a close link between each Rush Truck Center. This link allows for timely and cost-effective sharing of managerial and sales information as well as the prompt transfer of inventory among various locations. The transfer of inventory reduces delays in delivery, helps maximize inventory turns and assists in controlling problems created by overstock and understock

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situations. We are linked directly to our major suppliers, including Peterbilt, GMC, and John Deere, via real-time communication links for purposes of ordering and inventory management. These automated reordering and communication systems allow us to maintain proper inventory levels and permit us to have inventory delivered to our locations, or directly to customers, typically within 24 hours of an order being placed.

Recent Acquisitions and Dispositions

In June 2008, the Company acquired certain assets of Capital Bus Sales and Service of Texas, Inc., which included a Blue Bird bus franchise for the majority of Texas. The Company is selling buses at most Rush Truck Centers throughout Texas. The transaction was valued at approximately \$5.6 million, with the purchase price paid in cash.

In May 2008, the Company acquired certain assets of Peterbilt Carolina, Inc., which included a Peterbilt, Hino and Isuzu heavy- and medium-duty truck dealership in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Company is operating the facility as a full-service Rush Truck Center offering Peterbilt heavy-duty and medium-duty trucks as well as medium-duty trucks manufactured by Hino and Isuzu, and parts and service. The transaction was valued at approximately \$13.4 million, with the purchase price paid in cash.

In May 2008, the Company also acquired the common stock of Adams International Trucks, Inc., an International heavy- and medium-duty truck and Workhorse Custom Chassis dealership in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Company is operating the facility as a full-service Rush Truck Center offering International heavy-duty and medium-duty trucks, parts and service and leasing. The transaction was valued at approximately \$20.1 million, with the purchase price paid in cash. Included in the acquisition was the purchase of Adams Collision Center. The Company also purchased the real estate used in the operations of Adams International Trucks, Inc. for \$6.2 million.

In August 2007, the Company purchased certain assets of San Luis Truck Service Garage, Inc., which consisted of a parts and service center in San Luis Obispo, California. The Company is operating the facility as a Rush Truck Center offering parts and service. The transaction was valued at approximately \$0.8 million, with the purchase price paid in cash.

In March 2007, the Company purchased certain assets of Allen-Jensen, Inc., which consisted of a GMC and Isuzu truck dealership in Waco, Texas. The Company is operating the facility as a full-service Rush Truck Center offering Peterbilt heavy- and medium-duty trucks as well as medium-duty trucks manufactured by GMC and Isuzu, and parts and service. The transaction was valued at approximately \$6.3 million, with the purchase price paid in cash.

In March 2007, the Company purchased certain assets of Advanced Transportation Insurance Services, Inc., an insurance agency headquartered in Laguna Niguel, California. In connection with this acquisition, the Company also purchased the stock of Advance Premium Finance, Inc., a premium finance company associated with Advanced Transportation Insurance Services, Inc. The total transaction was valued at approximately \$2.1 million, with the purchase price financed with cash of \$0.6 million and notes payable of \$1.5 million.

See Note 17 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for a detailed discussion of the allocation of the purchase price of these acquisitions.

Competition

There is, and will continue to be, significant competition both within our current markets and in new markets we may enter. We anticipate that competition between us and other dealers will continue to increase in our current markets and on a national level based on the following:

- the accessibility of dealership locations;
- the number of dealership locations;
- price, value, quality and design of the products sold; and
- attention to customer service (including technical service).

Our new truck products compete with trucks made by other manufacturers and sold through competing independent and factory-owned truck dealerships, including trucks manufactured by Navistar, Mack, Freightliner,

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Kenworth, Volvo, Western Star Truck Holdings, Ltd., and other manufacturers. Kenworth heavy-duty trucks are also manufactured by PACCAR, Peterbilt's parent company, but are distributed through a different network of competing dealers. Our construction equipment products compete with construction equipment manufactured by Case, Caterpillar, Komatsu and other manufacturers. We believe that our dealerships are able to compete with manufacturer-owned dealers, independent dealers, wholesalers, rental service companies and industrial auctioneers in distributing our products because of the following: the overall quality and reputation of the products we sell; "Rush" brand name recognition and reputation for quality service; and our ability to provide comprehensive parts and service support, as well as financing, insurance and other customer services.

Dealership Agreements

Peterbilt. We have entered into nonexclusive dealership agreements with Peterbilt which authorize us to act as a dealer of Peterbilt heavy- and medium-duty trucks. Our Peterbilt areas of responsibility currently encompass areas in the states of Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas. These dealership agreements currently have terms expiring between March 2009 and May 2011 and impose certain operational obligations and financial requirements upon us and our dealerships. The Company's dealership agreements with Peterbilt may be terminable by Peterbilt in the event the aggregate voting power of W. Marvin Rush, W.M. "Rusty" Rush, other members of the Rush family and certain executives of the Company decreases below 30%. These agreements also grant Peterbilt rights of first refusal under certain circumstances relating to any sale or transfer of our dealership locations or if certain Rush family members desire to sell more than 100,000 shares of our voting common stock within a 12-month period to anyone other than family members or certain other specified persons. Any termination or non-renewal of these dealership agreements by Peterbilt must follow certain guidelines established by both state and federal legislation designed to protect motor vehicle dealers from arbitrary termination or non-renewal of franchise agreements. The Automobile Dealers Day in Court Act and other similar state laws provide that the termination or non-renewal of a motor vehicle dealership agreement must be done in "good faith" and upon a showing of "good cause" by the manufacturer for such termination or non-renewal, as such terms have been defined by statute and interpreted in case law.

Other Truck Suppliers. In addition to our truck dealership agreements with Peterbilt, various Rush Truck Centers have entered into dealership agreements with other commercial vehicle manufacturers including Ford, GMC, Hino, Isuzu, UD, International, Blue Bird and Volvo.

Sales of non-Peterbilt medium-duty trucks and buses accounted for approximately 8.1% of our total revenues for 2008. These dealership agreements currently have terms expiring between May 2009 and August 2013. These dealership agreements impose operating requirements upon us and require consent from the affected supplier for sale or transfer of such dealership agreement.

John Deere. We have entered into a nonexclusive dealership agreement with John Deere which authorizes us to act as a dealer of John Deere construction, utility and forestry equipment. This John Deere dealership agreement has no specified term or duration. Our current area of responsibility for the sale of John Deere construction equipment is the greater Houston, Texas metropolitan area. The John Deere dealership agreement imposes operational obligations and financial requirements of the Company. Similar to the dealership agreements with Peterbilt, the dealership agreement with John Deere is terminable if the outstanding aggregate voting power of W. Marvin Rush and

other executives of the Company falls below 25%, grants limited rights of first refusal and imposes certain financial requirements upon us and our dealership. Although some protections exist, construction equipment dealers are not protected from arbitrary termination or non-renewal of dealership agreements by the legislation enacted to protect motor vehicle dealers discussed above.

Other Construction Equipment Suppliers. In addition to John Deere, we are an authorized dealer for suppliers of other construction equipment. The terms of such arrangements vary, but most of these dealership agreements contain termination provisions allowing the supplier to terminate the agreement after a specified notice period (usually 180 days).

Floor Plan Financing

Trucks. We finance substantially our entire new truck inventory and the loan value of our used truck inventory under a floor plan arrangement with General Electric Capital Corporation ("GE Capital"). Effective August 1, 2007, the Company entered into an Amended and Restated Wholesale Security Agreement with GE Capital. Interest under the floor plan financing agreement is payable monthly and the rate varies from LIBOR plus 1.15% to 1.50% depending on the average aggregate month-end balance of debt. As of December 31, 2008, we had approximately \$266.0 million outstanding

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under our GE Capital floor plan arrangement. GE Capital may terminate this agreement without cause upon 120 days notice.

Construction Equipment. We finance substantially our entire new construction equipment inventory under floor plan facilities with John Deere and JPMorgan Chase ("Chase"). Our John Deere facility has no set expiration date and its interest rate is the prime rate plus 1.5%. The facility with Chase expires in June 2009 and the interest rate is the prime rate less 1.5%. As of December 31, 2008, we had \$3.7 million outstanding under the floor plan arrangement with John Deere and \$13.0 million outstanding under the floor plan arrangement with Chase.

Product Warranties

The manufacturers we represent provide retail purchasers of their products with a limited warranty against defects in materials and workmanship, excluding certain specified components that are separately warranted by the suppliers of such components. We do not undertake to provide any warranty to our customers.

We generally sell used trucks and construction equipment in "as is" condition without manufacturer's warranty, although manufacturers sometimes will provide a limited warranty on their used products if such products have been properly reconditioned prior to resale or if the manufacturer's warranty on such product is transferable and has not expired. We do not provide any warranty on used trucks or used construction equipment.

Trademarks

The Peterbilt, John Deere, Volvo, GMC, Hino, Isuzu, Ford, International, Blue Bird and UD trademarks and trade names, which are used in connection with our marketing and sales efforts, are subject to limited licenses included in our dealership agreements with each manufacturer. The licenses are for the same periods as our dealership agreements. These trademarks and trade names are recognized internationally and are important in the marketing of our products. Each licensor engages in a continuous program of trademark and trade name protection. We hold registered trademarks from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for the names "Rush Enterprises," "Rush Truck Center," "Rush Equipment Center," "Associated Truck Insurance Services" and "Chrome Country." We currently have trademark applications for "Rig Tough" pending before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Employees

On December 31, 2008, the Company had 2,706 employees. The Company has no contracts or collective bargaining agreements with labor unions and has never experienced work stoppages. The Company considers its relations with its employees to be good.

Seasonality

The Company's heavy-duty truck business is moderately seasonal. Seasonal effects on new truck sales related to the seasonal purchasing patterns of any single customer type are mitigated by the diverse geographic locations of our dealerships and the Company's diverse customer base, including regional and national fleets, local governments, corporations and owner operators. However, truck parts and service operations historically have experienced higher sales volumes in the second and third quarters.

Seasonal effects in the construction equipment business are primarily driven by the weather. Seasonal effects on construction equipment sales related to the seasonal purchasing patterns of any single customer type are mitigated by the Company's diverse customer base that includes contractors for residential and commercial construction, utility companies, federal, state and local government agencies, and various petrochemical, industrial and material supply type businesses that require construction equipment in their daily operations.

Backlog

On December 31, 2008, the Company's backlog of truck orders was approximately \$106.2 million as compared to a backlog of truck orders of approximately \$216.0 million on December 31, 2007. The Company includes only confirmed orders in its backlog. The delivery time for a custom-ordered truck varies depending on the truck specifications and demand for the particular model ordered, however, the Company expects to fill all of its backlog orders during 2009. The

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Company sells the majority of its new trucks by customer special order, with the remainder sold out of inventory. Orders from a number of the Company's major fleet customers are included in the Company's backlog as of December 31, 2008.

Environmental Standards and Other Governmental Regulations

Our operations are subject to numerous federal, state and local laws and regulations, including laws and regulations designed to protect the environment by regulating the discharge of materials into the environment. EPA emission guidelines have traditionally had a major impact on our operations.

EPA emissions guidelines regarding nitrous oxides are scheduled to go into effect for all diesel engines built subsequent to January 1, 2010. Based on current economic and market conditions, the Company does not expect a strong pre-buy of Class 8 trucks to occur in 2009. The magnitude of any pre-buy will be largely dependent

upon general economic conditions in the U.S. The EPA has also passed regulations requiring manufacturers to install on-board diagnostic systems that monitor the functioning of emission control components and alert the vehicle operator to any detected need for emission-related repair on 2010 and later heavy- and medium-duty trucks, which could also impact demand for trucks.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

An investment in our common stock is subject to risks inherent to our business. In addition to the other information contained in this Form 10-K, we recommend that you carefully consider the following risk factors in evaluating our business. If any of the following risks actually occur, our financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. If this were to happen, the value of our common stock could decline significantly, and you could lose all or part of your investment. Please note that additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business and operations. This report is qualified in its entirety by these risk factors.

Risks Related to Our Business

Our results of operations and financial condition have been and could continue to be adversely affected by the conditions in the credit markets and the declining economic conditions in the United States.

The recent turmoil in the credit markets has resulted in tighter credit conditions and has adversely impacted our business. In the commercial vehicle and construction equipment finance markets, tight credit conditions have resulted in a decrease in the availability of commercial vehicle and construction equipment loans and have led to more stringent lending restrictions. The decrease in availability of credit has adversely impacted demand for new and used construction equipment. Additionally, the declining economic conditions in the United States have adversely impacted general demand for new and used commercial vehicles and construction equipment. As a result, our new and used commercial vehicle and construction equipment sales and margins have been adversely impacted. If the unfavorable economic conditions continue and the availability of financing options remains limited, we anticipate that our commercial vehicle and construction equipment sales and margins will continue to be adversely impacted.

Market conditions could also make it more difficult for us to raise additional capital or obtain additional financing to fund capital expenditure projects or acquisitions. We cannot be certain that additional funds will be available if needed and to the extent required or, if available, on acceptable terms. If we cannot raise necessary additional funds on acceptable terms, there could be an adverse impact on our business and operations. We also may not be able to fund expansion, take advantage of future opportunities or respond to competitive pressures or unanticipated requirements.

We are substantially dependent upon PACCAR for the supply of Peterbilt trucks and parts, the sale of which generate a substantial part of our revenues.

We currently operate as a dealer of Peterbilt trucks and parts pursuant to dealership agreements with Peterbilt. Peterbilt is a division of PACCAR. During 2008, a significant portion of our revenues resulted from sales of trucks purchased from Peterbilt and parts purchased from PACCAR. Due to our dependence on PACCAR and its Peterbilt division, we believe that the long-term success of our Rush Truck Centers depends, in large part, on the following:

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- maintaining our relationship with PACCAR;
- the manufacture and delivery of competitively-priced, high quality Peterbilt trucks and parts by PACCAR in quantities sufficient to meet our requirements;
- the overall success of PACCAR and Peterbilt;
- PACCAR's continuation of its Peterbilt division;
- the goodwill associated with the Peterbilt trademark, which can be adversely affected by decisions made by PACCAR and the owners of other Peterbilt dealerships; and
- the management of the Peterbilt dealership system by PACCAR; and
- continued policy of no direct sales by Peterbilt.

We have no control over the management or operation of PACCAR or Peterbilt dealerships that we do not own.

Our dealership agreements may be terminable upon a change of control and we cannot control whether or not our controlling shareholder and management maintain their current positions.

We have entered into nonexclusive dealership agreements with Peterbilt that authorize us to act as a dealer of Peterbilt trucks. Peterbilt may terminate our dealership agreements in the event of a change of control of the Company or if we violate any number of provisions in the dealership agreements. Under our Peterbilt dealership agreements, a change of control occurs if (i) with respect to the election of directors, the aggregate voting power held by W. Marvin Rush, W. M. "Rusty" Rush, W. Marvin Rush's family members and other executives of the Company decreases below 30% (such persons currently control 34.8% of the aggregate voting power with respect to the election of directors); or (ii) any person or entity other than W. Marvin Rush, W. M. "Rusty" Rush and other Rush executives or any person or entity who has been approved in writing by PACCAR, owns common stock with a greater percentage of the voting power with respect to the election of our directors than W. Marvin Rush and W. M. "Rusty" Rush and other executives of the Company, in the aggregate, or any person other than W. Marvin Rush, W. M. "Rusty" Rush, Robin M. Rush or any person who has been approved in writing by PACCAR holds the office of Chairman of the Board, President or Chief Executive Officer of the Company. We have no control over the transfer or disposition by W. Marvin Rush or by his estate of his common stock. If W. Marvin Rush were to sell his Class B common stock or bequest his Class B common stock to nonfamily members or if his estate is required to liquidate his Class B common stock to pay estate taxes or otherwise, the change of control provisions of the Peterbilt dealership agreements may be triggered and cause us to lose our critical right to sell Peterbilt products. Our John Deere dealership agreement and some of our medium-duty truck dealership agreements are also terminable if the aggregate voting power of W. Marvin Rush and his family falls below certain percentages, typically 25%. If our dealership agreements with any manufacturer we currently represent are terminated, we will lose the right to purchase such manufacturer's products and the right to use certain trademarks, which would have a material adverse effect on our operations, revenues and profitability.

If state dealer laws are repealed or weakened, our dealerships will be more susceptible to termination, nonrenewal or renegotiation of their dealership agreements.

Our truck dealership agreements impose certain operational obligations and financial requirements on us. State dealer laws generally provide that a manufacturer may not terminate or refuse to renew a dealership agreement unless it has first provided the dealer with written notice setting forth good cause and stating the grounds for termination or nonrenewal. Manufacturers' lobbying efforts may lead to the repeal or revision of state motor vehicle dealer laws. If motor vehicle dealer laws are repealed in the states in which we operate dealerships, our manufacturers may be able to terminate our vehicle dealership agreements without providing advance notice, an opportunity to cure or a showing of good cause. Without the protection of state dealer laws, or if such laws are weakened, we will be subject to higher risk of termination or non-renewal of

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Our dealership agreements have relatively short terms which could result in non-renewal or imposition of less favorable terms upon renewal.

Our Peterbilt dealership agreements have current terms expiring between March 2009 and May 2011. Our Volvo dealership agreement has a current term expiring August 2010. Our International dealership agreement has a current term expiring May 2013. Our dealership agreements with GMC, Hino, UD, Ford, Isuzu, and Blue Bird for the sale of medium-duty trucks and buses have current terms expiring between September 2009 and August 2013. Upon expiration of each agreement, we must request and negotiate a renewal. In many states state dealer franchise laws restrict the manufacturer's ability to refuse to renew dealership agreements or to impose new terms upon renewal. To the extent such laws do permit non-renewal or imposition of new terms, the relatively short terms will give the manufacturers the opportunity to exercise such rights. Any non-renewal or imposition of less favorable terms upon renewal could have an adverse impact on our business.

We depend on relationships with component suppliers for sales incentives, discounts and similar programs which are material to our operations.

Each truck we sell is custom-built and each of our customers can choose components from any one of several component suppliers to construct their truck. Therefore, our dealerships depend on the component suppliers for sales incentives, discounts, warranties and other programs that are intended to promote our use of their components. Most of the incentives and discounts are individually negotiated and not always the same as those made available to our competitors. These incentives and discounts are material to our operations. A reduction or discontinuation of a component supplier's incentive program, or our component suppliers making the same incentives and discounts available to our competitors, could materially adversely affect our profitability.

Substantial competition may affect our profitability.

We face vigorous competition for customers and for suitable dealership locations. We compete with a large number of independent and factory-owned dealers, some of which operate in more than one location, but most of which operate in a single location. There is significant competition both within the markets we currently serve and in markets that we may enter. Moreover, our Peterbilt dealership agreements and our dealership agreements with other manufacturers do not contractually provide us with exclusive dealerships in any territory. Manufacturers we represent could elect to create additional dealers in our market areas in the future. While our dealership agreements generally restrict dealers from operating sales or service facilities outside their assigned territory, such agreements do not restrict fleet or other sales or marketing activity outside the assigned territory. Accordingly, we engage in fleet sales and other marketing activities outside our assigned territories and other dealers may engage in similar activities within our territories. Dealer competition continues to increase and is affected by a number of factors including the accessibility of dealership locations, the number of dealership locations, product pricing, product value, product quality, product design and customer service (including technical service). We anticipate that we will continue to face strong competition in the future.

We could incur substantial business interruptions during our dealer management system conversion.

We will continue to implement SAP enterprise software and a new SAP dealership management system throughout the organization during 2009 and 2010. The estimated cost of the implementation is approximately \$30.0 million to \$32.0 million. SAP's dealership management system will become our sole dealership management system for our existing Rush Truck Centers. We currently operate on a KARMAK Legend Enterprise Solution and our Rush Truck Centers operate on KARMAK Legend dealer management system. By implementing SAP, we believe that we will be able to standardize operational processes throughout our network of Rush Truck Centers. However, if our implementation of SAP is unsuccessful, we could incur substantial business interruptions, including the inability to perform routine business transactions, which could have a significant impact on our financial performance.

If we lose key personnel or are unable to attract additional qualified personnel, our business could be adversely affected because we rely on the industry knowledge and relationships of our key personnel.

We believe that our success depends significantly upon the efforts and abilities of our executive management and key employees, including, in particular, W. Marvin Rush and W. M. "Rusty" Rush. Additionally, our business is dependent upon our ability to continue to attract and retain qualified personnel, such as executive officers, managers and sales personnel. The loss of the services of one or more members of our senior management team, including, in particular, W. Marvin Rush or W. M. "Rusty" Rush, could have a material adverse effect on us and materially impair the efficiency and

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productivity of our operations. In addition, the loss of any of our key employees or the failure to attract additional qualified executive officers, managers and sales personnel could have a material adverse effect on our business and may materially impact the ability of our dealerships to conduct their operations in accordance with our business strategy.

Our growth is subject to a number of economic risks.

During economic downturns, new and used commercial vehicle and construction equipment retail sales tend to experience periods of decline characterized by oversupply and weak demand. The commercial vehicle and construction equipment retail industries may experience sustained periods of decline in commercial vehicle and construction equipments sales in the future. Any decline or change of this type could materially affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

As previously discussed, our business is subject to the adverse economic conditions currently present in the United States, including, without limitation, decreased levels of business activity, decreased freight demand, decreased construction activity, interest rate volatility, and limited credit availability. These adverse economic conditions could materially affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our new commercial vehicle and construction equipment sales may differ from industry sales, due to particular economic conditions and other factors in the geographic markets in which we operate. Adverse regional economic and competitive conditions in these areas could materially affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Economic conditions and the other factors described above also may materially adversely impact our sales of finance and insurance products, and parts and repair services.

We may be required to obtain additional financing to maintain adequate inventory levels.

Our business requires inventories held for sale to be maintained at dealer locations in order to facilitate immediate sales to customers on demand. We generally purchase inventories with the assistance of floor plan financing agreements. Our floor plan financing agreements are with companies that have exposure to many different industries and counterparties, and routinely execute transactions with counterparties in the financial services industry, including brokers and dealers, commercial banks, investment banks and other institutional clients. Additionally, our floor plan providers may have exposure to financial institutions in the form of equity investments and unsecured debt instruments. Write-downs of mortgage-backed securities, credit default swaps and other derivative securities, have caused many financial institutions to seek additional capital, to merge with larger and stronger institutions and, in some cases, to fail. Many lenders and institutional investors have reduced, and in some cases, ceased to provide funding to borrowers including other financial institutions such as our floor plan providers. In the event that our floor plan financing becomes insufficient to satisfy our future requirements or our floor plan providers are unable to continue to extend credit under our floor plan agreements, we would need to obtain similar financing from other sources. There is no assurance that such additional floor plan financing or alternate financing could be obtained or, if obtained, that it will be on commercially reasonable terms.

Changes in interest rates could have a material adverse effect on our profitability.

Our floor plan financing agreements and some of our other debt are subject to variable interest rates. Therefore, our interest expense would rise with any increase in interest rates. A rise in interest rates may also have the effect of depressing demand in the interest rate sensitive aspects of our business, particularly new and used commercial vehicle and construction equipment sales, because many of our customers finance these large purchases. As a result, a rise in interest rates may have the effect of simultaneously increasing our costs and reducing our revenues, which could materially affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. See “Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk” for a discussion regarding our interest rate sensitivity.

Natural disasters and adverse weather events can disrupt our business.

Our dealerships are concentrated in states and regions in the United States in which actual or threatened natural disasters and severe weather events (such as hurricanes, earthquakes and hail storms) may disrupt our store operations, which may adversely impact our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows. In addition to business interruption, our business is subject to substantial risk of property loss due to the significant concentration of property at dealership locations. Although we have, subject to certain limitations and exclusions, substantial insurance, we cannot

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assure you that we will not be exposed to uninsured or underinsured losses that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

The dollar amount of our backlog, as stated at any given time, is not necessarily indicative of our future earnings.

As of December 31, 2008, our backlog of new truck orders was approximately \$106.2 million. Our backlog is determined quarterly by multiplying the number of new trucks for each particular type of truck on order at our Rush Truck Centers by the recent average selling price for that type of truck.

We only include confirmed orders in our backlog. However, such orders are subject to cancellation. In the event of order cancellation, we have no contractual right to the total revenues reflected in our backlog. The delivery time for a custom-ordered truck varies depending on the truck specifications and demand for the particular model ordered. We sell the majority of our new heavy-duty trucks by customer special order, with the remainder sold out of inventory. Orders from a number of our major fleet customers are included in our backlog as of December 31, 2008. There can be no assurance that our major fleet customers will not cancel these orders.

Reductions in backlog due to cancellation by a customer or for other reasons adversely affect, potentially to a material extent, the revenue and profit we actually receive from orders projected in our backlog. If we were to experience significant cancellations of orders in our backlog, our financial condition could be significantly adversely affected.

Our dealerships are subject to federal, state and local environmental regulations that may result in claims and liabilities, which could be material.

We are subject to a wide range of federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations, including those governing discharges into the air and water; the operation and removal of underground and aboveground storage tanks; the use, handling, storage and disposal of hazardous substances and other materials; and the investigation and remediation of contamination. As with truck or construction equipment dealerships generally, and service, parts and body shop operations in particular, our business involves the use, storage, handling and contracting for recycling or disposal of hazardous materials or wastes and other environmentally sensitive materials. Operations involving the management of hazardous and nonhazardous materials are subject to requirements of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, or RCRA, and comparable state statutes. Our business also involves the operation of storage tanks containing such materials. Storage tanks are subject to periodic testing, containment, upgrading and removal under RCRA and comparable statutes. Furthermore, investigation or remediation may be necessary in the event of leaks or other discharges from current or former underground or aboveground storage tanks. We may also have liability in connection with materials that were sent to third-party recycling, treatment, or disposal facilities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, and comparable state statutes, which impose liability for investigation and remediation of contamination without regard to fault or the legality of the conduct that contributed to the contamination. Similar to many of our competitors, we have incurred and will continue to incur, capital and operating expenditures and other costs in complying with such laws and regulations.

Soil and groundwater contamination is known to exist at some of our current properties. Further, environmental laws and regulations are complex and subject to change. In addition, in connection with acquisitions, it is possible that we will assume or become subject to new or unforeseen environmental costs or liabilities, some of which may be material. In connection with our dispositions, or prior dispositions made by companies we acquire, we may retain exposure for environmental costs and liabilities, some of which may be material. Compliance with current or amended, or new or more stringent, laws or regulations, stricter interpretations of existing laws or the future discovery of environmental conditions could require additional expenditures by us, and those expenditures could be material.

Negative conditions in global credit markets may impair our investments in auction rate securities.

Auction rate securities (“ARS”) are long-term debt instruments with interest rates reset through periodic short-term auctions. Holders of ARS can either sell into the auction or bid based on a desired interest rate or hold and accept the reset rate. If there are insufficient buyers, then the auction fails and holders are unable to liquidate their investment through the auction. A failed auction is not a default of the debt instrument, but does set a new interest rate in accordance with the original terms of the debt instrument. The result of a failed auction is that the ARS continues to pay interest in accordance with its terms; however, liquidity for holders is limited until there is a successful auction or until such time as another market for ARS develops. ARS are generally callable at any time by the issuer. Auctions continue to be held as scheduled until the ARS matures or until it is called.

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As a result of the recent conditions in the global credit markets, we have been unable to liquidate our holdings of certain ARS because the amount of securities submitted for sale has exceeded the amount of purchase orders for such securities and the auctions failed. As of December 31, 2008, the Company holds approximately \$7.6 million in ARS. For failed auctions, we continue to earn interest on these investments at the contractual rate. In the event we need to access these funds, we will not be able to do so until a future auction is successful, the issuer redeems the securities, a buyer is found outside of the auction process or the securities mature. If these ARS are unable to successfully clear at future auctions or issuers do not redeem the securities, we may be required to adjust the carrying value of the securities and record an impairment charge. If we determine that the fair value of these ARS is temporarily impaired, we would record a temporary impairment within other comprehensive income, a component of stockholders' equity. If it is determined that the fair value of these securities is other than temporarily impaired, we would record a loss in our Consolidated Statements of Income, which could materially adversely impact our results of operations and financial condition. Additionally, it may become necessary to classify failed ARS holdings as long-term investments in our Consolidated Balance Sheets in future periods. For further discussion of the risks related to our auction rate securities, see Note 7 — Investments of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements and Item 7A — Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

Risks Related to Our Common Stock

We are controlled by a single shareholder and his affiliates.

W. Marvin Rush owns approximately 0.1% of our issued and outstanding shares of Class A common stock and 38.2% of our issued and outstanding Class B common stock. W. Marvin Rush and W. M. "Rusty" Rush control more than 34.8% of the aggregate voting power of our outstanding shares and voting power which is superior to that of any other person or group. As a result of such ownership, W. Marvin Rush and W. M. "Rusty" Rush have the power to effectively control the Company, including the election of directors, the determination of matters requiring shareholder approval and other matters pertaining to corporate governance.

The Class A common stock has limited voting power.

Each share of Class A common stock ranks substantially equal to each share of Class B common stock with respect to receipt of any dividends or distributions declared on shares of common stock and the right to receive proceeds on liquidation or dissolution of us after payment of our indebtedness and liquidation preference payments to holders of preferred shares. However, holders of Class A common stock have 1/20th of one vote per share on all matters requiring a shareholder vote, while holders of Class B common stock have one full vote per share.

Our dealership agreements could discourage another company from acquiring us and impede our ability to issue additional stock to raise capital or as consideration for future acquisitions.

A number of our dealership agreements impose restrictions on the sale and transfer of our common stock. These restrictions also may prevent or deter prospective acquirers from acquiring control of us and, therefore, may adversely impact the value of our common stock. For example, under the Peterbilt dealership agreements, except as may be otherwise approved from time to time by Peterbilt, W. Marvin Rush, W. M. "Rusty" Rush, W. Marvin Rush's family members and other of our executives, in the aggregate, are required to retain control of at least 30% of the aggregate voting power of our outstanding shares and voting power equal or superior to that of any other person or group.

In addition, W. Marvin Rush and members of his immediate family have granted Peterbilt a right of first refusal to purchase their respective shares of common stock in the event that any of such individuals desire to transfer in excess of 100,000 shares in any 12-month period to any person other than an immediate family member, an associate or a Dealer Principal (as defined in the Peterbilt dealership agreements). This right of first refusal, the number of shares owned by W. Marvin Rush and the requirement in our dealership agreements that certain dealer principals retain a controlling interest in us, combined with the ability of the Board of Directors to issue shares of preferred stock without further vote or action by the shareholders, may discourage, delay or prevent a change in control without further action by our shareholders, which could adversely affect the market price of our common stock or prevent or delay a merger or acquisition that our shareholders may consider favorable. We do not have the right to waive the right of first refusal or the terms of its dealership agreements in order to accept a favorable offer, but our Board of Directors may redeem the rights under the rights plan to accept a favorable offer.

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Actions by our shareholders or prospective shareholders that would violate any of the above restrictions on our dealership agreements are generally outside our control. If we are unable to renegotiate these restrictions, we may be forced to terminate or sell one or more of our dealerships, which could have a material adverse effect on us. This may also inhibit our ability to acquire additional dealerships. These restrictions also may impede our ability to raise required capital or to issue our stock as consideration for future acquisitions.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None

Item 2. Properties

The Company's corporate headquarters are currently located in New Braunfels, Texas. As of December 2008, the Company also owns or leases numerous facilities relating to our operations in the following states: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas. A Rush Truck Center or Rush Equipment Center may be comprised of one or more locations, generally in close proximity, in the same metropolitan area. These facilities consist primarily of office space, display lots, service facilities, parking lots and offices. The Company believes that its facilities are sufficient for its current needs and are in good condition in all material respects.

The Company's insurance agency occupies approximately 7,000 square feet of leased space in San Antonio, Texas; 2,000 square feet of leased space in Winter Garden, Florida; 525 square feet of leased space in Austin, Texas; 800 square feet of leased space in Chino, California; and 2,440 square feet of leased space in Laguna Niguel, California. The Company leases a hangar in New Braunfels, Texas for the corporate aircraft. The Company also owns and operates a hunting ranch of approximately 9,500 acres in Cotulla, Texas. The Company uses the ranch for client development purposes and sells hunting trips on the ranch.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we are involved in litigation arising out of the Company's operations in the ordinary course of business. We maintain liability insurance, including product liability coverage, in amounts deemed adequate by management. To date, aggregate costs to us for claims, including product liability actions, have not been material. However, an uninsured or partially insured claim, or claim for which indemnification is not available, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition. We believe that there are no claims or litigation pending, the outcome of which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations. However, due to the inherent uncertainty of litigation, there can be no assurance that the resolution of any particular claim or proceeding would not have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations for the fiscal period in which such resolution occurred.

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

No matters were submitted to a vote of the Company's shareholders during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

[Table of Contents](#)**PART II****Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Shareholder Matters, and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

Our common stock trades on The NASDAQ Global Select MarketSM under the symbols RUSHA and RUSHB.

The following table sets forth the high and low sales prices for the Class A common stock and Class B common stock for the fiscal periods indicated and as quoted on The NASDAQ Global Select MarketSM.

	2008		2007	
	High	Low	High	Low
Class A Common Stock				
First Quarter	\$ 18.78	\$ 14.00	\$ 13.65	\$ 11.07
Second Quarter	17.27	11.90	17.12	12.66
Third Quarter	15.14	10.66	19.95	14.55
Fourth Quarter	12.69	5.29	18.85	13.97
Class B Common Stock				
First Quarter	\$ 18.25	\$ 13.41	\$ 12.93	\$ 10.34
Second Quarter	16.16	10.35	16.23	11.93
Third Quarter	14.04	9.56	18.86	14.09
Fourth Quarter	12.70	5.75	18.58	13.81

As of March 4, 2008, there were approximately 44 record holders of the Class A common stock and approximately 50 record holders of the Class B common stock and approximately 3,101 beneficial holders of the Class A common stock and approximately 775 beneficial holders of the Class B common stock.

On September 20, 2007, our Board of Directors declared a 3-for-2 stock split of the Class A common stock and Class B common stock, to be effected in the form of a stock dividend. On October 10, 2007, Rush Enterprises, Inc. distributed one additional share of stock for every two shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock held by shareholders of record as of October 1, 2007. The high and low sales prices set forth above have been adjusted and restated to reflect the stock dividend as if it occurred on the first day of the earliest period presented.

Other than the stock dividend in connection with the stock split described above, the Company did not pay dividends during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 or the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. The Board of Directors intends to retain any earnings of the Company to support operations and to finance expansion and does not intend to pay cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Any future determination as to the payment of dividends will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Company and will depend on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements and such other factors as the Board of Directors deems relevant.

The Company has not sold any securities in the last three years that were not registered under the Securities Act.

A summary of the repurchase activity for the Company's fourth quarter of 2008 is as follows:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased (1)	Average Price Paid Per Share (1)	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (2)	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (3)
October 1 — October 31, 2008	860,628	\$ 9.13	860,628	\$ 2,093,321
November 1 — November 30, 2008	—	—	—	2,093,321
December 1 — December 31, 2008	—	—	—	2,093,321
Total	860,628		860,628	\$ 2,093,321

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- (1) The calculation of the average price paid per share does not give effect to any fees, commissions or other costs associated with the repurchase of such shares.
- (2) The shares represent Class B common stock repurchased by the Company.
- (3) The Company repurchased shares under a program announced on July 23, 2008, which authorized the repurchase of up to \$20,000,000 of its shares of Class A common stock and/or Class B common stock. The stock repurchase program has no expiration date and may be suspended or discontinued at any time.

Information regarding the Company's equity compensation plans is incorporated by reference from Item 12, "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Shareholder Matters," of this annual report on Form 10-K, and should be considered an integral part of this Item 5.

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The information below was derived from the audited consolidated financial statements included in this report and reports we have previously filed with the SEC. This information should be read together with those consolidated financial statements and the notes to those consolidated financial statements. These historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected in the future. The selected financial data presented below may not be comparable between periods in all material respects or indicative of the Company's future financial position or results of operations due primarily to acquisitions and discontinued operations which occurred during the periods

presented. See Note 17 to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of such acquisitions. The selected financial data presented below should be read in conjunction with the Company's other financial information included elsewhere herein.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
(in thousands, except per share amounts)					
SUMMARY OF INCOME STATEMENT DATA					
Revenues					
New and used truck sales	\$ 1,041,189	\$ 1,393,253	\$ 1,780,418	\$ 1,400,736	\$ 738,225
Parts and service	478,439	480,611	441,424	365,908	285,206
Construction equipment sales	62,168	74,986	59,545	41,692	32,305
Lease and rental	54,813	52,103	41,776	33,975	27,193
Finance and insurance	12,291	21,663	19,197	15,356	7,909
Other	6,056	8,163	8,163	7,103	4,141
Total revenues	1,654,956	2,030,779	2,350,523	1,864,770	1,094,979
Cost of products sold	1,358,244	1,678,711	1,997,856	1,582,078	909,837
Gross profit	296,712	352,068	352,667	282,692	185,142
Selling, general and administrative	228,057	240,661	230,056	188,667	141,947
Depreciation and amortization	15,878	14,935	12,889	10,487	9,119
Operating income from continuing operations	52,777	96,472	109,722	83,538	34,076
Interest expense, net	7,830	14,909	15,718	12,895	5,950
Gain on sale of assets	140	239	54	495	624
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	45,087	81,802	94,058	71,138	28,750
Provision for income taxes	16,222	30,310	35,272	26,513	11,574
Income from continuing operations	28,865	51,492	58,786	44,625	17,176
(Loss) from discontinued operations, net	0	0	0	0	(260)
Net income	\$ 28,865	\$ 51,492	\$ 58,786	\$ 44,625	\$ 16,916
Earnings Per Share:					
Earnings per Common Share — Basic					
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.76	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.57	\$ 1.23	\$ 0.73
Net income	\$ 0.75	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.57	\$ 1.23	\$ 0.72
Earnings per Common Share — Diluted					
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.76	\$ 1.33	\$ 1.55	\$ 1.19	\$ 0.69
Net income	\$ 0.75	\$ 1.33	\$ 1.55	\$ 1.19	\$.068
Basic weighted average shares	38,089	38,059	37,476	36,303	23,526
Diluted weighted average shares and assumed conversions	38,587	38,746	37,890	37,436	24,911

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	Year Ended December 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
OPERATING DATA					
Number of locations —	54	54	52	48	39
Unit truck sales —					
New trucks	9,289	12,712	16,492	12,918	7,140
Used trucks	3,234	4,101	4,005	3,677	2,716
Total unit trucks sales	12,523	16,813	20,497	16,595	9,856
Truck lease and rental units	2,570	2,404	2,345	1,798	1,427
BALANCE SHEET DATA					
	December 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
(in thousands)					
Working capital	\$ 177,117	\$ 197,805	\$ 156,297	\$ 126,137	\$ 138,241
Inventories	362,234	365,947	484,696	338,212	189,792
Total assets	1,056,790	1,031,591	1,128,410	840,234	565,933
Floor plan notes payable	282,702	273,653	446,354	315,985	168,002
Line-of-credit borrowings	—	—	—	2,755	2,434
Long-term debt, including current portion	209,677	198,945	192,124	133,152	96,056
Capital lease obligations, including current portion	14,820	17,543	17,732	16,905	—
Shareholders' equity	416,041	399,577	339,608	273,620	222,807

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

General

The ongoing weakness in the economy and deteriorating credit markets continue to impact consumer confidence and spending, and ultimately, our financial performance. These factors also make it extremely difficult for the Company to forecast future results of operations.

A.C.T. Research Co., LLC ("A.C.T. Research"), a truck industry data and forecasting service provider, currently predicts U.S. retail sales of Class 8 trucks of approximately 124,600 units in 2009, a 10.9% decline from the number of deliveries in 2008. However, the Company expects that 2009 sales of Class 8 units could be as low as 110,000 to 120,000 units. The Company expects the first quarter of 2009 to be the weakest quarter since the truck market downturn began in 2007. Based on current economic and market conditions, the Company does not expect a significant pre-buy of Class 8 trucks to occur in 2009 as a result of diesel emissions regulations that go into effect in 2010. However, the Company expects demand for new Class 8 trucks to gradually increase due to the age of vehicles in operation and impending 2010 diesel emissions regulations.

Medium-duty truck sales declined 31% in 2008 as compared to 2007. A.C.T. Research currently predicts U.S. retail sales of Class 4, 5, 6, and 7 medium-duty trucks of approximately 167,500 units in 2009, a 5% decline from the number of deliveries in 2008. The Company believes U.S. retail sales of medium-duty trucks in 2009 could be off as much as 15% compared to 2008.

The Company's parts, service and body shop sales decreased 0.5% in 2008 compared to 2007. The Company's truck dealerships overall absorption rate was 105.5% in 2008 compared to 104.5% in 2007, while same store absorption rate increased to 106.2% for 2008.

In 2008, the Company's construction equipment segment revenue decreased by 13.8%. This decrease was largely attributable to the weakening construction market in the Houston area. Current industry forecasts suggest that construction equipment sales will decline approximately 30% in the Company's area of responsibility during 2009.

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The Company is continuing its strategic focus to improve the quality of earnings by building a network that is diverse in product offerings, customer base and geography.

Stock Dividend

On September 20, 2007, our shareholders approved an amendment to Rush Enterprises, Inc.'s Restated Articles of Incorporation increasing the total number of authorized shares of Class A common stock from 40,000,000 to 60,000,000 and total number of authorized shares of Class B common stock from 10,000,000 to 20,000,000. On the same date, our Board of Directors declared a 3-for-2 stock split of the Class A common stock and Class B common stock, to be effected in the form of a stock dividend. On October 10, 2007, Rush Enterprises, Inc. distributed one additional share of stock for every two shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock held by shareholders of record as of October 1, 2007. All share and per share data (except par value) in this Form 10-K have been adjusted and restated to reflect the stock dividend as if it occurred on the first day of the earliest period presented.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The Company's discussion and analysis of its financial condition and results of operations are based on the Company's consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of these consolidated financial statements requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. There can be no assurance that actual results will not differ from those estimates. The Company believes the following accounting policies, which are also described in Note 2 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, affect its more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of its consolidated financial statements.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market value. Cost is determined by specific identification of new and used truck and construction equipment inventory and by the first-in, first-out method for tires, parts and accessories. An allowance is provided when it is anticipated that cost will exceed net realizable value plus a reasonable profit margin.

Goodwill

As stated in Note 2 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, the Financial Accounting Standards Board's (the "FASB") Statement No. 142, "*Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*" ("SFAS 142") requires that goodwill and other intangible assets that have indefinite lives not be amortized but instead be tested at least annually by reporting unit for impairment, or more frequently when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired, and intangible assets that have finite useful lives should continue to be amortized over their useful lives. For indefinite lived intangible assets, impairment is tested by comparing the carrying value of the asset to the fair value of the reporting unit, which is the same as the segment to which they are assigned.

For its goodwill impairment tests, the Company determines the fair value of its reporting units using the discounted cash flow method. The discounted cash flow method uses various assumptions and estimates regarding future revenue, expenses and cash flow projections. The analysis is based upon available information regarding expected future cash flows of each reporting unit discounted at rates consistent with the cost of capital specific to the reporting unit. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit exceeds the estimated fair value determined using the discounted cash flow method, then goodwill impairment may be present.

Goodwill was tested for impairment during the fourth quarter of 2008 and no impairment write down was required. However, the Company cannot predict the occurrence of certain events that might adversely affect the reported value of goodwill in the future. Such events may include, but are not limited to, strategic decisions made in response to economic and competitive conditions or the impact of the current economic environment.

Revenue Recognition Policies

Income on the sale of a truck or a piece of construction equipment is recognized when the customer executes a purchase contract with us, the unit has been delivered to the customer and there are no significant uncertainties related to financing or collectability. Lease and rental income is recognized over the period of the related lease or rental agreement.

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Parts and service revenue is recognized at the time the Company sells the parts to its customers or at the time the Company completes the service work order related to service provided to the customer's unit. Payments received on prepaid maintenance plans are deferred as a component of accrued expenses and recognized as income when the maintenance is performed.

Finance and Insurance Revenue Recognition

Finance income related to the sale of a unit is recognized when the finance contract is sold to a finance company. During 2008, 2007 and 2006, finance contracts were not retained by the Company for any significant length of time because finance contracts are generally sold to finance companies concurrent with the sale of the related unit. The Company arranges financing for customers through various retail funding sources and receives a commission from the lender equal to either the difference between the interest rates charged to customers over the predetermined interest rates set by the financing institution or a commission for the placement of contracts. The Company also receives commissions from the sale of various insurance products to customers. Revenue is recognized by the Company upon the sale of such finance and insurance contracts to the finance and insurance companies net of a provision for estimated repossession losses and interest charge-backs on finance contracts. The Company is not the obligor under any of these underlying contracts. In the case of finance contracts, a customer may prepay, or fail to pay, thereby terminating the underlying contract. If the customer terminates a retail finance contract or other insurance product prior to scheduled maturity, a portion of the commissions previously paid to the Company may be charged back to the Company depending on the terms of the relevant contracts. The estimate of ultimate charge-back exposure is based on the Company's historical charge-back expense

arising from similar contracts, including the impact of refinance and default rates on retail finance contracts and cancellation rates on other insurance products. The actual amount of historical charge-backs has not been significantly different than the Company's estimates.

Insurance Accruals

The Company is partially self-insured for medical, workers compensation, and property and casualty insurance and calculates a reserve for those claims that have been incurred but not reported and for the remaining portion of those claims that have been reported. The Company uses information provided by third-party administrators to determine the reasonableness of the calculations it performs.

Accounting for Income Taxes

Significant management judgment is required to determine the provisions for income taxes and to determine whether deferred tax assets will be realized in full or in part. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. When it is more likely than not that all or some portion of specific deferred income tax assets will not be realized, a valuation allowance must be established for the amount of deferred income tax assets that are determined not to be realizable. The Company has a valuation allowance related to deferred tax assets in certain states. Accordingly, the facts and financial circumstances impacting state deferred income tax assets are reviewed quarterly and management's judgment is applied to determine the amount of valuation allowance required in any given period.

Additionally, despite the Company's belief that its tax return positions are consistent with applicable tax law, management believes that certain positions may be challenged by taxing authorities. Settlement of any challenge can result in no change, a complete disallowance, or some partial adjustment reached through negotiations.

Effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted FIN 48. This interpretation clarified the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in the financial statements by prescribing a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. FIN 48 prescribes how a company should recognize, measure, present and disclose uncertain tax positions that the company has taken or expects to take in its income tax returns. FIN 48 requires that only income tax benefits that meet the "more likely than not" recognition threshold be recognized or continue to be recognized on its effective date. The Company's income tax expense includes the impact of reserve provisions and changes to reserves that it considers appropriate, as well as related interest. Unfavorable settlement of any particular issue would require use of the Company's cash and a charge to income tax expense. Favorable resolution would be recognized as a reduction to income tax expense at the time of resolution.

For additional information regarding the adoption of FIN 48, see Note 15 of Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Stock Based Compensation

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment," ("SFAS 123(R)"), which requires the measurement and recognition of compensation expense for all share-based payment awards made to the Company's employees and directors including employee stock options, restricted share awards and employee stock purchases related to the Employee Stock Purchase Plan based on estimated fair values.

The Company adopted SFAS 123(R) using the modified prospective transition method, which requires the application of the accounting standard as of January 1, 2006. The Company's Consolidated Financial Statements reflect the impact of SFAS 123(R). Stock-based compensation expense related to stock options and employee stock purchases under SFAS 123(R) for the year ended December 31, 2008, was \$3.6 million, for the year ended December 31, 2007, was \$3.4 million and for the year ended December 31, 2006, was \$2.6 million.

SFAS 123(R) requires companies to estimate the fair value of share-based payment awards on the date of grant using an option-pricing model. The fair value of the portion of the award that is ultimately expected to vest is recognized as expense over the requisite service periods in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income. Stock-based compensation expense is based on the fair value of the portion of share-based payment awards that is ultimately expected to vest during the period. In conjunction with the adoption of SFAS 123(R), compensation expense for all share-based payment awards is recognized using the straight-line single-option method. As stock-based compensation expense recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Income is based on awards ultimately expected to vest, it has been reduced for estimated forfeitures. SFAS 123(R) requires forfeitures to be estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates.

The Company continues to use the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. For additional information, see Note 12. The Company's determination of fair value of share-based payment awards on the date of grant using an option-pricing model is affected by the Company's stock price as well as assumptions regarding a number of highly complex and subjective variables. These variables include, but are not limited to, the Company's expected stock price volatility over the term of the awards, and actual and projected stock option exercise behaviors. Option-pricing models were developed for use in estimating the value of traded options that have no vesting or hedging restrictions and are fully transferable. Because the Company's stock options have certain characteristics that are significantly different from traded options, and because changes in the subjective assumptions can materially affect the estimated value, in management's opinion, the existing valuation models may not provide an accurate measure of the fair value of the Company's stock options. Although the fair value of stock options is determined in accordance with SFAS 123(R) using an option-pricing model, that value may not be indicative of the fair value observed in a market transaction between a willing buyer and a willing seller.

New Accounting Standards

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141(R), "Business Combinations" ("SFAS 141(R)"), which establishes principles and requirements for how the acquirer: (a) recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree; (b) recognizes and measures the goodwill acquired in the business combination or a gain from a bargain purchase; and (c) determines what information to disclose to enable users of the financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business combination. SFAS 141(R) requires contingent consideration to be recognized at its fair value on the acquisition date and, for certain arrangements, changes in fair value to be recognized in earnings until settled. SFAS 141(R) also requires acquisition-related transaction and restructuring costs to be expensed rather than treated as part of the cost of the acquisition. SFAS 141(R) applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. The Company does not expect the adoption of SFAS 141(R) to have a significant impact on its consolidated results of operations and financial position, but will impact accounting for any business combinations that close on or after January 1, 2009.

In June 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position EITF 03-6-1, "Determining Whether Instruments Granted in Share-Based Payment Transactions are Participating Securities." EITF 03-6-1 requires unvested share-based payment awards that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents to be treated as participating securities as defined in EITF Issue No. 03-6, "Participating Securities and the Two-Class Method under FASB Statement No. 128," and, therefore, included in the earnings allocation in computing earnings per share under the two-class method described in FASB Statement No. 128, "Earnings per Share." Upon adoption, all previously reported earnings per share data should be

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adjusted retrospectively to conform with the requirements of EITF 03-6-1. The Company is required to adopt EITF 03-6-1 starting in 2009. The Company does not expect EITF 03-6-1 to have an effect on its consolidated financial statements.

Key Performance Indicator

Absorption Rate. The management of the Company uses several performance metrics to evaluate the performance of its dealerships. The Company considers its “absorption rate” to be of critical importance. Absorption rate is calculated by dividing the gross profit from the parts, service and body shop departments by the overhead expenses of all of a dealership’s departments, except for the selling expenses of the new and used truck departments and carrying costs of new and used truck inventory. When 100% absorption is achieved, then gross profit from the sale of a truck, after sales commissions and inventory carrying costs, directly impacts operating profit. In 1999, the Company’s truck dealerships’ absorption rate was approximately 80%. The Company has made a concerted effort to increase its absorption rate since then. The Company’s truck dealerships achieved a 104.5% absorption rate for the year in 2007 and 105.5% absorption rate for the year in 2008.

Results of Operations

The following discussion and analysis includes the Company’s historical results of operations for 2008, 2007 and 2006.

The following table sets forth for the years indicated certain financial data as a percentage of total revenues:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
New and used truck sales	62.9 %	68.6 %	75.8 %
Parts and service	28.9	23.7	18.8
Construction equipment sales	3.8	3.7	2.5
Lease and rental	3.3	2.5	1.8
Finance and insurance	0.7	1.1	0.8
Other	0.4	0.4	0.3
Total revenues	100.0	100.0	100.0
Cost of products sold	82.0	82.7	85.0
Gross profit	18.0	17.3	15.0
Selling, general and administrative	13.8	11.9	9.8
Depreciation and amortization	1.0	0.7	0.5
Operating income	3.2	4.7	4.7
Interest expense, net	0.5	0.7	0.7
Income before income taxes	2.7	4.0	4.0
Income taxes	1.0	1.5	1.5
Net income	1.7 %	2.5 %	2.5 %

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The following table sets forth the unit sales and revenue for new heavy-duty, new medium-duty and used trucks and the absorption rate for the years indicated (revenue in millions):

	2008	2007	2006	% Change	
				2008 vs 2007	2007 vs 2006
Truck unit sales:					
New heavy-duty trucks	5,516	7,230	11,799	-23.7 %	-38.7 %
New medium-duty trucks	3,773	5,482	4,693	-31.2 %	16.8 %
Total new truck unit sales	9,289	12,712	16,492	-26.9 %	-22.9 %
Used trucks	3,234	4,101	4,005	-21.1 %	2.4 %
Truck revenue:					
New heavy-duty trucks	\$ 665.5	\$ 871.8	\$ 1,317.9	-23.7 %	-33.8 %
New medium-duty trucks	222.1	289.4	253.0	-23.3 %	14.4 %
Total new truck revenue	\$ 887.6	\$ 1,161.2	\$ 1,570.9	-23.6 %	-26.1 %
Used truck revenue	\$ 149.9	\$ 211.7	\$ 191.9	-29.2 %	10.3 %
Other truck revenue(1)	\$ 3.7	\$ 20.4	\$ 17.6	-81.9 %	15.9 %
Truck dealership absorption rate:	105.5 %	104.5 %	105.2 %	1.0 %	-0.7 %

(1) Includes sales of glider kits, truck bodies, trailers and other new equipment.

Industry

We currently operate in the heavy- and medium-duty truck and construction equipment markets. There has historically been a high correlation in both of these markets between new product sales, the rate of change in U.S. industrial production and the U.S. gross domestic product.

Heavy-Duty Truck Market

The Company serves the southern U.S. retail heavy-duty truck market, which is affected by a number of factors relating to general economic conditions, including fuel prices, government regulation, interest rate fluctuations, economic recessions and customer business cycles. In addition, unit sales of new trucks have historically been

subject to substantial cyclical variation based on such general economic conditions. According to data published by A.C.T. Research, in recent years total U.S. retail sales of new Class 8 trucks have ranged from a low of approximately 140,000 in 2001 and 2008 to a high of approximately 291,000 in 2006. Class 8 trucks are defined by the American Automobile Association as trucks with a minimum gross vehicle weight rating above 33,000 pounds. The Company's share of the U.S. Class 8 truck sales market decreased approximately 15% to 3.9% in 2008, down from 4.6% in 2007. We attribute the majority of this decrease in market share to the fact that most of our major fleet customers did not purchase any vehicles in 2008. We believe that our share of the U.S. Class 8 truck sales market should return to approximately 4.3% to 4.6% when our large fleet customers resume normal purchasing practices.

Typically, Class 8 trucks are assembled by manufacturers utilizing certain components manufactured by other companies, including engines, transmissions, axles, wheels and other components. As trucks and truck components have become increasingly complex, the ability to provide state-of-the-art service for a wide variety of truck equipment has become a competitive factor in the industry. The ability to provide such service requires a significant capital investment in diagnostic and other equipment, parts inventory and highly trained service personnel. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and U.S. Department of Transportation ("DOT") regulatory guidelines for service processes, including body shop, paint work and waste disposal, require sophisticated operating and testing equipment to ensure compliance with environmental and safety standards. Additionally, we believe that more of our customers will lease Class 8 trucks as fleets, particularly private fleets, seek to establish full-service leases or rental contracts, which provide for turnkey service including parts, maintenance and, potentially, fuel, fuel tax reporting and other services. Differentiation between truck dealers has become less dependent on pure price competition and is increasingly based on a dealer's ability to offer a wide variety of services to their clients. Such services include the following: efficient, conveniently located and easily accessible truck service centers with an adequate supply of replacement parts; financing for truck purchases; leasing and rental

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programs; and the ability to accept multiple unit trade-ins related to large fleet purchases. We believe our one-stop center concept and the size and geographic diversity of our dealer network gives us a competitive advantage in providing these services.

A.C.T. Research currently estimates approximately 124,600 new Class 8 trucks will be sold in the United States in 2009, compared to approximately 140,000 new trucks sold in 2008. However, the Company believes that 2009 sales of Class 8 trucks could be as low as 110,000 to 120,000. A.C.T. Research currently forecasts sales of Class 8 trucks in the U.S. to be approximately 170,000 in 2010. The Company expects the first quarter of 2009 to be the weakest quarter since the truck market downturn began in 2007. Based on current economic and market conditions, the Company does not expect a significant pre-buy of Class 8 trucks to occur in 2009 as a result of diesel emissions regulations that go into effect in 2010. However, the Company believes that demand for new Class 8 trucks will gradually increase throughout 2009 due to the age of vehicles in operation and impending 2010 diesel emissions regulations if general economic conditions begin to improve.

Medium-Duty Truck Market

Many of our Rush Truck Centers sell medium-duty trucks manufactured by Peterbilt, International, GMC, Hino, UD, Ford or Isuzu, and all of our Rush Truck Centers provide parts and service for medium-duty trucks. Medium-duty trucks are principally used in short-haul, local markets as delivery vehicles. Medium-duty trucks typically operate locally and generally do not venture out of their service areas overnight.

A.C.T. Research currently forecasts sales of Class 4 through 7 trucks in the U.S. to be approximately 167,500 in 2009 compared to 176,000 in 2008. The Company believes that U.S. retail sales of medium-duty trucks could be off as much as 15% compared to 2008, resulting in sales of only approximately 150,000 medium-duty trucks in 2009. A.C.T. Research currently forecasts sales of Class 4 through 7 trucks in the U.S. to be approximately 176,500 in 2010. See Note 17 to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of the Company's medium-duty acquisitions in 2008.

Construction Equipment Market

Our Rush Equipment Centers are authorized John Deere construction equipment dealers serving Southeast Texas. According to data compiled by John Deere, approximately 2,404 units of construction equipment were put into use in our area of responsibility in 2008 compared to 2,949 in 2007. In 2008, we expect new construction equipment unit sales to decrease approximately 25% to 30% in our area of responsibility to approximately 1,800 units. John Deere's market share in the Houston area construction equipment market, which includes shipments of John Deere equipment to customers that did not purchase such equipment from a Rush Equipment Center, decreased to 18.2% in the in 2008 from 22.2% in 2007. The Company's market share in the Houston area construction equipment market decreased to 16.9% in 2008 from 18.4% in 2007. This decrease in market share was largely attributable to other manufacturer's dealers purchasing large quantities of equipment to add to their rental fleets. Our Rush Equipment Centers have the right to sell new John Deere construction equipment and parts within its assigned area of responsibility, which means competition within its market comes primarily from dealers of competing manufacturers and rental companies.

John Deere equipment users are a diverse group that includes residential and commercial construction businesses, independent rental companies, utility companies, government agencies, and various petrochemical, industrial and material supply businesses. Industry statistics suggest that a majority of all construction equipment is owned by a relatively small percentage of the customer base. Accordingly, John Deere and its dealer group, including Rush Equipment Center, are aggressively developing more sophisticated ways to serve large equipment fleet owners.

Market factors affecting the construction equipment industry include the following:

- levels of commercial, residential, and public construction activities; and
- state and federal highway and road construction appropriations.

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Year Ended December 31, 2008 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2007

Revenues

Revenues decreased \$375.8 million, or 18.5%, in 2008 compared to 2007. Sales of new and used trucks decreased \$352.1 million, or 25.3%, in 2008 compared to 2007. Uncertain economic conditions, the weak freight environment, slowing construction markets, historically high fuel prices and tight credit markets contributed to decreased demand for Class 8, medium-duty and used trucks in 2008.

The Company sold 5,516 heavy-duty units in 2008, a 23.7% decrease compared to 7,230 heavy-duty trucks in 2007. According to A.C.T. Research, the U.S. Class 8 truck market decreased 11.2% in 2008 compared to 2007. The Company's share of the U.S. Class 8 truck sales market decreased approximately 15% to 3.9% in 2008, down from 4.6% in 2007. The Company expects its share to range between 3.9% and 4.1% of the U.S. Class 8 truck market in 2009, which would result in the sale of

approximately 4,400 to 4,800 Class 8 trucks based on our current retail sales estimates of 110,000 to 120,000 units. These estimates are based on our assumption that most of our large fleet customers will not resume normal purchasing practices until 2010.

The Company sold 3,773 medium-duty trucks in 2008, a 31.2% decrease compared to 5,482 medium-duty trucks in 2007. Overall, new medium-duty truck sales revenue decreased approximately \$67.3 million, or 23.3%, in 2008 compared to 2007. A.C.T. Research estimates that unit sales of Class 4 through 7 trucks in the U.S. decreased approximately 27% in 2008 compared to the 2007. In 2008, the Company achieved a 2.1% share of the Class 4 through 7 truck sales market in the U.S. down from 2.2% in 2007. The Company expects its share to range between 1.9% to 2.0% of the U.S. Class 4 through 7 truck sales market in 2009, which would result in the sale of approximately 3,200 to 3,500 Class 4 through 7 trucks based on A.C.T. Research's current 2009 U.S. retail sales estimates of approximately 167,500 units.

The Company sold 3,234 used trucks in 2008, a 21.1% decrease compared to 4,101 used trucks in 2007. Used truck average revenue per unit decreased by approximately 10.2% in 2008. For 2009, used truck sales volumes and prices will be primarily driven by general economic conditions, fuel prices and the availability of credit, which collectively have had a severe impact on this market during 2008. The Company does not believe that demand for used trucks will increase until general economic conditions begin to improve and credit is made available to a wider range of buyers on reasonable terms. The Company is hopeful this will happen in the second half of 2009. Accordingly, the Company expects to sell approximately 2,800 to 3,200 used trucks in 2009.

Parts and service sales decreased \$2.2 million, or 0.5%, in 2008 compared to 2007. Same store parts and service sales decreased \$19.9 million, or 4.1%, in 2008 compared to 2007 primarily due to weakening economic conditions. The Company expects parts and service sales to decrease slightly during 2009 relative to 2008.

Sales of new and used construction equipment decreased \$12.8 million, or 17.1%, in 2008 compared to 2007. This decrease was largely attributable to the weakening construction market in the Houston area. John Deere's rolling twelve month average market share in the Houston area construction equipment market decreased to 18.2% as of December 31, 2008 from a rolling twelve month average of 22.2% as of December 31, 2007. This decrease in market share was largely attributable to other manufacturer's dealers purchasing large quantities of equipment to add to their rental fleets. In 2009, the Company expects new construction equipment unit sales in our area of responsibility to decrease approximately 25% to 30%, compared to 2008.

Truck lease and rental revenues increased \$2.7 million, or 5.2%, in 2008 compared to 2007. This increase in lease and rental revenue is consistent with management's expectations, considering the increased number of units put into service in the rental fleet during 2008, which was primarily due to the acquisition of an Idealease location in North Carolina. The lease and rental fleet increased approximately 6.9% to 2,570 units at December 31, 2008 from 2,404 units at December 31, 2007. The Company expects lease and rental revenue to increase approximately 2% to 5% in 2009 compared to 2008.

Finance and insurance revenues decreased \$9.4 million, or 43.3%, in 2008 compared to 2007. The decrease in finance and insurance revenue is a direct result of the decline in truck sales and the tight credit market. The Company expects finance and insurance revenue to fluctuate proportionately with the new Class 8 truck market in 2009. Finance and insurance revenues have limited direct costs and, therefore, contribute a disproportionate share of the Company's operating profits.

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Other income decreased \$2.1 million, or 25.8% in 2008 compared to 2007. Other income consists primarily of the gain on sale realized on trucks from the lease and rental fleet, commissions earned from John Deere for direct manufacturer sales into our area of responsibility, document fees related to truck sales and purchase discounts.

Gross Profit

Gross profit decreased \$55.4 million, or 15.7%, in 2008 compared to 2007. Gross profit as a percentage of sales increased to 18.0% in 2008 from 17.3% in 2007. This increase is primarily a result of a change in our product sales mix. Truck sales, a lower margin revenue item, decreased as a percentage of total revenue to 62.9% in 2008 from 68.6% in 2007. Parts and service revenue, a higher margin revenue item, increased as a percentage of total revenue to 28.9% in 2008 from 23.7% in 2007.

Gross margins on Class 8 truck sales decreased to 7.7% in 2008 from 8.6% in 2007. A large portion of the decrease in gross margins on Class 8 trucks was due to write-downs on the value of new truck inventory throughout 2008. Gross margins on Class 8 truck sales were also negatively impacted by decreased demand for new trucks as a result of uncertain economic conditions, the weak freight environment, historically high fuel prices throughout most of 2008, and tightening credit markets. In 2009, the Company expects overall gross margins from Class 8 truck sales of approximately 6.0% to 7.0%. The Company continually evaluates its reserve for new truck valuation losses. The Company recorded expense of \$5.2 million to increase its new heavy-duty truck valuation allowance in 2008 and \$3.3 million in 2007.

Gross margins on medium-duty truck sales decreased to 5.1% in 2008 from 5.5% in 2007. Medium-duty gross margins were negatively impacted by the same factors that adversely impacted gross margins on Class 8 truck sales in 2008. Gross margins on medium-duty trucks are difficult to forecast accurately because gross margins vary significantly depending upon the mix of fleet and non-fleet purchasers and types of medium-duty trucks sold. For 2009, the Company expects overall gross margins from medium-duty truck sales of approximately 5.0% to 5.5%. The Company recorded expense of \$1.7 million to increase its new medium-duty truck valuation allowance in 2008 and \$2.8 million in 2007.

Gross margins on used truck sales decreased to 3.6% in 2008 from 8.6% in 2007. Write-downs of used truck inventory values throughout 2008 caused gross margins on used truck sales to decrease in 2008 compared to 2007. The write-downs were necessary because of decreased demand for used trucks as a result of worsening general economic conditions, decreased freight demand, and the tight credit market. The Company is hopeful that margins on used trucks will be in the range of approximately 6.5% to 8.5% during 2009, but this will largely depend upon general economic conditions and the availability of credit. The Company continually evaluates its reserve for used truck valuation losses. The Company recorded expense of \$8.5 million to increase its used truck valuation allowance in 2008 and \$2.9 million in 2007.

Gross margins from the Company's parts, service and body shop operations increased to 41.1% in 2008 from 40.9% in 2007. Gross profit for the parts, service and body shop departments decreased slightly to \$196.5 million in 2008 from \$196.7 million in 2007. The Company expects gross margins on parts, service and body shop operations of approximately 39.0% to 41.0% during 2009.

Gross margins on new and used construction equipment sales decreased to 9.8% in 2008 from 11.0% in 2007. This decrease in gross margin is primarily attributable to decreased demand for construction equipment in the Houston market and our continued efforts to increase John Deere's market share. The Company expects 2009 gross margins to remain in a range of approximately 9.0% to 11.0% as the Company continues efforts to increase its market share.

Gross margins from truck lease and rental sales decreased to 14.5% in 2008 from approximately 15.4% in 2007. The decrease in the gross margin from lease and rental sales is primarily due to the decreased utilization of crane-mounted trucks in our rental fleet. The Company expects gross margins from lease and rental sales of approximately 15.0% to 18.0% during 2008. The Company's policy is to depreciate its lease and rental fleet using a straight line method over the customer's contractual lease term. The lease unit is depreciated to a residual value that approximates fair value at the expiration of the lease term. This policy results in the Company realizing reasonable gross margins while the unit is in service and a corresponding gain or loss on sale when the unit is sold at the end of the lease term.

Finance and insurance revenues and other income, as described above, have limited direct costs and, therefore, contribute a disproportionate share of gross profit.

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Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, General and Administrative (“SG&A”) expenses decreased \$12.6 million, or 5.2%, in 2008 compared to 2007. SG&A expenses as a percentage of sales increased to 13.8% in 2008 from 11.9% in 2007. SG&A expenses as a percentage of sales have historically ranged from 10.0% to 15.0%. In 2008, the selling portion of SG&A expenses, which consists primarily of commissions on truck and construction equipment sales, decreased 28.7% and the general and administrative portion of SG&A decreased 2.3% compared to 2007. In 2009, the Company expects the selling portion of SG&A expenses to be approximately 25% to 28% of new and used truck gross profit. The selling portion of SG&A varies based on the gross profit derived from truck sales. The Company took action throughout 2008 to reduce overhead expenses to a level more appropriate to serve the current market. For 2009, the Company will continue to adjust the general and administrative portion of SG&A in accordance with market conditions.

Interest Expense, Net

Net interest expense decreased \$7.1 million, or 47.5%, in 2008 compared to 2007. In 2008, floor plan interest expense decreased compared to 2007 primarily due to the decrease in floor plan notes payable throughout most of 2008 and lower floor plan interest rates. If floor plan interest rates remain at current levels, the Company expects net interest expense in 2009 to decrease approximately 10.0% compared to 2008.

Income Before Income Taxes

Income before income taxes decreased \$36.7 million, or 44.9%, in 2008 compared to 2007, as a result of the factors described above. The Company believes that income before income taxes in 2009 will decrease compared to 2008 based on the factors described above.

Income Taxes

Income taxes decreased \$14.1 million, or 46.5%, in 2008 compared to 2007. The Company provided for taxes at a 36.0% effective rate in 2008 and expects the effective tax rate to be approximately 37.0% in 2009. The decrease in the Company’s effective tax rate results from the application of tax credits for sales of alternative fuel vehicles to tax-exempt municipalities that claim the tax credits. During 2009, the Company expects to continue to apply for alternative fuel vehicle tax credits for sales of alternative fuel vehicles to tax-exempt municipalities. These transactions will increase the Company’s SG&A expense because the Company passes a portion of these credits on to these tax-exempt municipalities in the form of a discretionary rebate. As a result, the Company’s effective tax rate may vary significantly depending on the number of alternative fuel vehicles sold to tax-exempt entities.

Year Ended December 31, 2007 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2006

Revenues

Revenues decreased \$319.7 million, or 13.6%, in 2007 compared to 2006. Sales of new and used trucks decreased \$387.2 million, or 21.7%, in 2007 compared to 2006. This decrease in new and used truck revenue was primarily due to decreased sales of new Class 8 trucks due to the diesel engine emissions guidelines that caused a pre-buy of Class 8 trucks in 2006 and resulted in decreased demand for new Class 8 trucks with engines built subsequent to January 1, 2007. Uncertain economic conditions in the U.S. and decreased freight demand also contributed to decreased demand for Class 8 trucks in 2007. The decrease was offset by increased sales of medium-duty trucks in 2007 primarily due to acquisitions, and increased demand for used trucks.

Unit sales of new Class 8 trucks decreased 38.7% in 2007 compared to 2006. According to A.C.T. Research, the U.S. Class 8 truck market decreased 46.2% in 2007 compared to 2006. In 2007, the Company’s share of the U.S. Class 8 truck market increased to 4.6% compared to 4.1% in 2006.

Unit sales of new medium-duty trucks increased 16.8% in 2007 compared to 2006. Acquisitions contributed to this increase in unit sales of medium-duty trucks. Overall, new medium-duty truck sales revenue increased approximately \$36.4 million, or 14.4%, in 2007 compared to 2006.

Unit sales of used trucks increased 2.4% in 2007 compared to 2006. Used truck average revenue per unit increased by approximately 7.7%.

Parts and service sales increased \$39.2 million, or 8.9%, in 2007 compared to 2006. Same store parts and service sales increased \$25.7 million, or 5.8%, in 2007 compared to 2006.

Sales of new and used construction equipment increased \$15.4 million, or 25.9%, in 2007 compared to 2006. During 2007, the Company continued its concerted effort to increase its market share in the Houston area. According to data compiled by John Deere, approximately 2,949 units of construction equipment were put into use in our area of responsibility in 2007 compared to 2,585 in 2006.

Truck lease and rental revenues increased \$10.3 million, or 24.7%, in 2007 compared to 2006. This increase in lease and rental revenue was consistent with management’s expectations, considering the increased number of units put into service in the rental fleet during the last quarter of 2006. The lease and rental fleet increased approximately 2.5% to 2,404 units at December 31, 2007 from 2,345 units at December 31, 2006.

Finance and insurance revenues increased \$2.5 million, or 12.8%, in 2007 compared to 2006. This increase was due to the Company arranging financing on a higher percentage of trucks it sold during 2007 than during 2006 and to a \$1.4 million nonrecurring reserve release related to the Company’s early repayment charge back program. The Company expected finance income from new Class 8 truck sales to decrease during 2007 compared to 2006 because of the expected decline in new Class 8 truck sales. However, this decrease was offset by increases in finance revenue from medium-duty truck sales, the nonrecurring reserve release, and insurance revenue resulting from product expansion and acquisitions.

Other income remained flat at \$8.2 million in 2007 compared to 2006. Other income consists of the gain on sale realized on trucks from the lease and rental fleet, commissions earned from John Deere for direct manufacturer sales into our area of responsibility, document fees related to truck sales and purchase discounts.

Gross Profit

Gross profit decreased \$0.6 million, or 0.2%, in 2007 compared to 2006. Gross profit as a percentage of sales increased to 17.3% in 2007 from 15.0% in 2006. This increase was primarily a result of a change in our product sales mix. Truck sales, a lower margin revenue item, decreased as a percentage of total revenue to 68.6% in 2007 from 75.7% in 2006. Parts and service revenue, a higher margin revenue item, increased as a percentage of total revenue to 23.7% in 2007 from 18.8% in 2006.

Gross margins on Class 8 truck sales increased to 8.6% in 2007 from 7.2% in 2006. The Company's 2007 gross margins on Class 8 trucks increased because a larger percentage of sales were to non-fleet customers. The Company recorded expense of \$3.3 million to increase its new heavy-duty truck valuation allowance in 2007 and \$1.3 million in 2006.

Gross margins on medium-duty truck sales decreased to 5.5% in 2007 from 5.7% in 2006. The Company recorded expense of \$2.8 million to increase its new medium-duty truck valuation allowance in 2007 and \$1.6 million in 2006.

Gross margins on used truck sales decreased to 8.6% in 2007 from 9.1% in 2006. The Company recorded expense of \$2.9 million to increase its used truck valuation allowance in 2007 and \$0.4 million in 2006.

Gross margins from the Company's parts, service and body shop operations decreased to 40.9% in 2007 from 41.1% in 2006. Gross profit for the parts, service and body shop departments increased to \$196.7 million in 2007 from \$181.6 million in 2006.

Gross margins on new and used construction equipment sales decreased to 11.0% in 2007 from 11.8% in 2006. The lower gross margins for 2007 were due to the Company's efforts to increase its market share in the Houston area. Additionally, gross margins on new and used construction equipment can fluctuate depending on the mix of products sold.

Gross margins from truck lease and rental sales decreased to 15.4% in 2007 from approximately 21.9% in 2006. The decrease in the gross margin from lease and rental sales was primarily due to the decline in the utilization of the rental fleet, which is a result of the additions to our rental fleet in 2006.

Finance and insurance revenues and other income, as described above, have limited direct costs and, therefore, contribute a disproportionate share of gross profit.

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Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, General and Administrative ("SG&A") expenses increased \$10.6 million, or 4.6%, in 2007 compared to 2006. SG&A expenses as a percentage of sales increased to 11.9% in 2007 from 9.8% in 2006. In 2007, the selling portion of SG&A expenses, which consists primarily of commissions on truck sales, decreased 12.6% and the general and administrative portion of SG&A increased 7.3% compared to 2006.

Interest Expense, Net

Net interest expense decreased \$0.8 million, or 5.1%, in 2007 compared to 2006. In 2007, floor plan interest expense decreased compared to 2006 primarily due to the decrease in floor plan notes payable. To take advantage of increased truck demand in 2006, the Company maintained higher levels of truck inventory than it has traditionally maintained, which increased the Company's floor plan notes payable in 2006 and the first half of 2007. The decrease in net interest expense in 2007 was compounded by earnings on the Company's investment of available cash.

Income Before Income Taxes

Income before income taxes decreased \$12.3 million, or 13.0%, in 2007 compared to 2006, as a result of the factors described above.

Income Taxes

Income taxes decreased \$5.0 million, or 14.1%, in 2007 compared to 2006. The Company provided for taxes at a 37.0% effective rate in 2007.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company's short-term cash requirements are primarily for working capital, inventory financing, the improvement and expansion of existing facilities, the implementation of SAP enterprise software and dealership management system, and the construction of new facilities. Historically, these cash requirements have been met through the retention of profits and borrowings under our floor plan arrangements. As of December 31, 2008, the Company had working capital of approximately \$177.1 million, including \$146.4 million in cash available to fund our operations. The Company believes that these funds are sufficient to meet its short-term and long-term cash requirements.

The Company may request working capital advances in the minimum amount of \$100,000 from GE Capital, its primary truck lender. However, such working capital advances may not cause the total indebtedness owed GE Capital to exceed an amount equal to the wholesale advances made against the then current inventory less any payment reductions then due. There were no working capital advances outstanding under this agreement at December 31, 2008.

The Company has a secured line of credit that provides for a maximum borrowing of \$8.0 million. There were no advances outstanding under this secured line of credit at December 31, 2008, however, \$5.9 million was pledged to secure various letters of credit related to self-insurance products, leaving \$2.1 million available for future borrowings as of December 31, 2008.

The Company's long-term real estate debt agreements require the Company to satisfy various financial ratios such as the debt to worth ratio and the fixed charge coverage ratio. The Company's floor plan financing agreement with GE Capital does not contain financial covenants. At December 31, 2008, the Company is in compliance with all debt covenants. The Company does not anticipate any breach of the covenants in the foreseeable future.

Titan Technology Partners is currently implementing SAP enterprise software and a new SAP dealership management system for the Company. The total cost of the SAP software and implementation is estimated to be approximately \$30.0 million to \$32.0 million. As of December 31, 2008, the Company had expenditures of \$20.9 million related to the SAP project. The Company expects to spend approximately \$7.0 million to \$8.0 million related to the SAP project in 2009.

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The Company is currently constructing a new facility for its Rush Truck Center location in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at an estimated cost of \$12.0 million. As of December 31, 2008, the Company had expenditures of \$3.1 million related to the construction of the new facility.

On July 22, 2008, the Company's Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program authorizing the Company to repurchase, from time to time, up to an aggregate of \$20,000,000 of its shares of Class A common stock and/or Class B common stock. Repurchases will be made at times and in amounts as the Company deems appropriate and will be made through open market transactions, privately negotiated transactions and other lawful means. The manner, timing and amount of any repurchases

will be determined by the Company based on an evaluation of market conditions, stock price and other factors, including those related to the ownership requirements of its dealership agreements with manufacturers it represents. The stock repurchase program has no expiration date and may be suspended or discontinued at any time. While the stock repurchase program does not obligate the Company to acquire any particular amount or class of common stock, the Company anticipates that it will be repurchasing primarily shares of its Class B common stock. As of December 31, 2008, the Company has repurchased 1,639,843 shares of its Class B common stock at a cost of \$17.9 million.

The Company has no other material commitments for capital expenditures as of December 31, 2008, except that the Company will continue to purchase vehicles for its lease and rental division and authorize capital expenditures for improvement and expansion of its dealership facilities based on market opportunities. The Company expects to purchase trucks worth approximately \$30.0 million for its leasing operations in 2009, depending on customer demand.

Cash Flows

Cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$40.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2008 and increased by \$25.5 million during the year ended December 31, 2007. The major components of these changes are discussed below.

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Cash flows from operating activities include net income adjusted for non-cash items and the effects of changes in working capital. During 2008, operating activities resulted in net cash provided by operations of \$83.1 million. Cash provided by operating activities was primarily impacted by the decreased levels of new truck inventory, offset by decreases in accounts payable and accrued expenses. The majority of truck inventory is financed through the Company's floor plan financing provider. During 2007, operating activities resulted in net cash provided by operations of \$258.7 million.

Cash flows from operating activities as adjusted for all draws and (payments) on floor plan notes ("Adjusted Cash Flows from Operating Activities") was \$88.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 and \$86.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. Generally, all vehicle and construction equipment dealers finance the purchase of vehicles and construction equipment with floor plan borrowings, and our agreements with our floor plan providers require us to repay amounts borrowed for the purchase of such vehicles and equipment immediately after they are sold. As a result, changes in floor plan notes payable are directly linked to changes in vehicle and construction equipment inventory. However, as reflected in our consolidated statements of cash flows, changes in inventory are recorded as cash flows from operating activities, and draws and (payments) on floor plan notes are recorded as cash flows from financing activities.

The Company's management believes that information about Adjusted Cash Flows from Operating Activities provides investors with a relevant measure of liquidity and a useful basis for assessing the Company's ability to fund its activities and obligations from operating activities. Floor plan notes payable is classified as a current liability and, therefore, is included in the working capital amounts discussed above.

Adjusted Cash Flows from Operating Activities is a non-GAAP financial measure and should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, cash flows from operating activities as reported in our consolidated statements of cash flows in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Additionally, this measure may vary among other companies; thus, Adjusted Cash Flows from Operating Activities as presented herein may not be comparable to similarly titled non-GAAP financial measures of other companies. Set forth below is a reconciliation of cash flow from operating activities as reported in our consolidated statement of cash flows, as if all changes in floor plan notes payable were classified as an operating activity (in thousands).

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	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities (GAAP)	\$ 83,059	\$ 258,701
Draws (payments) on floor plan notes payable	5,864	(172,701)
Adjusted Cash Flows from Operating Activities (Non-GAAP)	<u>\$ 88,923</u>	<u>\$ 86,000</u>

Cash Flows from Investing Activities

Cash flows from investing activities consist primarily of cash used for capital expenditures and business acquisitions. During 2008, the Company used \$111.0 million in investing activities. Capital expenditures consisted of purchases of property and equipment, and improvements to our existing dealership facilities of \$68.2 million. Of this amount, \$31.2 million was used to purchase additional units for the rental and leasing operations during 2008, which was directly offset by borrowings of long-term debt. The Company expects truck purchases of approximately \$30.0 million for its leasing operations in 2009 depending on customer demand. During 2009, the Company expects to make capital expenditures for recurring items such as computers, shop equipment and vehicles of approximately \$10.0 million, in addition to \$7.0 million to \$8.0 million for the SAP software implementation described above. Cash used in business acquisitions was \$37.4 million during the year ended December 31, 2008. See Note 17 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for a detailed discussion of these acquisitions.

During 2007, cash used in investing activities was \$67.5 million. Capital expenditures consisted of purchases of property and equipment, and improvements to our existing dealership facilities of \$65.3 million. Of this amount, \$37.6 million was used to purchase additional units for the rental and leasing operations during 2007 which was directly offset by borrowings of long-term debt. Cash used in business acquisitions was \$7.9 million during the year ended December 31, 2007. See Note 17 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for a detailed discussion of these acquisitions.

Cash Flows from Financing Activities

Cash flows used in financing activities include borrowings and repayments of long-term debt and net payments of floor plan notes payable. Cash used in financing activities was \$12.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2008. The Company had borrowings of long-term debt of \$46.7 million and repayments of long-term debt of \$43.3 million during the year ended December 31, 2008. The Company had net draws of floor plan notes payable of \$5.9 million during the year ended December 31, 2008. The borrowings of long-term debt are primarily related to the increase in the lease and rental fleet and real estate refinancing. During the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company repurchased 1,639,843 shares of Class B common stock at a cost of \$17.9 million pursuant to a stock repurchase program approved by the Company's Board of Directors. See Note 13 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for a detailed discussion of the stock repurchase program.

Cash used in financing activities was \$165.7 million during the year ended December 31, 2007. The Company had borrowings of long-term debt of \$43.2 million and repayments of long-term debt of \$37.9 million during the year ended December 31, 2007. The Company had net payments of floor plan notes payable of \$172.7 million during the year ended December 31, 2007. The borrowings of long-term debt are primarily related to the increase in the lease and rental fleet and real estate refinancing.

Substantially all of the Company's truck purchases are made on terms requiring payment within 15 days or less from the date the trucks are invoiced from the factory. Effective August 1, 2007, the Company entered into an Amended and Restated Wholesale Security Agreement with GE Capital, which can be terminated by GE Capital with 120 days notice at any time. Interest under the floor plan financing agreement is payable monthly and the rate varies from LIBOR plus 1.15% to LIBOR plus 1.50% depending on the average aggregate month-end balance of debt. The Company finances substantially all of the purchase price of its new truck inventory, and the loan

value of its used truck inventory under the floor plan financing agreement with GE Capital, under which GE Capital pays the manufacturer directly with respect to new trucks. The Company makes monthly interest payments to GE Capital on the amount financed, but is not required to commence loan principal repayments on any vehicle until such vehicle has been floor planned for 12 months or is sold.

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The floor plan financing agreement allows for prepayments and working capital advances with monthly adjustments to the interest due on outstanding advances. On December 31, 2008, the Company had approximately \$266.0 million outstanding under its floor plan financing agreement with GE Capital. In connection with the Amended and Restated Wholesale Agreement with GE Capital, the Company executed a Continuing Guaranty in favor of GE Capital to a maximum principal amount of \$600 million, plus unpaid interest and reasonable costs of collection. Except for the procedures and other terms and conditions set forth in the Amended and Restated Wholesale Agreement, the Company is not aware of any limitation on the Company's ability to access capital through this facility.

Substantially all of the Company's new construction equipment purchases are financed by John Deere and JPMorgan Chase ("Chase"). The agreement with John Deere provides an interest-free financing period after which time the amount financed is required to be paid in full. When construction equipment is sold prior to the expiration of the interest-free finance period, the Company is required to repay the principal within approximately ten days of the sale. If the construction equipment financed by John Deere is not sold within the interest-free finance period, it is transferred to the Chase floor plan. The Company makes principal payments for sold inventory to Chase on the 15th day of each month. Construction equipment is financed to a maximum of book value under the floor plan financing agreement with Chase. The Company makes monthly interest payments on the amount financed and is required to commence loan principal repayments on construction equipment as book value is reduced. Principal payments for sold used construction equipment are made no later than the 15th day of each month following the sale. The loans are collateralized by a lien on the construction equipment. The Company's floor plan financing agreement with Chase permits financing of up to \$20.0 million in construction equipment and expires in June 2009. On December 31, 2008, the Company had \$3.7 million outstanding under its floor plan financing agreement with John Deere and \$13.0 million outstanding under its floor plan financing agreement with Chase.

Cyclicality

The Company's business is dependent on a number of factors relating to general economic conditions, including fuel prices, interest rate fluctuations, credit availability, economic recessions, environmental and other government regulations and customer business cycles. Unit sales of new trucks have historically been subject to substantial cyclical variation based on these general economic conditions. According to data published by A.C.T. Research, in recent years total U.S. retail sales of new Class 8 trucks have ranged from a low of approximately 140,000 in 2001 and 2008 to a high of approximately 291,000 in 2006. Through geographic expansion, concentration on higher margin parts and service operations and diversification of its customer base, the Company believes it can reduce the negative impact on the Company's earnings of adverse general economic conditions or cyclical trends affecting the heavy-duty truck industry.

Effects of Inflation

The Company believes that the relatively moderate rates of inflation over the last few years have not had a significant impact on revenues or profitability. The Company does not expect inflation to have any near-term material effects on the sale of its products and services.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company does not have any obligation under any transaction, agreement or other contractual arrangement to which an entity unconsolidated with the Company is a party, that has or is reasonably likely to have a material effect on the Company's financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources that is material to investors.

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Contractual Obligations

The Company has certain contractual obligations that will impact its short and long-term liquidity. At December 31, 2008, such obligations were as follows:

Contractual Obligations	Total	Payments Due by Period			
		Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	More than 5 years
			(in thousands)		
Long-term debt obligations (1)	\$ 209,676	\$ 37,665	\$ 103,214	\$ 60,272	\$ 8,525
Capital lease obligations(2)	16,893	4,631	7,020	4,490	752
Operating lease obligations(3)	38,130	8,074	12,463	7,030	10,563
Floor plan debt obligation	282,702	282,702	—	—	—
Interest obligations (4)	39,082	20,187	14,137	4,486	272
Purchase obligations(5)	12,131	9,947	1,248	936	—
Total	\$ 598,614	\$ 363,206	\$ 138,082	\$ 77,214	\$ 20,112

- (1) Refer to Note 8 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.
- (2) Refer to Note 11 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. Amounts include interest.
- (3) Refer to Note 11 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.
- (4) In computing interest expense, the Company used its weighted average interest rate outstanding on fixed rate debt to estimate its interest expense on fixed rate debt. The Company used its weighted average variable interest rate on outstanding variable rate debt at December 31, 2008 and added 0.25 percent per year to estimate its interest expense on variable rate debt.
- (5) Purchase obligations represent non-cancelable contractual obligations at December 31, 2008. Our non-cancelable contractual obligations are related to the construction projection for our Oklahoma City facility and our SAP implementation.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Market risk represents the risk of loss that may impact the financial position, results of operations, or cash flows of the Company due to adverse changes in financial market prices, including interest rate risk, and other relevant market rate or price risks.

The Company is exposed to some market risk through interest rates related to our floor plan financing agreements, variable rate debt and discount rates related to finance sales. Floor plan borrowings are based on LIBOR and are used to meet working capital needs. As of December 31, 2008, the Company had floor plan borrowings of approximately \$282.7 million. Assuming an increase in LIBOR of 100 basis points, annual interest expense could increase by approximately \$2.8 million. The Company provides all customer financing opportunities to various finance providers. The Company receives all finance charges in excess of a negotiated discount rate from the finance providers in the month following the date of the financing. The negotiated discount rate is variable, thus subject to interest rate fluctuations. This interest rate risk is mitigated by the Company's ability to pass discount rate increases to customers through higher financing rates.

The Company is also exposed to some market risk through interest rates related to the investment of our current cash and cash equivalents which totaled \$146.4 million on December 31, 2008. These funds are generally invested in variable interest rate instruments in accordance with the Company's investment policy. As such instruments mature and the funds are reinvested, we are exposed to changes in market interest rates. This risk is mitigated by management's ongoing evaluation of the best investment rates available for current and noncurrent high quality investments. If market interest rates were to increase or decrease immediately and uniformly by 100 basis points, the Company's annual interest income could correspondingly increase or decrease by approximately \$1.5 million.

In the past, the Company invested in interest-bearing short-term investments consisting of investment-grade auction rate securities classified as available-for-sale. As a result of the recent liquidity issues experienced in the global credit and capital markets, auctions for investment grade securities held by the Company have failed. The auction rate securities continue to pay interest in accordance with the terms of the underlying security; however, liquidity will be limited until there is a successful auction or until such time as other markets for these investments develop.

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As of December 31, 2008, the Company holds \$7.6 million of auction rate securities with underlying tax-exempt municipal bonds with stated maturities of 22 years. Given the current market conditions in the auction rate securities market, if the Company determines that the fair value of these securities has temporarily decreased by 10%, the Company's equity could correspondingly decrease by approximately \$0.8 million. If it is determined that the fair value of these securities is other-than-temporarily impaired by 10%, the Company could record a loss on its Consolidated Statements of Income of approximately \$0.8 million. For further discussion of the risks related to our auction rate securities, see Note 18 — Investments of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements and Item 1A — Risk Factors.

The Company has not used derivative financial instruments in our investment portfolio.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Shareholders of Rush Enterprises, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Rush Enterprises, Inc. and subsidiaries ("the Company") as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2008. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Rush Enterprises, Inc. and subsidiaries at December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2008, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, in 2006 the Company changed its method of accounting for share based payments and in 2007 the Company changed its method for accounting for income taxes.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Rush Enterprises, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated March 10, 2009 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

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RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In Thousands, Except Shares and Per Share Amounts)

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 146,411	\$ 187,009
Investments	7,575	—
Accounts receivable, net	55,274	48,781
Inventories, net	362,234	365,947
Prepaid expenses and other	3,369	1,699
Deferred income taxes, net	6,730	7,028
	<u>581,593</u>	<u>610,464</u>
Property and equipment, net	332,147	299,013
Goodwill, net	141,904	120,582
Other assets, net	1,146	1,532
Total assets	\$ 1,056,790	\$ 1,031,591
Liabilities and shareholders' equity		
Current liabilities:		
Floor plan notes payable	\$ 282,702	\$ 273,653
Current maturities of long-term debt	37,665	33,593
Current maturities of capital lease obligations	3,454	4,444
Trade accounts payable	31,530	40,452
Accrued expenses	49,125	60,517
Total current liabilities	404,476	412,659
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	172,011	165,352
Capital lease obligations, net of current maturities	11,366	13,099
Deferred income taxes, net	52,896	40,904
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, par value \$.01 per share; 1,000,000 shares authorized; 0 shares outstanding in 2008 and 2007	—	—
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share; 60,000,000 class A shares and 20,000,000 class B shares authorized; 26,327,734 class A shares and 12,324,987 class B shares issued and 26,255,974 class A shares and 10,685,144 class B shares outstanding in 2008; 26,070,595 class A shares and 12,265,437 class B shares issued and outstanding in 2007	386	383
Additional paid-in capital	183,818	178,274
Treasury stock, at cost: 1,639,843 shares	(17,948)	—
Retained earnings	249,785	220,920
	<u>416,041</u>	<u>399,577</u>
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 1,056,790	\$ 1,031,591

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>		
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Revenues:			
New and used truck sales	\$ 1,041,189	\$ 1,393,253	\$ 1,780,418
Parts and service	478,439	480,611	441,424
Construction equipment sales	62,168	74,986	59,545
Lease and rental	54,813	52,103	41,776
Finance and insurance	12,291	21,663	19,197
Other	6,056	8,163	8,163
	<u>1,654,956</u>	<u>2,030,779</u>	<u>2,350,523</u>
Total revenue	1,654,956	2,030,779	2,350,523

Cost of products sold:			
New and used truck sales	973,404	1,283,993	1,652,913
Parts and service	281,902	283,912	259,801
Construction equipment sales	56,095	66,737	52,527
Lease and rental	46,843	44,069	32,615
Total cost of products sold	1,358,244	1,678,711	1,997,856
Gross profit	296,712	352,068	352,667
Selling, general and administrative	228,057	240,661	230,056
Depreciation and amortization	15,878	14,935	12,889
Operating income	52,777	96,472	109,722
Interest income (expense):			
Interest income	2,636	2,840	2,162
Interest expense	(10,466)	(17,749)	(17,880)
Total interest expense, net	(7,830)	(14,909)	(15,718)
Gain on sale of assets, net	140	239	54
Income before taxes	45,087	81,802	94,058
Provision for income taxes	16,222	30,310	35,272
Net income	\$ 28,865	\$ 51,492	\$ 58,786
Earnings per common share:			
Basic	\$ 0.76	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.57
Diluted	\$ 0.75	\$ 1.33	\$ 1.55

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RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
(In Thousands)

	Common Stock Shares Issued and Outstanding		\$0.01 Par Value	Additional Paid-In Capital	Treasury Stock	Retained Earnings	Total
	Class A	Class B					
Balance, December 31, 2005	25,155	11,844	\$ 247	\$ 162,603	\$ —	\$ 110,770	\$ 273,620
Stock options exercised (including tax benefit of \$2,349)	392	264	4	4,091			4,095
Stock-based compensation related to stock options and employee stock purchase plan	—	—	—	2,647			2,647
Issuance of common stock under employee stock purchase plan	57	—	—	460			460
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	58,786	58,786
Balance, December 31, 2006	25,604	12,108	251	169,801	—	169,556	339,608
Stock options exercised (including tax benefit of \$2,239)	408	157	4	4,459			4,463
Stock-based compensation related to stock options and employee stock purchase plan	—	—	—	3,442			3,442
Issuance of common stock under employee stock purchase plan	59	—	—	572			572
Stock dividend (50%)	—	—	128	—		(128)	—
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	51,492	51,492
Balance, December 31, 2007	26,071	12,265	383	178,274	—	220,920	399,577
Stock options exercised (including tax benefit of \$791)	130	15	2	1,295			1,297
Stock-based compensation related to stock options and employee stock purchase plan	—	—	—	3,632			3,632
Issuance of common stock under employee stock purchase plan	55	—	1	617			618
Common stock repurchases	—	—	—	—	(17,948)		(17,948)
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	28,865	28,865
Balance, December 31, 2008	26,256	12,280	\$ 386	\$ 183,818	\$ (17,948)	\$ 249,785	\$ 416,041

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RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In Thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Income from continuing operations	\$ 28,865	\$ 51,492	\$ 58,786
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities, net of acquisitions-			
Depreciation and amortization	38,508	35,798	27,074
Gain on sale of property and equipment, net	(276)	(239)	(825)
Stock-based compensation expense related to employee stock options and employee stock purchases	3,632	3,442	2,647
Provision for deferred income tax expense	9,944	7,516	6,877
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	(791)	(2,239)	(2,349)
Change in accounts receivable, net	(4,821)	25,689	(10,133)
Change in inventories	30,057	132,357	(114,380)
Change in prepaid expenses and other, net	(1,670)	429	(280)
Change in trade accounts payable	(8,922)	3,003	14,039
Change in accrued expenses	(11,467)	1,453	11,682
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>83,059</u>	<u>258,701</u>	<u>(6,862)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of investments	(355,575)	—	—
Proceeds from the sale of investments	348,000	—	—
Acquisition of property and equipment	(68,160)	(65,268)	(112,766)
Proceeds from the sale of property and equipment	1,487	4,916	6,333
Business acquisitions	(37,397)	(7,866)	(36,087)
Other	602	712	664
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(111,043)</u>	<u>(67,506)</u>	<u>(141,856)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:			
(Payments) draws on floor plan notes payable, net	5,864	(172,701)	120,003
Payments on lines of credit, net	—	—	(2,755)
Proceeds from long-term debt	46,728	43,211	102,448
Payments on long-term debt	(43,344)	(37,890)	(44,334)
Payments on capital lease obligations	(5,672)	(3,344)	(2,512)
Issuance of shares relating to employee stock options and employee stock purchase plan	1,124	2,796	2,206
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	791	2,239	2,349
Purchase of treasury stock	(17,948)	—	—
Debt issuance costs	(157)	(55)	(198)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>(12,614)</u>	<u>(165,744)</u>	<u>177,207</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(40,598)	25,451	28,489
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>187,009</u>	<u>161,558</u>	<u>133,069</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 146,411</u>	<u>\$ 187,009</u>	<u>\$ 161,558</u>
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:			
Cash paid during the year for:			
Interest	<u>\$ 16,605</u>	<u>\$ 23,690</u>	<u>\$ 20,761</u>
Income taxes, net of refunds	<u>\$ 6,387</u>	<u>\$ 18,716</u>	<u>\$ 31,758</u>
Noncash investing and financing activities:			
Assets acquired under capital leases	<u>\$ 2,949</u>	<u>\$ 3,511</u>	<u>\$ 3,339</u>
Note payable related to acquisition	<u>—</u>	<u>\$ 1,500</u>	<u>—</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. **ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS:**

Rush Enterprises, Inc. (the "Company") was incorporated in 1965 under the laws of the State of Texas. The Company now operates a Truck segment and a Construction Equipment segment. The Truck segment operates a regional network of Rush Truck Centers. Rush Truck Centers sell trucks manufactured by Peterbilt, Volvo, GMC, Hino, UD, Ford or Isuzu. Through its strategically located network of Rush Truck Centers, the Company provides one-stop service for the needs of its customers, including retail

sales of new and used trucks, aftermarket parts sales, service and repair facilities, financing, leasing and rental, and insurance products. The Company's truck centers are located in areas on or near major highways in Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas. The Construction Equipment segment, formed in 1997, operates John Deere equipment centers in Southeast Texas. Construction equipment dealership operations include the retail sale of new and used construction equipment, aftermarket parts and service facilities, equipment rentals and the financing of new and used equipment. See Note 20 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for segment information.

On September 20, 2007, our shareholders approved an amendment to our Restated Articles of Incorporation increasing the total number of authorized shares of Class A common stock from 40,000,000 to 60,000,000 and total number of authorized shares of Class B common stock from 10,000,000 to 20,000,000. On the same date, our Board of Directors declared a 3-for-2 stock split of the Class A common stock and Class B common stock, to be effected in the form of a stock dividend. On October 10, 2007, Rush Enterprises, Inc. distributed one additional share of stock for every two shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock held by shareholders of record as of October 1, 2007. All share and per share data (except par value) in this Form 10-K have been adjusted and restated to reflect the stock dividend as if it occurred on the first day of the earliest period presented.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements presented herein include the accounts of Rush Enterprises, Inc. together with our consolidated subsidiaries. All significant inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Estimates in Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles 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 period. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents generally consist of cash and other money market instruments. The Company considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of ninety days or less to be cash equivalents.

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Allowance for Doubtful Receivables and Repossession Losses

The Company provides an allowance for doubtful receivables and repossession losses after considering historical loss experience and other factors that might affect the collection of accounts receivable and the ability of customers to meet their obligations on finance contracts sold by the Company.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market value. Cost is determined by specific identification of new and used truck and construction equipment inventory and by the first-in, first-out method for tires, parts and accessories. An allowance is provided when it is anticipated that cost will exceed net realizable value plus a reasonable profit margin.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost and depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the useful life of the improvement, or the term of the lease, whichever is shorter. Provision for depreciation of property and equipment is calculated primarily on a straight-line basis. The Company capitalizes interest on borrowings during the active construction period of major capital projects. Capitalized interest, when incurred, is added to the cost of underlying assets and is amortized over the estimated useful life of such assets. The Company did not incur any capitalized interest related to major capital projects in the periods presented. The cost, accumulated depreciation and amortization and estimated useful lives are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>Estimated Life (Years)</u>
Land	\$ 44,523	\$ 37,333	—
Buildings and improvements	86,862	76,350	31 - 39
Leasehold improvements	18,330	16,712	2 - 35
Machinery and shop equipment	27,851	26,679	5 - 15
Furniture, fixtures and computers	26,541	26,717	3 - 7
Transportation equipment	30,670	28,046	2 - 15
Lease and rental vehicles	189,107	170,765	2 - 8
Construction in progress	32,860	16,562	
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(124,597)	(100,151)	
Total	\$ 332,147	\$ 299,013	

As of December 31, 2008, the Company had \$14.3 million (net of accumulated depreciation of \$8.0 million) in lease and rental vehicles under various capital leases included in property and equipment. The charge to income resulting from amortization of these assets recorded under capital leases is included in lease and rental cost of products sold.

Goodwill

Goodwill related to acquisitions was approximately \$141.9 million as of December 31, 2008 and \$120.6 million as of December 31, 2007. Goodwill increased \$21.4 million in 2008 and \$3.5 million in 2007. Accumulated amortization of goodwill was approximately \$3.8 million at December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007.

Goodwill represents the excess purchase price over the fair value of net assets acquired. The Company applies the provisions of the Financial Accounting Standards Board's (the "FASB") Statement No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" ("SFAS 142"), in our accounting for goodwill. SFAS 142 requires that goodwill and other intangible assets that have indefinite lives not be amortized but instead be tested at

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least annually by reporting unit for impairment, or more frequently when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. For indefinite lived intangible assets, impairment is tested by comparing the carrying value of the asset to the fair value of the reporting unit, which is the same as the segment to which they are assigned.

For its goodwill impairment tests, the Company determines the fair value of its reporting units using the discounted cash flow method. The discounted cash flow method uses various assumptions and estimates regarding future revenue, expenses and cash flow projections. The analysis is based upon available information regarding expected future cash flows of each reporting unit discounted at rates consistent with the cost of capital specific to the reporting unit. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit exceeds the estimated fair value determined using the discounted cash flow method, then goodwill impairment may be present.

Goodwill was tested for impairment during the fourth quarter of 2008 and no impairment write down was required. However, the Company cannot predict the occurrence of certain events that might adversely affect the reported value of goodwill in the future. Such events may include, but are not limited to, strategic decisions made in response to economic and competitive conditions or the impact of the current economic environment.

[Other Assets](#)

Other assets include the long-term portion of notes receivable of \$0.2 million at December 31, 2008 and \$0.7 million at December 31, 2007. The Company recognizes interest income on notes receivable monthly as earned. Accumulated amortization of other assets was approximately \$1.0 million at December 31, 2008 and \$0.9 million at December 31, 2007. The Company annually assesses the appropriateness of the asset valuations of other assets and the related amortization period as applicable.

[Income Taxes](#)

Significant management judgment is required to determine the provisions for income taxes and to determine whether deferred tax assets will be realized in full or in part. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. When it is more likely than not that all or some portion of specific deferred income tax assets will not be realized, a valuation allowance must be established for the amount of deferred income tax assets that are determined not to be realizable. The Company has a valuation allowance related to deferred tax assets in certain states. Accordingly, the facts and financial circumstances impacting state deferred income tax assets are reviewed quarterly and management's judgment is applied to determine the amount of valuation allowance required in any given period.

Additionally, despite the Company's belief that its tax return positions are consistent with applicable tax law, management believes that certain positions may be challenged by taxing authorities. Settlement of any challenge can result in no change, a complete disallowance, or some partial adjustment reached through negotiations.

The Company adopted FASB Interpretation 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes* ("FIN 48"), effective January 1, 2007. FIN 48 prescribes how a company should recognize, measure, present and disclose uncertain tax positions that the company has taken or expects to take in its income tax returns. FIN 48 requires that only income tax benefits meeting the "more likely than not" recognition threshold be recognized or continue to be recognized on its effective date.

[Revenue Recognition Policies](#)

Income on the sale of a vehicle or a piece of construction equipment (each a "unit") is recognized when the seller and customer execute a purchase contract, delivery has occurred and there are no significant uncertainties related to financing or collectibility. Finance income related to the sale of a unit is recognized

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over the period of the respective finance contract, based on the effective interest rate method, if the finance contract is retained by the Company. During 2008, 2007 and 2006, no finance contracts were retained for any significant length of time by the Company but were generally sold, with limited recourse, to certain finance companies concurrent with the sale of the related unit. Gain or loss is recognized by the Company upon the sale of such finance contracts to the finance companies, net of a provision for estimated repossession losses and early repayment penalties. Lease and rental income is recognized over the period of the related lease or rental agreement. Parts and services revenue is earned at the time the Company sells the parts to its customers or at the time the Company completes the service work order related to service provided to the customer's unit. Payments received on prepaid maintenance plans are deferred as a component of accrued expenses and recognized as income when the maintenance is performed.

[Cost of Sales](#)

For the Company's new and used truck and construction equipment operations and its parts operations, cost of sales consists primarily of the Company's actual purchase price, less manufacturer's incentives, for new and used trucks and construction equipment and parts. The Company is subject to a chargeback of manufacturer incentives for trucks that are not sold to the customer for which they were ordered. The Company records a liability for a potential chargeback of manufacturer incentives in its financial statements. For the Company's service and body shop operations, technician labor cost is the primary component of cost of sales. For the Company's rental and leasing operations, cost of sales consists primarily of depreciation, rent and interest expense on the lease and rental fleet owned and leased by the Company, and the maintenance cost of the lease and rental fleet. There are no costs of sales associated with the Company's finance and insurance revenue or other revenue.

[Selling, General and Administrative Expenses](#)

Selling, general and administrative expenses consist primarily of incentive-based compensation for sales, finance and general management personnel, salaries for administrative personnel and expenses for rent, marketing, insurance, utilities, shipping and handling costs and other general operating purposes.

[Stock Based Compensation](#)

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment," ("SFAS 123(R)"), which requires the measurement and recognition of compensation expense for all share-based payment awards made to employees and directors including grants of stock options, restricted stock awards and employee stock purchases under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan based on estimated fair values.

The Company adopted SFAS 123(R) using the modified prospective transition method, which requires the application of the accounting standard as of January 1, 2006. The Company's Consolidated Financial Statements reflect the impact of SFAS 123(R).

SFAS 123(R) requires companies to estimate the fair value of share-based payment awards on the date of grant using an option-pricing model. The fair value of the portion of the award that is ultimately expected to vest is recognized as expense over the requisite service periods in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income.

Stock-based compensation expense recognized is based on the fair value of the portion of share-based payment awards that is ultimately expected to vest during the period. Stock-based compensation expense recognized in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 included compensation expense for share-based payment awards granted prior to, but not yet vested as of December 31, 2005, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the pro forma provisions of SFAS 123 and compensation expense for the share-based payment awards granted subsequent to December 31, 2005, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 123(R). In conjunction with the adoption of SFAS 123(R), compensation expense for all share-based payment awards is recognized using the straight-line single-option method. As stock-based

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compensation expense recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Income is based on awards ultimately expected to vest, it has been reduced for estimated forfeitures. SFAS 123(R) requires forfeitures to be estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates.

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option-pricing model which was previously used for the Company's pro forma information required under SFAS 123. For additional information, see Note 12. The Company's determination of fair value of share-based payment awards on the date of grant using an option-pricing model is affected by the Company's stock price as well as assumptions regarding a number of highly complex and subjective variables. These variables include, but are not limited to, the Company's expected stock price volatility over the term of the awards, and actual and projected stock option exercise behaviors. Option-pricing models were developed for use in estimating the value of traded options that have no vesting or hedging restrictions and are fully transferable. Because the Company's stock options have certain characteristics that are significantly different from traded options, and because changes in the subjective assumptions can materially affect the estimated value, in management's opinion, the existing valuation models may not provide an accurate measure of the fair value of the Company's stock options. Although the fair value of stock options is determined in accordance with SFAS 123(R) using an option-pricing model, that value may not be indicative of the fair value observed in a market transaction between a willing buyer and a willing seller.

The following table reflects the weighted-average fair value of stock options granted during each period using the Black-Scholes option valuation model with the following weighted-average assumptions used:

	2008	2007	2006
Expected stock volatility	35.7% - 36.7%	36.7% - 38.9%	25.5% - 32.2%
Weighted-average stock volatility	36.73%	38.78%	26.86%
Expected dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Risk-free interest rate	2.41%	4.66%	4.69%
Expected life (years)	5.0	5.0	5.0 - 7.0
Weighted-average fair value of stock options granted	\$ 5.62	\$ 5.66	\$ 4.95

The Company computes its historical stock price volatility in accordance with SFAS 123(R). The risk-free interest rate for periods within the contractual life of the option is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant. The dividend yield assumption is based on the Company's history and expectation of dividend payouts. The expected life of stock options represents the weighted-average period the stock options are expected to remain outstanding.

[Advertising Costs](#)

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising and marketing expense related to operations was \$3.6 million for 2008, \$4.2 million for 2007 and \$3.1 million for 2006. Advertising and marketing expense is included in selling, general and administrative expense.

[Accounting for Internal Use Software](#)

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants issued Statement of Position 98-1, "Accounting for the Costs of Computer Software Developed or Obtained for Internal Use" ("SOP 98-1") in March 1998. SOP 98-1 provides guidance on accounting for the costs of computer software developed or obtained for internal use and identifies characteristics of internal-use software. The Company's accounting policy with respect to accounting for computer software developed or obtained for internal use is consistent with SOP 98-1. The Company has capitalized software costs of approximately \$20.9 million at December 31, 2008, and \$11.9 million at December 31, 2007.

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[New Accounting Pronouncements](#)

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141(R), "Business Combinations" ("SFAS 141(R)"), which establishes principles and requirements for how the acquirer: (a) recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree; (b) recognizes and measures the goodwill acquired in the business combination or a gain from a bargain purchase; and (c) determines what information to disclose to enable users of the financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business combination. SFAS 141(R) requires contingent consideration to be recognized at its fair value on the acquisition date and, for certain arrangements, changes in fair value to be recognized in earnings until settled. SFAS 141(R) also requires acquisition-related transaction and restructuring costs to be expensed rather than treated as part of the cost of the acquisition. SFAS 141(R) applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. The Company does not expect the adoption of SFAS 141(R) to have a significant impact on its consolidated results of operations and financial position, but will impact any business combinations that close on or after January 1, 2009.

In June 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position EITF 03-6-1, "Determining Whether Instruments Granted in Share-Based Payment Transactions are Participating Securities." EITF 03-6-1 requires unvested share-based payment awards that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents to be treated as participating securities as defined in EITF Issue No. 03-6, "Participating Securities and the Two-Class Method under FASB Statement No. 128," and, therefore, included in the earnings allocation in computing earnings per share under the two-class method described in FASB Statement No. 128, "Earnings per Share." Upon adoption, all previously reported earnings per share data should be adjusted retrospectively to conform with the requirements of EITF 03-6-1. The Company is required to adopt EITF 03-6-1 starting in 2009. The Company does not expect EITF 03-6-1 to have an effect on its consolidated financial statements.

3. SUPPLIER AND CUSTOMER CONCENTRATION:

[Major Suppliers and Dealership Agreements](#)

The Company has entered into dealership agreements with various manufacturers of vehicles and construction equipment ("Manufacturers"). These agreements are nonexclusive agreements that allow the Company to stock, sell at retail and service trucks, equipment and products of the Manufacturers in the Company's defined market. The agreements allow the Company to use the Manufacturers' names, trade symbols and intellectual property and expire as follows:

Distributor	Expiration Dates
Peterbilt	March 2009 through May 2011
International	May 2013
Volvo	August 2010
GMC	October 2010
Isuzu	Indefinite
Hino	December 2009
UD	September 2009 through Indefinite
Ford	Indefinite
Blue Bird	August 2013
John Deere	Indefinite

These agreements, as well as agreements with various other Manufacturers, impose a number of restrictions and obligations on the Company, including restrictions on a change in control of the Company and the maintenance of certain required levels of working capital. Violation of these restrictions could result in the loss of the Company's right to purchase the Manufacturers' products and use the Manufacturers' trademarks.

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The Company purchases its new Peterbilt vehicles and most of its parts from PACCAR, the maker of Peterbilt trucks and parts, at prevailing prices charged to all franchised dealers. Sales of new Peterbilt trucks accounted for approximately 83% of the Company's new vehicle sales for the year ended December 31, 2008, and December 31, 2007.

The Company purchases most of its new construction equipment and parts from John Deere at prevailing prices charged to all franchised dealers. Sales of new John Deere equipment accounted for approximately 86.6% of the Company's new equipment sales for the year ended December 31, 2008, and 91.5% of the Company's new equipment sales for the year ended December 31, 2007.

[Primary Lenders](#)

The Company purchases its new and used vehicle and construction equipment inventories with the assistance of floor plan financing programs offered by various financial institutions and John Deere. Additional floor plan financing is provided by John Deere pursuant to the Company's equipment dealership agreement. These agreements provide that the occurrence of certain events will be considered events of default. There were no known events of default as of December 31, 2008. In the event that the Company's financing becomes insufficient, or its relationship with the current primary lenders terminates, the Company would need to obtain similar financing from other sources. Management believes it can obtain additional floor plan financing or alternative financing if necessary.

The Company's debt agreements include certain restrictive covenants. The Company was in compliance with these and all debt covenants as of December 31, 2008.

[Concentrations of Credit Risks](#)

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to significant concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable. The Company places its cash and cash equivalents with what it considers to be quality financial institutions. As of December 31, 2008, the Company had deposits in excess of federal insurance protection totaling approximately \$29.6 million.

The Company controls credit risk through credit approvals and by selling a majority of its trade receivables without recourse. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to trade receivables are reduced because a large number of geographically diverse customers make up the Company's customer base, thus spreading the trade credit risk. A majority of the Company's business, however, is concentrated in the United States heavy- and medium-duty truck and construction equipment markets and related aftermarkets.

The Company generally sells finance contracts it enters into with customers to finance the purchase of trucks or construction equipment to third parties. These finance contracts are sold both with and without recourse. A majority of the Company's finance contracts are sold without recourse. The Company provides an allowance for doubtful receivables and a reserve for repossession losses related to finance contracts sold. Historically, the Company's allowance and reserve have covered losses inherent in these receivables.

4. [ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:](#)

The Company's accounts receivable, net, consisted of the following (in thousands):

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	December 31,	
	2008	2007
Trade accounts receivable from sale of vehicles and construction equipment	\$ 25,187	\$ 23,284
Other trade receivables	10,390	6,605
Warranty claims	8,091	6,046
Other accounts receivable	12,117	13,173
Less allowance for bad debt and warranty receivable	(511)	(327)
Total	\$ 55,274	\$ 48,781

5. [INVENTORIES:](#)

The Company's inventories consisted of the following (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2008	2007
New vehicles	\$ 233,712	\$ 223,444
Used vehicles	23,081	28,646
New construction equipment	17,854	18,243

Used construction equipment	321	606
Parts and accessories	87,883	95,019
Other	5,182	5,058
Less allowance	(5,799)	(5,069)
Total	\$ 362,234	\$ 365,947

6. VALUATION ACCOUNTS:

Valuation and allowance accounts include the following (in thousands):

	Balance Beginning of Year	Net Charged to Costs and Expenses	Acquisitions	Net Write-Offs	Balance End of Year
2008					
Reserve for warranty receivable and accounts receivable	\$ 327	\$ 469		\$ (285)	\$ 511
Reserve for parts inventory	1,603	933	\$ 315	(1,238)	1,613
Reserve for equipment inventory	328	911		(516)	723
Reserve for truck inventory	3,138	15,413		(15,088)	3,463
2007					
Reserve for warranty receivable and accounts receivable	526	170		(369)	327
Reserve for parts inventory	2,025	894	232	(1,548)	1,603
Reserve for equipment inventory	408	(31)		(49)	328
Reserve for truck inventory	1,014	8,953		(6,829)	3,138
2006					
Reserve for warranty receivable	273	676		(480)	469
Reserve for parts inventory	1,448	2,183	709	(2,315)	2,025
Reserve for equipment inventory	0	443		(35)	408
Reserve for truck inventory	150	3,223		(2,359)	1,014

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Allowance for Doubtful Receivables

The Company provides an allowance for uncollectible warranty receivables. The Company evaluates the collectibility of its warranty claims receivable based on a combination of factors, including aging and correspondence with the applicable manufacturer. Management reviews the warranty claims receivable aging and adjusts the allowance based on historical experience. The Company records charge-offs related to warranty receivables on an as-needed basis. The Company sells a majority of its customer accounts receivable on a non-recourse basis to a third party that is responsible for qualifying the customer for credit at the point of sale. If the third party approves the customer for credit, then the third party assumes all credit risk related to the transaction.

Inventory

The Company provides a reserve for obsolete and slow moving parts. The reserve is reviewed and, if necessary, adjustments are made on a quarterly basis. The Company relies on historical information to support its reserve. Once the inventory is written down, the Company does not adjust the reserve balance until the inventory is sold.

The valuation for new and used truck and equipment inventory is based on specific identification. A detail of new and used truck and equipment inventory is reviewed and, if necessary, adjustments to the value of specific units are made on a quarterly basis.

7. FLOOR PLAN NOTES PAYABLE AND LINES OF CREDIT:

Floor Plan Notes Payable

Floor plan notes are financing agreements to facilitate the Company's purchase of new and used trucks and construction equipment. These notes are collateralized by the inventory purchased and accounts receivable arising from the sale thereof. The Company's floor plan notes have interest rates based on the prime rate or LIBOR, as defined in the agreements. The interest rates applicable to these agreements ranged from approximately 1.75% to 4.75% as of December 31, 2008. Amounts borrowed under these agreements are due when the related truck or construction equipment inventory (collateral) is sold and the sales proceeds are collected by the Company, or in the case of construction equipment rentals, when the carrying value of the equipment is reduced. These agreements may be modified, suspended or terminated by the lender as described in Note 3.

The Company finances substantially all of the purchase price of its new truck inventory, and the loan value of its used truck inventory under a floor plan financing agreement with GE Capital, under which GE Capital pays the manufacturer directly with respect to new trucks. On December 31, 2008, the Company had approximately \$266.0 million outstanding under its floor plan financing agreement with GE Capital.

The Company's floor plan agreement with Chase is based on the book value of the Company's construction equipment inventory. As of December 31, 2008, the aggregate amount of borrowing capacity with this lender was \$20.0 million, with approximately \$13.0 million outstanding. Additional amounts are available for construction equipment inventory purchases under the Company's John Deere dealership agreement. At December 31, 2008, approximately \$3.7 million was outstanding pursuant to the John Deere dealership agreement.

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Assets pledged as collateral as of December 31, 2008 and 2007 were as follows (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2008	2007
Inventories, new and used trucks and construction equipment at cost based on specific identification, net of allowance	\$ 270,630	\$ 267,472

Truck and construction equipment sale related accounts receivable	25,185	23,284
Total	\$ 295,815	\$ 290,756
Floor plan notes payable related to truck and construction equipment	\$ 282,702	\$ 273,653

Lines of Credit

The Company may request working capital advances in the minimum amount of \$100,000 from GE Capital, its primary truck lender. However, such working capital advances may not cause the total indebtedness owed GE Capital to exceed an amount equal to the wholesale advances made against the then current inventory less any payment reductions owed to GE Capital. There were no working capital advances outstanding under this agreement at December 31, 2008. The Company has a secured line of credit that provides for a maximum borrowing of \$8.0 million. There were no advances outstanding under this secured line of credit at December 31, 2008, however, \$5.9 million was pledged to secure various letters of credit related to self-insurance products, leaving \$2.1 million available for future borrowings as of December 31, 2008.

8. LONG-TERM DEBT:

Long-term debt was comprised of the following (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2008	2007
Variable interest rate term notes	\$ 18,171	\$ 3,200
Fixed interest rate term notes	191,505	195,745
Total debt	209,676	198,945
Less- current maturities	(37,665)	(33,593)
Total	\$ 172,011	\$ 165,352

As of December 31, 2008, debt maturities were as follows (in thousands):

2009	\$ 37,665
2010	55,510
2011	47,704
2012	29,494
2013	30,778
Thereafter	8,525
Total	\$ 209,676

The interest rates on the Company's variable interest rate notes are based on LIBOR. The interest rates on the notes range from approximately 2.68% to 2.94% on December 31, 2008. Payments on the notes range from \$12,578 to \$24,667 per month, plus interest. Maturities of these notes range from December 2012 to December 2013.

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The Company's fixed interest rate notes are primarily with financial institutions and had interest rates that ranged from approximately 3.66% to 8.50% on December 31, 2008. Payments on the notes range from \$168 to \$76,196 per month, plus interest. Maturities of these notes range from January 2009 to September 2016.

The proceeds from the issuance of the notes were used primarily to acquire land, buildings and improvements, transportation equipment and leasing vehicles. The notes are secured by the assets acquired with the proceeds of such notes.

The Company's long-term debt agreements require the Company to satisfy various financial ratios. At December 31, 2008, the Company is in compliance with all debt covenants. We do not anticipate any breach of the covenants in the foreseeable future.

9. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS:

The following methods and assumptions were used by the Company in estimating the fair value of financial instruments at December 31, 2008:

The carrying value of current assets and current liabilities approximates the fair value due to the short maturity of these items.

The fair value of the Company's long-term debt is based on secondary market indicators. Since the Company's debt is not quoted, estimates are based on each obligation's characteristics, including remaining maturities, interest rate, credit rating, collateral, amortization schedule and liquidity. The carrying amount approximates fair value.

10. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN:

The Company has a defined contribution plan (the "Rush 401K Plan"), which is available to all Company employees and the employees of certain affiliates. Each employee who has completed 90 days of continuous service is entitled to enter the Rush 401K Plan on the first day of the following month. Participating employees may contribute from 1% to 50% of total gross compensation. However, certain higher paid employees are limited to a maximum contribution of 15% of total gross compensation. For the first 10% of an employee's contribution, the Company, at its discretion, may contribute an amount equal to 25% of the employees' contributions for those employees with less than five years of service and an amount equal to 50% of the employees' contributions for those employees with more than five years of service. The Company incurred expenses related to the Rush 401K Plan of approximately \$3.4 million during the year ended December 31, 2008, \$3.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2007, and \$3.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2006.

The Company currently does not provide any postretirement benefits nor does it provide any post employment benefits.

11. LEASING ACTIVITIES:

Vehicle Leases as Lessee

The Company leases vehicles, as lessee, primarily over periods ranging from one to ten years under operating lease and capital lease arrangements. As discussed below, these vehicles are then subleased by the Company to customers under various agreements. Future minimum sublease rentals to be received by the Company under non-cancelable subleases, as described below, are \$34.0 million. Generally, the Company is required to incur all operating costs and pay a minimum rental. The Company guarantees the residual value of vehicles under operating lease and capital lease arrangements. At December 31, 2008, the Company guaranteed vehicle residual values of \$6.9 million under operating lease arrangements and \$6.1 million under capital lease arrangements. Historically, the Company purchases these vehicles at the end of the lease term and recognizes a gain on the sale of the vehicle. The residual values are not reflected in the

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future minimum lease payments for operating leases. Vehicle lease expenses were approximately \$4.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, \$4.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, and \$4.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Future minimum lease payments under capital and non-cancelable vehicle leases as of December 31, 2008, are as follows (in thousands):

	Capital Leases	Operating Leases
2009	\$ 4,631	\$ 3,944
2010	3,405	3,263
2011	3,615	2,624
2012	3,220	2,205
2013	1,270	1,453
Thereafter	752	908
Total minimum lease payments	\$ 16,893	\$ 14,397
Less amount representing interest	(2,073)	
Present value of net minimum capital lease payments	14,820	
Less current portion	(3,454)	
Obligations under capital leases less current portion	\$ 11,366	

Customer Vehicle Leases as Lessor

A division of the Company leases both owned and leased vehicles to customers primarily over periods of one to ten years under operating lease arrangements. These leases require a minimum rental payment and a contingent rental payment based on mileage. Rental income during the year ended December 31, 2008 consisted of minimum rental payments of approximately \$41.9 million and contingent rental payments of \$6.9 million. Rental income during the year ended December 31, 2007, consisted of minimum rental payments of approximately \$34.2 million and contingent rentals payments of approximately \$5.4 million. Rental income during the year ended December 31, 2006, consisted of minimum rental payments of approximately \$24.7 million and contingent rental payments of \$4.1 million. Minimum lease payments to be received for non-cancelable leases and subleases in effect at December 31, 2008, are as follows (in thousands):

2009	\$ 36,368
2010	31,803
2011	25,573
2012	17,966
2013	9,174
Thereafter	3,747
Total	\$ 124,631

As of December 31, 2008, the Company had \$133.6 million (net of accumulated depreciation of \$55.5 million) of lease vehicles included in property and equipment. As of December 31, 2007, the Company had \$131.0 million (net of accumulated depreciation of \$39.8 million) of lease vehicles included in property and equipment.

Other Leases - Land and Buildings

The Company leases various assets under operating leases with expiration dates ranging from January 2009 through November 2027. Monthly rental payments range from approximately \$800 per month to \$36,926 per month. Rental expense was \$4.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, \$4.3 million for the

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year ended December 31, 2007, and \$4.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. Future minimum lease payments under non-cancelable leases at December 31, 2008, are as follows (in thousands):

2009	\$ 4,130
2010	3,628
2011	2,948
2012	1,833
2013	1,539
Thereafter	9,656
Total	\$ 23,734

12. STOCK OPTIONS AND INCENTIVE PLANS:

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

The Company has an Employee Stock Purchase Plan that allows eligible employees to contribute up to 10% of their base earnings toward the semi-annual purchase of the Company's Class A common stock. The employee's purchase price is 85% of the lesser of the closing price of the Class A common stock on the first business day or the last business day of the semi-annual offering period, as reported by The NASDAQ Global Select MarketSM. Employees may purchase shares having a fair market value of up to \$25,000 (measured as of the first day of each semi-annual offering period) for each calendar year. Under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan, 900,000 shares of the

Company's Class A common stock have been reserved for issuance. The Company issued 54,532 shares under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan during the year ended December 31, 2008 and 58,713 shares during the year ended December 31, 2007. Of the 2,706 employees eligible to participate, 287 were participants in the plan as of December 31, 2008.

Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan

On May 16, 2006, the Board of Directors and shareholders adopted the Rush Enterprises, Inc. 2006 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan (the "Director Plan"), reserving 1,500,000 shares of Class A common stock for issuance upon exercise of any awards granted under the Plan. This Director Plan was Amended and Restated on May 20, 2008 to expand the type of award that may be granted under the plan to include Class A common stock awards.

The Director Plan is designed to attract and retain highly qualified non-employee directors. Historically, each non-employee director received options to purchase 20,000 shares of the Company's Class A common stock upon their respective date of appointment and each year on the date that they are elected or reelected by the shareholders to serve on the Board of Directors. Each option has a ten year term from the grant date and vested immediately. In 2008, in lieu of options, each non-employee director received an outright grant of 7,566 shares of the Company's Class A common stock on the date that they were reelected by the shareholders to serve on the Board of Directors. Under the Director Plan, 1,500,000 shares of the Company's Class A common stock have been reserved for issuance. The Company granted 30,264 shares of Class A common stock under the Director Plan during the year ended December 31, 2008 and 120,000 options to purchase Class A common stock under the Director Plan during the year ended December 31, 2007.

Employee Incentive Plans

In May 2007, the Board of Directors and shareholders adopted the Rush Enterprises, Inc. 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "2007 Incentive Plan"). The 2007 Incentive Plan provides for the grant of stock options (which may be nonqualified stock options or incentive stock options for tax purposes), stock appreciation rights issued independent of or in tandem with such options ("SARs"), restricted stock awards and performance awards. The 2007 Incentive Plan replaced the Rush Enterprises, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan ("Incentive Plan") effective May 22, 2007.

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The aggregate number of shares of common stock subject to stock options or SARs that may be granted to any one participant in any year under the 2007 Incentive Plan is 100,000 shares of Class A common stock or 100,000 shares of Class B common stock. Each option has a ten year term from the grant date and vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the third anniversary of the grant date. The Company has 2,550,000 shares of Class A common stock and 450,000 shares of Class B common stock reserved for issuance upon exercise of any awards granted under the Company's 2007 Incentive Plan. During the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company granted 396,865 options and 73,190 restricted stock awards under the 2007 Incentive Plan. During the year ended December 31, 2007, the Company granted 561,832 options under the Incentive Plan and 37,500 options under the 2007 Incentive Plan.

Valuation and Expense Information under SFAS 123(R)

Stock-based compensation expense related to stock options, restricted stock awards and employee stock purchases under SFAS 123(R) for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$3.6 million, for the year ended December 31, 2007 was \$3.4 million and for the year ended December 31, 2006 was \$2.6 million.

Cash received from options exercised and shares purchased under all share-based payment arrangements was \$1.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, \$2.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, and \$2.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2006.

A summary of the Company's stock option activity and related information for the year ended December 31, 2008, follows:

Options	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (in Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Balance at January 1, 2008	2,606,569	\$ 9.91		
Granted	396,865	15.53		
Exercised	(160,135)	3.16		
Forfeited	(50,329)	12.82		
Balance at December 31, 2008	<u>2,792,970</u>	<u>\$ 11.04</u>	<u>6.89</u>	<u>\$ 2,387,332</u>
Vested and exercisable at December 31, 2008	<u>999,368</u>	<u>\$ 7.72</u>	<u>5.45</u>	<u>\$ 2,344,646</u>

The aggregate intrinsic value in the preceding table represents the total pretax intrinsic value, based on an average of the closing price as of December 31, 2008, of the Company's Class A common stock and Class B common stock of \$8.38. The total intrinsic value of options exercised was \$1.7 million during the year ended December 31, 2008, \$6.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2007, and \$6.3 million during the year ended December 31, 2006.

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A summary of the status of the Company's non-vested shares as of December 31, 2008, and changes during the year ended December 31, 2008, follows:

Non-vested Shares	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Non-vested at January 1, 2008	1,907,978	\$ 4.56
Granted	396,865	5.62
Vested	(462,632)	2.97
Forfeited	(48,609)	5.11
Non-vested at December 31, 2008	<u>1,793,602</u>	<u>\$ 5.19</u>

The total fair value of options vested was \$1.4 million during the year ended December 31, 2008, \$2.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2007, and \$1.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2006.

Restricted Stock Awards

The Company granted restricted stock awards to its employees under the 2007 Incentive Plan and unrestricted stock awards to its non-employee directors under the Director Plan. The shares granted to employees carry a legend which restricts their transferability for a term of one to three years and are forfeited in the event the recipient's employment or relationship with the Company is terminated prior to the lapse of the restriction. The fair value of the restricted stock awards to the Company's employees is amortized to expense on a straight-line basis over the restricted stock's vesting period.

The following table presents a summary of the Company's restricted stock awards outstanding at December 31, 2008:

Restricted Stock Awards	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding, January 1, 2008	—	\$ —
Granted	103,454	15.90
Vested	(30,264)	16.52
Forfeited	(1,430)	15.52
Outstanding, December 31, 2008	71,760	\$ 15.65

The total fair market value of the shares issued upon the vesting of restricted stock awards during the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$0.5 million.

As of December 31, 2008, there was \$4.2 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested share-based compensation arrangements granted under the Incentive Plan and the 2007 Incentive Plan. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.8 years.

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13. STOCK DIVIDEND AND STOCK REPURCHASE PLAN:

Stock Dividend

On September 20, 2007, our shareholders approved an amendment to our Restated Articles of Incorporation increasing the total number of authorized shares of Class A common stock from 40,000,000 to 60,000,000 and total number of authorized shares of Class B common stock from 10,000,000 to 20,000,000. On the same date, our Board of Directors declared a 3-for-2 stock split of the Class A common stock and Class B common stock, to be effected in the form of a stock dividend. On October 10, 2007, Rush Enterprises, Inc. distributed one additional share of stock for every two shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock held by shareholders of record as of October 1, 2007. All share and per share data (except par value) in this Form 10-K have been adjusted and restated to reflect the stock dividend as if it occurred on the first day of the earliest period presented.

Stock Repurchase Plan

On July 22, 2008, the Company's Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program authorizing the Company to repurchase, from time to time, up to an aggregate of \$20,000,000 of its shares of Class A common stock and/or Class B common stock. Repurchases will be made at times and in amounts as the Company deems appropriate and will be made through open market transactions, privately negotiated transactions and other lawful means. The manner, timing and amount of any repurchases will be determined by the Company based on an evaluation of market conditions, stock price and other factors, including those related to the ownership requirements of its dealership agreements with manufacturers it represents. The stock repurchase program has no expiration date and may be suspended or discontinued at any time. While the stock repurchase program does not obligate the Company to acquire any particular amount or class of common stock, the Company anticipates that it will be repurchasing primarily shares of its Class B common stock.

As of December 31, 2008, the Company repurchased 1,639,843 shares of Class B common stock at a cost of \$17.9 million. The Company is holding the repurchased shares of the common stock as treasury stock and is accounting for the treasury stock pursuant to the cost method. The Company includes treasury stock as a component of stockholders' equity.

14. EARNINGS PER SHARE:

Basic earnings per share ("EPS") were computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS differs from basic EPS due to the assumed conversions of potentially dilutive options and warrants that were outstanding during the period. The Company's Class A common stock and Class B common stock have equal claims on earnings of the Company. The following is a reconciliation of the numerators and the denominators of the basic and diluted per share computations for net income. Share and per share data for 2006 has been adjusted and restated to reflect the stock dividend discussed above.

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	2008	2007	2006
Numerator-			
Numerator for basic and diluted earnings per share-			
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 28,865,000	\$ 51,492,000	\$ 58,786,000
Denominator-			
Denominator for basic earnings per share, weighted average shares	38,088,687	38,059,240	37,475,426
Effect of dilutive securities-			
Stock options	498,263	686,477	413,904
Denominator for diluted earnings per share, adjusted weighted average shares and assumed conversions	38,586,950	38,745,717	37,889,330

Basic earnings per common share	\$	0.76	\$	1.35	\$	1.57
Diluted earnings per common share and common share equivalents	\$	0.75	\$	1.33	\$	1.55

Options to purchase shares of common stock that were outstanding for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 that were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the exercise prices were greater than the average market prices of the common shares are as follows:

	2008	2007	2006
Options	545,215	157,500	393,925
Total anti-dilutive securities	545,215	157,500	393,925

15. INCOME TAXES:

Provision for Income Taxes

The tax provisions are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
Current provision-			
Federal	\$ 4,468	\$ 20,516	\$ 26,189
State	1,805	2,278	2,469
	6,273	22,794	28,658
Deferred provision-			
Federal	9,809	8,027	6,173
State	140	(511)	441
	9,949	7,516	6,614
Provision for income taxes	\$ 16,222	\$ 30,310	\$ 35,272

The following summarizes the components of deferred tax assets and liabilities included in the balance sheet (in thousands):

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	December 31,	
	2008	2007
Current:		
Deferred tax assets:		
Inventory	\$ 2,210	\$ 2,083
Accounts receivable	139	179
Capital lease obligations	1,360	1,616
Stock options	595	403
Other	2,426	2,747
Current deferred tax asset	\$ 6,730	\$ 7,028
Non-Current:		
Deferred tax assets:		
Capital lease obligations	\$ 4,079	\$ 4,849
Stock options	2,379	1,611
Other	474	622
	6,932	7,082
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Difference between book and tax basis	(59,828)	(47,986)
Net non-current tax liability	\$ (52,896)	\$ (40,904)

The Company's various state net operating loss carry forwards expire from 2011 through 2021.

A reconciliation of taxes based on the federal statutory rates and the provisions for income taxes are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
Income taxes at the federal statutory rate	\$ 15,781	\$ 28,631	\$ 32,920
State income taxes, net of federal benefit	1,236	1,148	1,995
Tax effect of permanent differences	(684)	(143)	17
State tax valuation allowance	—	—	(73)
Other, net	(111)	674	413
Provision for income taxes	\$ 16,222	\$ 30,310	\$ 35,272

The Company included accruals for unrecognized income tax benefits totaling \$1.9 million as a component of accrued liabilities as of December 31, 2008 and \$2.0 million as of December 31, 2007. The unrecognized tax benefits of \$1.9 million at December 31, 2008, if recognized, would impact the Company's effective tax rate. As of December 31, 2008, the Company accrued interest of \$185,000 related to unrecognized tax benefits in the current provision for income taxes. No amounts were accrued for penalties.

The Company does not anticipate a significant change in the amount of unrecognized tax benefits in the next 12 months. As of December 31, 2008, the tax years ended December 31, 2005, through 2008 remained subject to examination by tax authorities. The U.S. Internal Revenue Service is currently examining the Company's federal income tax return for the tax year 2005.

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A reconciliation of the change in the unrecognized tax benefits from January 1, 2007, to December 31, 2008, is as follows:

Unrecognized tax benefits at January 1, 2007	\$ 1,430,204
Gross increases – tax positions in prior years	535,224
Unrecognized tax benefits at December 31, 2007	1,965,428
Gross increases – tax positions in current year	426,590
Reductions due to lapse of statute of limitations	(453,334)
Unrecognized tax benefits at December 31, 2008	<u>\$ 1,938,684</u>

16. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

The Company is contingently liable to finance companies for certain notes initiated on behalf of such finance companies related to the sale of trucks and construction equipment. The majority of finance contracts are sold without recourse against the Company. A majority of the Company's liability related to finance contracts sold with recourse is generally limited to 5% to 20% of the outstanding amount of each note initiated on behalf of the finance company. The Company provides for an allowance for repossession losses and early repayment penalties that it may be liable for under finance contracts sold without recourse.

The Company is involved in various claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. The Company believes it is unlikely that the final outcome of any of the claims or proceedings to which the Company is a party would have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations; however, due to the inherent uncertainty of litigation, there can be no assurance that the resolution of any particular claim or proceeding would not have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations for the fiscal period in which such resolution occurred.

During the second quarter of 2007, the Company renegotiated its contractual obligations with its retail funding sources regarding early repayment penalties, which occur as a result of a premature termination of finance contracts sold by the Company. As a result of these negotiations, the Company expects to decrease the amount of finance income it will recognize at the time the contract is sold and to decrease the amount of early repayment penalties it will owe its retail funding sources in the future.

In 2006, the Company signed an agreement with Titan Technology Partners to implement SAP enterprise software and a new SAP dealership management system. The cost of the SAP software and implementation is estimated at \$30.0 million to \$32.0 million, of which \$20.9 million was expended at December 31, 2008.

17. ACQUISITIONS:

All of the following acquisitions, unless otherwise noted, were considered business combinations accounted for under SFAS 141.

In June 2008, the Company acquired certain assets of Capital Bus Sales and Service of Texas, Inc., which included a Blue Bird bus franchise for the majority of Texas. The Company is selling buses at most Rush Truck Centers throughout Texas. The transaction was valued at approximately \$5.6 million, with the purchase price paid in cash.

The Capital Bus Sales and Service of Texas, Inc. acquisition was accounted for as a purchase; operations of the business acquired are included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements from the date of the acquisition. Pro forma information is not included because Capital Bus Sales and Service of Texas, Inc.'s results of operations would not have a material effect on the Company's financial statements. The purchase price was allocated based on the fair values of the assets at the date of acquisition as follows (in thousands):

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Inventories	\$3,645
Accrued expenses	(27)
Goodwill	2,020
Total	<u>\$5,638</u>

All of the goodwill acquired in the Capital Bus Sales and Service of Texas, Inc. acquisition will be amortized over 15 years for tax purposes.

In May 2008, the Company acquired certain assets of Peterbilt Carolina, Inc. which consisted of a Peterbilt, Hino and Isuzu heavy- and medium-duty truck dealership in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Company is operating the facility as a full-service Rush Truck Center offering Peterbilt heavy- and medium-duty trucks as well as medium-duty trucks manufactured by Hino and Isuzu, and parts and service. The transaction was valued at approximately \$13.4 million, with the purchase price paid in cash.

The operations of Peterbilt Carolina, Inc. are included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements from the date of the acquisition. Pro forma information is not included because Peterbilt Carolina, Inc.'s results of operations would not have a material effect on the Company's financial statements. The purchase price was allocated based on the fair values of the assets at the date of acquisition as follows (in thousands):

Cash	\$ 1
Inventories	8,529
Property and equipment	99
Accrued expenses	(626)
Goodwill	5,383
Total	<u>\$ 13,386</u>

All of the goodwill acquired in the Peterbilt Carolina, Inc. acquisition will be amortized over 15 years for tax purposes.

In May 2008, the Company executed agreements to acquire the common stock of Adams International Trucks, Inc., an International heavy- and medium-duty truck dealership in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Company is operating the facility as a full-service Rush Truck Center offering International heavy- and medium-duty trucks, parts and service and leasing. The transaction was valued at approximately \$20.1 million, with the purchase price paid in cash.

The operations of Adams International Trucks, Inc. are included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements from the date of the acquisition. Pro forma information is not included because Adams International Trucks, Inc.'s results of operations would not have a material effect on the Company's financial statements. The purchase price was allocated based on the fair values of the assets at the date of acquisition as follows (in thousands):

Cash	\$	3,225
Prepaid expenses		44
Accounts receivable		1,672
Inventories		6,313
Property and equipment		3,071
Other assets		10
Accrued expenses		(2,587)
Floor plan notes payable		(3,185)
Notes payable		(2,379)
Goodwill		13,918
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Total	\$	<u>20,102</u>

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The portion of goodwill related to the stock purchase of Adams International Trucks, Inc. will not be amortized for tax purposes, while the portion of goodwill related to the acquisition of the International franchise rights will be amortized over 15 years for tax purposes.

In addition to the stock and asset purchases described above, the Company purchased the real estate of the North Carolina dealership operations for \$6.2 million. The real estate transaction was financed by a bank with a \$5.0 million note payable.

In August 2007, the Company purchased certain assets of San Luis Truck Service Garage, Inc., which consisted of a parts and service center in San Luis Obispo, California. The Company is operating the facility as a Rush Truck Center offering parts and service. The transaction was valued at approximately \$0.8 million, with the purchase price paid in cash.

The San Luis Truck Service Garage, Inc. acquisition was accounted for as a purchase; operations of the business acquired are included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements from the date of the acquisition. Pro forma information is not included because San Luis Truck Service Garage, Inc.'s results of operations would not have a material effect on the Company's financial statements. The purchase price was allocated based on the fair values of the assets at the date of acquisition as follows (in thousands):

Inventories	\$	200
Property and equipment		36
Accounts receivable		1
Accrued expenses		(5)
Goodwill		584
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Total	\$	<u>816</u>

All of the goodwill acquired in the San Luis Truck Service Garage, Inc. acquisition will be amortized over 15 years for tax purposes.

In March 2007, the Company purchased certain assets of Allen-Jensen, Inc., which consisted of a GMC and Isuzu truck dealership in Waco, Texas. The Company is operating the facility as a full-service Rush Truck Center offering Peterbilt heavy- and medium-duty trucks as well as medium-duty trucks manufactured by GMC and Isuzu, and parts and service. The transaction was valued at approximately \$6.3 million, with the purchase price paid in cash.

The Allen-Jensen, Inc. acquisition was accounted for as a purchase; operations of the business acquired are included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements from the date of the acquisition. Pro forma information is not included because Allen-Jensen, Inc.'s results of operations would not have a material effect on the Company's financial statements. The purchase price was allocated based on the fair values of the assets at the date of acquisition as follows (in thousands):

Inventories	\$	5,570
Property and equipment		47
Accounts receivable		28
Accrued expenses		(11)
Goodwill		678
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Total	\$	<u>6,312</u>

All of the goodwill acquired in the Allen-Jensen, Inc. acquisition will be amortized over 15 years for tax purposes.

In March 2007, the Company purchased certain assets of Advanced Transportation Insurance Services, Inc., an insurance agency headquartered in Laguna Niguel, California. In connection with this acquisition, the Company also purchased the stock of Advance Premium Finance, Inc., a premium finance company

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associated with Advanced Transportation Insurance Services, Inc. The total transaction was valued at approximately \$2.1 million, with the purchase price financed with cash of \$0.6 million and notes payable of \$1.5 million. Pro forma information is not included because Advanced Transportation Insurance Services, Inc.'s results of operations would not have a material effect on the Company's financial statements. The entire purchase price was allocated to goodwill and \$1.6 million of the goodwill will be amortized over 15 years for tax purposes.

18. INVESTMENTS:

On a quarterly basis, the Company assesses its investments for impairment. If the investments are deemed to be impaired, the Company 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 other than temporary, the Company records the impairment in the Company's consolidated statement of income.

The Company historically invested in interest-bearing short-term investments primarily consisting of investment-grade auction rate securities classified as available-for-sale and reported at fair value. These types of investments were designed to provide liquidity through an auction process that reset the applicable interest rates at predetermined periods ranging from 1 to 35 days. This reset mechanism was intended to allow existing investors to continue to own their respective interest in the auction rate security or to gain immediate liquidity by selling their interests at par.

As a result of the recent liquidity issues experienced in the global capital markets, auctions for investment grade securities held by the Company have failed. An auction fails when there is insufficient demand. However, a failed auction does not represent a default by the issuer. The auction rate securities continue to pay interest in accordance with the terms of the underlying security; however, liquidity will be limited until there is a successful auction or until such time as other markets for these investments develop. The Company believes that its auction rate securities will liquidate within the next twelve months and has classified them as a current asset on its consolidated balance sheet. The Company has the intent and ability to hold these auction rate securities until liquidity returns to the market. The Company does not believe that the lack of liquidity relating to its auction rate securities will have a material impact on its ability to fund operations.

As of December 31, 2007, the Company did not carry any short-term investments, as its previous practice had been to liquidate its short-term investments, including auction rate securities near the end of each fiscal quarter. However, as of December 31, 2008, the Company holds \$7.6 million of auction rate securities with underlying tax-exempt municipal bonds with stated maturities of 22 years. These bonds have credit wrap insurance and have been rated AAA by credit agencies.

The Company believes that the credit quality and fair value of the auction rate securities it holds has not been negatively impacted; therefore, no impairment charges have been recorded as of December 31, 2008. As of December 31, 2008, the Company has valued these investments at fair value, which approximates cost. The Company used observable inputs to determine fair value, including consideration of broker quotes, the overall quality of the underlying municipality, the credit quality of the insurance company, as well as successful subsequent auctions. Accordingly, the Company has considered this fair value to be a Level 2 valuation under SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measurement." If the credit quality of these investments deteriorates, or adverse developments occur in the bond insurance market, the Company may be required to record an impairment charge on these investments in the future.

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19. UNAUDITED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA:

(In thousands, except per share amounts.)

	<u>First Quarter</u>	<u>Second Quarter</u>	<u>Third Quarter</u>	<u>Fourth Quarter</u>
2008				
Revenues	\$ 403,858	\$ 454,718	\$ 413,696	\$ 382,684
Gross Profit	78,179	74,413	76,385	67,735
Operating income	17,359	11,474	13,975	9,969
Income before income taxes	15,481	9,706	12,167	7,733
Net income	\$ 9,675	\$ 6,067	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,123
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.14
Diluted	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.14
2007				
Revenues	\$ 531,258	\$ 519,404	\$ 521,598	\$ 458,519
Gross Profit	89,496	91,725	89,741	81,106
Operating income	25,446	25,511	24,192	21,323
Income before income taxes	21,006	21,046	20,839	18,911
Net income	\$ 13,024	\$ 13,048	\$ 13,128	\$ 12,292
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.32
Diluted	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.32

20. SEGMENTS:

The Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information" ("SFAS 131"). This statement requires that public business enterprises report certain information about operating segments in complete sets of financial statements of the enterprise and in condensed financial statements of interim periods issued to shareholders. It also requires that public business enterprises report certain information about their products and services, the geographic areas in which they operate, and their major customers.

The Company currently has two reportable business segments: the Truck segment and the Construction Equipment segment. The Truck segment operates a regional network of truck centers that provide an integrated one-stop source for the trucking needs of its customers, including retail sales of new and used heavy- and medium-duty trucks; aftermarket parts, service and body shop facilities; and a wide array of financial services, including the financing of new and used truck purchases, insurance products and truck leasing and rentals. The Construction Equipment segment operates a full-service John Deere dealership that serves the Houston, Texas area. Construction Equipment dealership operations include the retail sale of new and used construction equipment, aftermarket parts and service facilities, equipment rentals, and the financing of new and used construction equipment.

The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies. The Company evaluates performance based on income before income taxes not including extraordinary items.

The Company accounts for intersegment sales and transfers as if the sales or transfers were to third parties, that is, at current market prices. There were no material intersegment sales during the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006.

The Company's reportable segments are strategic business units that offer different products and services. They are managed separately because each business unit requires different technology and marketing

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strategies. Business units were maintained through expansion and acquisitions. The following table contains summarized information about reportable segment profit or loss and segment assets for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 (in thousands):

	Truck Segment	Construction Equipment Segment	All Other	Totals
2008				
Revenues from external customers	\$ 1,553,298	\$ 83,763	\$ 17,895	\$ 1,654,956
Interest income	2,636	—	—	2,636
Interest expense	9,359	600	507	10,466
Depreciation and amortization	14,483	605	790	15,878
Segment income before income tax	38,549	6,045	493	45,087
Segment assets	1,000,470	29,570	26,750	1,056,790
Goodwill	135,191	4,075	2,638	141,904
Expenditures for segment assets	79,938	323	312	80,573
2007				
Revenues from external customers	\$ 1,914,897	\$ 97,130	\$ 18,752	\$ 2,030,779
Interest income	2,840	—	—	2,840
Interest expense	16,324	860	565	17,749
Depreciation and amortization	13,665	558	712	14,935
Segment income before income tax	71,736	8,527	1,539	81,802
Segment assets	973,434	30,494	27,663	1,031,591
Goodwill	113,869	4,075	2,638	120,582
Expenditures for segment assets	70,363	1,022	592	71,977
2006				
Revenues from external customers	\$ 2,254,123	\$ 77,816	\$ 18,584	\$ 2,350,523
Interest income	2,162	—	—	2,162
Interest expense	16,697	830	353	17,880
Depreciation and amortization	12,056	367	466	12,889
Segment income before income tax	86,116	5,624	2,318	94,058
Segment assets	1,084,343	22,914	21,153	1,128,410
Goodwill	112,535	4,075	461	117,071
Expenditures for segment assets	109,938	443	5,724	116,105

Revenues from segments below the quantitative thresholds are attributable to three operating segments of the Company. Those segments include a tire retailing company, an insurance company and a hunting lease operation. None of those segments has ever met any of the quantitative thresholds for determining reportable segments.

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

There were no changes or disagreements on any matters of accounting principles or financial statement disclosure between the Company and its independent auditors during the two most recent fiscal years or any subsequent interim period.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

In accordance with Exchange Act Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer

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concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2008, to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended December 31, 2008 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting for the Company. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed under the supervision of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the Company's financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

As of December 31, 2008, management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on the criteria for effective internal control over financial reporting established in "Internal Control — Integrated Framework," issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations (COSO) of the Treadway Commission. Based on the assessment, management determined that the Company maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008, based on those criteria.

Ernst & Young LLP, the independent registered public accounting firm that audited the consolidated financial statements of the Company included in this annual report on Form 10-K, has issued an attestation report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008. The report,

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Attestation Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

**Report of Ernst & Young LLP
Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Rush Enterprises, Inc.**

We have audited Rush Enterprises, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008, based on criteria established in Internal Control- Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria). Rush Enterprises, Inc.'s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Rush Enterprises, Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Rush Enterprises, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2008 and 2007 and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2008 of Rush Enterprises, Inc. and subsidiaries and our report dated March 10, 2009 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

San Antonio, Texas
March 10, 2009

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Item 9B. Other Information

None.

PART III

Item 10. Directors and Executive Officers of the Registrant

The information called for by Item 10 of Form 10-K is incorporated herein by reference to such information included in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Code of Ethics

We maintain a code of ethics applicable to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, and other persons performing similar functions. To view this code of ethics free of charge, please visit our website at www.rushenterprises.com (This website address is not intended to function as a hyperlink, and the information contained in our website is not intended to be a part of this filing). We intend to satisfy the disclosure requirements under Item 5.05 of Form 8-K regarding an amendment to, or waiver from, a provision of this code of ethics, if any, by posting such information on our website as set forth above.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information called for by Item 11 of Form 10-K is incorporated herein by reference to such information included in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

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

The information called for by Item 12 of Form 10-K is incorporated herein by reference to such information included in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

The information called for by Item 13 of Form 10-K is incorporated herein by reference to such information included in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

The information called for by Item 14 of Form 10-K is incorporated herein by reference to such information included in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

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PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

(a)(1) Financial Statements

Included in Item 8 of Part II of this annual report on Form 10-K are the following: Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm; Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2008 and 2007; Consolidated Statements of Income for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006; Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006; Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006; and Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

(a)(2) Financial Statement Schedules

These schedules are omitted as the required information is inapplicable or the information is presented in the consolidated financial statements or related notes.

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(a)(3) Exhibits

Index to Exhibits:

Exhibit No.	Identification of Exhibit
3.1	Restated Articles of Incorporation of Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (File No. 000-20797) for the quarter ended June 30, 2008)
3.2	Rush Enterprises, Inc. Amended and Restated Bylaws (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 000-20797) filed December 9, 2008)
4.1	Specimen of certificate representing Common Stock (now Class B Common Stock), \$.01 par value, of Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996)
4.2	Specimen of certificate representing Class A Common Stock, \$.01 par value, of the Registrant (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed July 9, 2002)
10.1	Right of First Refusal dated April 1, 1996 between Peterbilt Motors Company and W. Marvin Rush (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.76 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996)
10.2	Right of First Refusal dated April 1, 1996 between Peterbilt Motors Company and Barbara Rush (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.77 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996)
10.3	Right of First Refusal dated April 1, 1996 between Peterbilt Motors Company and W.M. "Rusty" Rush (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.78 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996)
10.4	Right of First Refusal dated April 1, 1996 between Peterbilt Motors Company and Robin Rush (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.79 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996)
10.5+	Rush Enterprises, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-117305 on Form S-8 filed July 12, 2004)
10.6+	Form of Rush Enterprises, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan Stock Option Agreement (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.85 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996)
10.7+	Rush Enterprises, Inc. Amended and Restated 1997 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-117305 on Form S-8 filed July 12, 2004)
10.8+	Form of Rush Enterprises, Inc. 1997 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Agreement (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.4 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-117305 on Form S-8 filed July 12, 2004)
10.9+	Rush Enterprises, Inc. 2004 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-121355 on Form S-8 filed December 17, 2004)

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10.10+	Rush Enterprises, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Non-Employee Director Stock Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Appendix A of the Company's Proxy Statement filed April 9, 2008)
10.11+	Form of Rush Enterprises, Inc. 2006 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Agreement (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.4 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-138556 on Form S-8 filed November 9, 2006)
10.12+	Rush Enterprises, Inc. 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Appendix A to the Company's Proxy Statement filed April 17, 2007)
10.13*+	Form of Rush Enterprises Inc. 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Agreement
10.14+	Form of Rush Enterprises Inc. 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan Stock Option Agreement (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.4 of the Company's Form S-8 (File No. 333-144821) filed July 24, 2007)
10.15	Form of dealer agreement between Peterbilt Motors Company and Rush Truck Centers (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.18 of the Company's Form 10-K (File No. 000-20797) for the year ended December 31, 1999)
10.16	Amended Restated Wholesale Security Agreement, dated August 15, 2007, by and among Rush Truck Centers of Alabama, Inc., Rush Truck Centers of Arizona, Inc., Rush Truck Centers of California, Inc., Rush Medium Duty Truck Centers of Colorado, Inc., Rush Truck Centers of Colorado, Inc., Rush Truck Centers of Florida, Inc., Rush Truck Centers of Georgia, Inc., Rush Truck Centers of New Mexico, Inc., Rush Truck Centers of Oklahoma, Inc., Rush Truck Centers of Tennessee, Inc., and Rush Truck Centers of Texas, L.P., Rush GMC Truck Center of El Paso, Inc., Rush GMC Truck Center of Phoenix, Inc., Rush GMC Truck Center of San Diego, Inc., Rush GMC Truck Center of Tucson, Inc. and General Electric Capital Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 000-20797) filed August 20, 2007)
10.17	First Amendment to Amended and Restated Wholesale Security Agreement, dated October 3, 2007, by and among Rush Truck Centers of Alabama, Inc., Rush Truck Centers of Arizona, Inc., Rush Truck Centers of California, Inc., Rush Medium Duty Truck Centers of Colorado, Inc., Rush Truck Centers of Colorado, Inc., Rush Truck Centers of Florida, Inc., Rush Truck Centers of Georgia, Inc., Rush Truck Centers of New Mexico, Inc., Rush Truck Centers of Oklahoma, Inc., Rush Truck Centers of Tennessee, Inc., and Rush Truck Centers of Texas, L.P., Rush GMC Truck Center of El Paso, Inc., Rush GMC Truck Center of Phoenix, Inc., Rush GMC Truck Center of San Diego, Inc., Rush GMC Truck Center of Tucson, Inc. and General Electric Capital Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 000-20797) filed October 3, 2007)
10.18+	Form of Indemnity Agreement (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 000-20797) filed February 27, 2007)
10.19+	Rush Enterprises, Inc. Executive Transition Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 000-20797) filed July 25, 2008)
21.1*	Subsidiaries of the Company
23.1*	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP
31.1*	Certification of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
31.2*++	Certification of Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

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32.1*++	Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.2*++	Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

* Filed herewith.

+ Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

++ This exhibit shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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SIGNATURES

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

RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC.

By: /s/ W. M. "RUSTY" RUSH
W. M. "Rusty" Rush
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 13, 2009

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities on the dates indicated:

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ W. MARVIN RUSH</u> W. Marvin Rush	Chairman of the Board and Director	March 13, 2009
<u>/s/ W. M. "RUSTY" RUSH</u> W. M. "Rusty" Rush	President and Chief Executive Officer, Director (Principal Executive Officer)	March 13, 2009
<u>/s/ STEVEN L. KELLER</u> Steven L. Keller	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Accounting Officer)	March 13, 2009
<u>/s/ THOMAS A. AKIN</u> Thomas A. Akin	Director	March 13, 2009
<u>/s/ RONALD J. KRAUSE</u> Ronald J. Krause	Director	March 13, 2009
<u>/s/ HAROLD D. MARSHALL</u> Harold D. Marshall	Director	March 13, 2009
<u>/s/ JAMES C. UNDERWOOD</u> James C. Underwood	Director	March 13, 2009
<u>/s/ GERALD R. SZCZEPANSKI</u> Gerald R. Szczepanski	Director	March 13, 2009

RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC.
2007 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

RESTRICTED STOCK AGREEMENT
FOR EMPLOYEES
(Time Vesting - Graded)

THIS RESTRICTED STOCK AGREEMENT (this "**Agreement**") is made as of March 14, 2008 by and between Rush Enterprises, Inc. (the "**Company**") and ("**Employee**").

1. **GRANT OF RESTRICTED SHARES.** Pursuant to the Rush Enterprises, Inc. 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "**Plan**") Employee is hereby awarded shares (the "**Restricted Shares**") of Common Stock. All of the Restricted Shares shall be subject to the prohibition on the transfer of the Restricted Shares and the obligations to forfeit the Restricted Shares to the Company as set forth in Section 3 of this Agreement ("Forfeiture Restrictions").
2. **EFFECT OF THE PLAN.** The Restricted Shares awarded to Employee are subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Plan, which terms and conditions are incorporated herein for all purposes, and of this Agreement together with all rules and determinations from time to time issued by the Committee and by the Board pursuant to the Plan. The Company hereby reserves the right to amend, modify, restate, supplement or terminate the Plan without the consent of Employee, so long as such amendment, modification, restatement or supplement shall not materially reduce the rights and benefits available to Employee hereunder, and this Award shall be subject, without further action by the Company or Employee, to such amendment, modification, restatement or supplement unless provided otherwise therein. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Plan.
3. **RESTRICTIONS.** Employee hereby accepts the Award of the Restricted Shares and agrees with respect thereto as follows:
 - (a) **No Transfer.** Unless otherwise determined by the Committee and provided in this Agreement or the Plan, the Restricted Shares shall not be sold, assigned, pledged, exchanged, hypothecated or otherwise transferred except by will or the laws of decent and distribution. The Forfeiture Restrictions shall be binding upon and enforceable against any permitted transferee of the Restricted Shares. The Company shall not be required (i) to transfer on its books any Restricted Shares that have been sold or otherwise transferred in violation of any of the provisions of this Agreement or the Plan, or (ii) to treat as owner of such Restricted Shares, or accord the right to vote or pay or deliver dividends or other distributions to, any purchaser or other transferee to whom or which such Restricted Shares shall have been so transferred in violation of any of the provisions of this Agreement or the Plan.
 - (b) **Mandatory Mediation and Arbitration Procedure.** By execution of this Agreement and acceptance of this Award, which is a voluntary benefit provided to the Employee

by the Company, the Employee waives the Employee's right to a jury trial in state or federal court and agrees that disputes arising under this Agreement must first be submitted for non-binding mediation before a neutral third party. Any such mediation shall be conducted and administered by the American Arbitration Association ("**AAA**") pursuant to such procedures as the AAA may from time to time establish, such procedures being incorporated herein by reference. If a dispute remains unresolved at the conclusion of the mediation process, either party may submit the dispute for resolution by final binding arbitration. The arbitration will be conducted under the employment Dispute Resolution Rules of the AAA, as amended ("**Rules**"). These Rules, incorporated by reference herein, include (but are not limited to) the procedures for the joint selection of an impartial arbitrator and for the hearing of evidence before the arbitrator. The arbitrator shall have the authority to allow for appropriate discovery and exchange of information prior to a hearing, including (but not limited to) production of documents, information requests, depositions, and subpoenas. By execution of this Agreement, however, the Employee does not waive the Employee's right to any normally available remedies the Employee may have in connection with any claim the Employee may bring against the Company, as an arbitrator can award any normal remedies the Employee could get in a court proceeding. By execution of this Agreement, the Employee represents that to the extent the Employee considered necessary, the Employee has sought, at the Employee's own expense, counsel regarding the terms of this Agreement and the waiver contemplated in this paragraph (b) of Section 3. If this arbitration provision is found inapplicable, then either party may file suit and each party agrees that any suit, action, or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be brought in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (or should such court lack jurisdiction to hear such action, suit or proceeding, in a Texas State court in Bexar County, Texas) and that the parties shall submit to the jurisdiction of such court. The parties irrevocably waive, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any objection a party may have to the laying of venue for any such suit, action or proceeding brought in such court. THE PARTIES ALSO EXPRESSLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT THEY HAVE OR MAY HAVE TO A JURY TRIAL OF ANY SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING.

- (c) **Forfeiture of Restricted Shares.** If Employee terminates service with the Company and its Subsidiaries prior to March 14, 2009 (the "Restriction Lapse Date") for any reason other than Employee's death, Disability or a decision to Retire, or if Employee (or Employee's estate) shall initiate a legal proceeding against the Company other than pursuant to the terms of paragraph (b) of this Section 3, then Employee (or Employee's estate, as applicable) shall, for no consideration, forfeit to the Company all Restricted Shares. If after the Restriction Lapse Date Employee terminates service with the Company and its Subsidiaries for any reason other than Employee's death, Disability or a decision to Retire, then Employee shall, for no consideration, forfeit to the Company all Restricted Shares with respect to which the Forfeiture Restrictions have not lapsed pursuant to paragraph (d) of this Section 3 as of the effective date of such termination of service. Notwithstanding the forgoing, the Committee or its designee may, in the Committee's or the designee's sole and absolute discretion, as applicable, provide for the acceleration of the vesting of the Restricted Shares, eliminate or make less restrictive any restrictions contained in this Agreement, waive any restriction or other provision of the Plan or this Agreement or otherwise amend or modify this Agreement in any manner that is either (i) not adverse to Employee, or (ii) consented to by Employee.
- (d) **Lapse of Forfeiture Restrictions.** If Employee provides continuous, eligible service to the Company and its Subsidiaries as determined by the Committee or its

designee, in the Committee's OR the designee's sole and absolute discretion, as applicable, the Forfeiture Restrictions will lapse with respect to one-third (33.33%) of the Restricted Shares on the Restriction Lapse Date; an additional one-third (33.33%) of the Restricted Shares on the first anniversary of the Restriction Lapse Date; an additional one-third (33.33%) on the second anniversary of the Restriction Lapse Date. If the number of Restricted Shares with respect to which the Forfeiture Restrictions would lapse as of any particular anniversary of the Restriction Lapse Date results in the Forfeiture Restrictions lapsing with respect to a fractional Restricted Share, such installment will be rounded to the next whole Restricted Share, as determined by the Company, except the final installment, which will be for the balance of the Restricted Shares with respect to which the forfeiture restrictions have lapsed.

- (e) **Death or Disability or Retirement.** If Employee shall die or be subject to Disability (as defined in Section 22(e)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code")) while employed by the Company and its Subsidiaries or choose to Retire (defined as termination by the Employee of the Employee's employment relationship with the Company or any of its subsidiaries after 10 years of employment with the Company and attaining the age of 60), the Forfeiture Restrictions of the Restricted Shares granted hereunder (unless previously terminated pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section 3) will lapse pursuant to the following: (i) in the case of

death or Disability while employed by the Company and its Subsidiaries or after Employee chooses to Retire (so long as Employee does not become employed by a "competitor" of the Company), the Forfeiture Restrictions will lapse for all of the Restricted Shares; and (ii) in the case Employee chooses to Retire, for so long as Employee does not become employed by a "competitor" of the Company, the Forfeiture Restrictions shall continue to lapse pursuant to paragraph (d) of this Section 3. A determination as to whether the Employee has become employed by a "competitor," and the definition of "competitor," shall be made by the Committee, in its sole discretion. In the event Employee becomes employed by a "competitor," then Employee's continuous, eligible service to the Company will be deemed to terminate on the date Employee is employed by a "competitor" and the provisions of Paragraph (d) of this Section 3 shall apply to determine whether any Forfeiture Restrictions have lapsed.

(f) **Change in Control.** If a Change in Control occurs during the term of this Agreement, the Forfeiture Restrictions will lapse with respect to one hundred percent (100%) of the Restricted Shares.

(g) **Dividend and Voting Rights.** Subject to the Forfeiture Restrictions contained in this Agreement, Employee shall have the rights of a stockholder with respect to the Restricted Shares, including the right to vote all such Restricted Shares, whether or not the Forfeiture Restrictions have lapsed with respect to such Shares, and to receive all dividends, cash or stock, paid or delivered thereon, from and after the date hereof. Any dividends, cash or stock, paid or delivered on any of the Restricted Shares shall be credited to an account for the benefit of Employee. In the event of the forfeiture of any Restricted Shares pursuant to this Section 3, Employee shall have no further rights with respect to such Restricted Shares, and Employee shall forfeit any dividends, cash or stock, credited to the account for the benefit of Employee which are related to the forfeited Restricted Shares. To the extent the Forfeiture Restrictions lapse with respect to any of the Restricted Shares pursuant to this Section 3, all dividends, cash and stock, if any, credited to the account for the benefit of Employee shall be used, to the extent necessary, to satisfy any applicable federal, state and local income and employment tax withholding obligations under Section 6 of this Agreement. To the extent any dividends, cash or stock, are

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not used to satisfy any applicable federal, state and local income and employment tax withholding obligations under Section 6 of this Agreement, such dividends, cash or stock, will be distributed to Employee. The forfeiture of the Restricted Shares pursuant to this Section 3 shall not invalidate any votes given by Employee with respect to such Restricted Shares prior to forfeiture.

(h) **Evidence of Ownership.** Evidence of the Award of the Restricted Shares pursuant to this Agreement may be accomplished in such manner as the Company or its authorized representatives shall deem appropriate including, without limitation, electronic registration, book-entry registration or issuance of a stock certificate or certificates in the name of Employee or in the name of such other party or parties as the Company and its authorized representatives shall deem appropriate. In the event any stock certificate is issued in respect of the Restricted Shares, while such shares are still subject to the Forfeiture Restrictions such certificate shall bear an appropriate legend with respect to the Forfeiture Restrictions applicable to such Award. The Company may retain, at its option, the physical custody of any stock certificate representing any awards of Restricted Shares during the restriction period or require that the certificates evidencing Restricted Shares be placed in escrow or trust, along with a stock power endorsed in blank, until all Forfeiture Restrictions are removed or expire. In the event the Award of the Restricted Shares is documented or recorded electronically, the Company and its authorized representatives shall ensure that Employee is prohibited from selling, assigning, pledging, exchanging, hypothecating or otherwise transferring the Restricted Shares while such shares are still subject to the Forfeiture Restrictions.

Upon the lapse of the Forfeiture Restrictions pursuant to this Section 3, the Company or, at the Company's instruction, its authorized representative shall release those Restricted Shares with respect to which the Forfeiture Restrictions have lapsed. The lapse of the Forfeiture Restrictions and the release of the Restricted Shares shall be evidenced in such a manner as the Company and its authorized representatives deem appropriate under the circumstances.

At the Company's request, Employee shall execute and deliver, as necessary, a stock power, in blank, with respect to the Restricted Shares, and the Company may, as necessary, exercise such stock power in the event of the forfeiture of any Restricted Shares pursuant to this Agreement, or as may otherwise be required in order for the Company to withhold the Restricted Shares necessary to satisfy any applicable federal, state and local income and employment tax withholding obligations pursuant to Section 6 of this Agreement.

4. **COMMUNITY INTEREST OF SPOUSE.** The community interest, if any, of any spouse of Employee in any of the Restricted Shares shall be subject to all of the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Agreement and the Plan, and shall be forfeited and surrendered to the Company upon the occurrence of any of the events requiring Employee's interest in such Restricted Shares to be so forfeited and surrendered pursuant to this Agreement.

5. **BINDING EFFECT.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of any successors to the Company and all persons lawfully claiming under Employee.

6. **TAX MATTERS.**

(a) The lapsing of the Forfeiture Restrictions with respect to the Restricted Shares pursuant to Section 3 of this Agreement shall be subject to the satisfaction of all

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applicable federal, state and local income and employment tax withholding requirements (the "**Required Withholding**"). By execution of this Agreement, Employee shall be deemed to have authorized the Company, after taking into consideration any dividends, cash or stock, credited to an account for the benefit of Employee, as contemplated in paragraph (g) of Section 3, to withhold the Restricted Shares with respect to which the Forfeiture Restrictions have lapsed necessary to satisfy Employee's Required Withholding, if any. The amount of the Required Withholding and the number of Restricted Shares required to satisfy Employee's Required Withholding, if any, as well as the amount reflected on tax reports filed by the Company, shall be based on the closing price of the Common Stock on the day the Forfeiture Restrictions lapse pursuant to Section 3 of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company may require that Employee satisfy Employee's Required Withholding, if any, by any other means the Company, in its sole discretion, considers reasonable. The obligations of the Company under this Agreement shall be conditioned on such satisfaction of the Required Withholding.

(b) Employee acknowledges that the tax consequences associated with the Award are complex and that the Company has urged Employee to review with Employee's own tax advisors the federal, state, and local tax consequences of this Award. Employee is relying solely on such advisors and not on any statements or representations of the Company or any of its agents. Employee understands that Employee (and not the Company) shall be responsible for Employee's own tax liability that may arise as a result of this Agreement. Employee understands further that Section 83 of the Code, taxes as ordinary income the fair market value of the Restricted Shares with respect to which the Forfeiture Restrictions lapse pursuant to this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this Agreement to be duly executed by an authorized officer and Employee has executed this Agreement, all as of the date first above written.

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RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC.

W.M. "Rusty" Rush,
Chief Executive Officer and President

EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE SHARES SUBJECT TO THIS RESTRICTED STOCK AWARD SHALL REMAIN SUBJECT TO THE FORFEITURE RESTRICTIONS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS AGREEMENT AND THE FORFEITURE RESTRICTIONS SHALL LAPSE, IF AT ALL, ONLY DURING THE PERIOD OF EMPLOYEE'S SERVICE TO THE COMPANY OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS AGREEMENT (NOT THROUGH THE ACT OF BEING GRANTED THE RESTRICTED STOCK AWARD). EMPLOYEE FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT OR THE PLAN SHALL CONFER UPON EMPLOYEE ANY RIGHT WITH RESPECT TO FUTURE AWARDS OR CONTINUATION OF EMPLOYEE'S SERVICE TO THE COMPANY. Employee acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Plan, represents that he or she is familiar with the terms and provisions thereof, and hereby accepts the Restricted Stock Award subject to all of the terms and provisions hereof and thereof. Employee has reviewed this Agreement and the Plan in their entirety, has had an opportunity to obtain the advice of counsel prior to executing this Agreement, and fully understands all provisions of this Agreement and the Plan.

DATED: _____ SIGNED: _____ & #160; _____
EMPLOYEE

SUBSIDIARIES OF THE COMPANY

Name	State of Incorporation	Names Under Which Subsidiary Does Business
Rush Truck Centers of Alabama, Inc.	Delaware	Rush Truck Center, Mobile
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Mobile
Rush Truck Centers of Arizona, Inc.	Delaware	Rush Truck Center, Phoenix
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Phoenix
		Rush Truck Center, Chandler
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Chandler
		Rush Truck Center, Flagstaff
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Flagstaff
		Rush Truck Center, Tucson
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Tucson
		Rush Truck Center, Yuma
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Yuma
Rush Truck Centers of California, Inc.	Delaware	Complete Rush Truck Centers
		Rush Isuzu Trucks, Fontana
		Rush Medium Duty Truck Center, Fontana
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Pico Rivera
		Rush Truck Center, Pico Rivera
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Fontana
		Rush Peterbilt Medium Duty Truck Center, Fontana
		Rush Truck Center, Fontana
		Rush Truck Center, Sylmar
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Sylmar
		Rush Truck Center, Escondido
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Escondido
		Rush Truck Center, El Centro
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, El Centro
		Rush Truck Center, San Diego
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, San Diego
Rush Medium Duty Truck Centers of Colorado, Inc.	Delaware	Rush Medium Duty Truck Center, Denver
		Rush Medium Duty Ford Trucks, Denver
		Rush Isuzu Trucks, Denver
Rush Truck Centers of Colorado, Inc.	Delaware	Rush Truck Centers, Inc.
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Denver
		Rush Truck Center, Denver
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Greeley
		Rush Truck Center, Greeley
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Pueblo
		Rush Truck Center, Pueblo
Rush Truck Centers of Florida, Inc.	Delaware	Rush Isuzu Trucks, Orlando
		Rush Isuzu Trucks, Winter Garden
		Rush Truck Center, Orlando
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center
		Rush Truck Center, Winter Garden
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Winter Garden
		Rush Truck Center, Haines City
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Haines City
		Rush Truck Center, Tampa
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Tampa
		Rush Truck Center, Jacksonville
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Jacksonville
Rush Truck Centers of Georgia, Inc.	Delaware	Rush Medium Duty Truck Center, Atlanta
		Rush Isuzu Trucks, Atlanta
Rush Truck Centers of New Mexico, Inc.	Delaware	Rush Truck Center, Albuquerque
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Albuquerque
		Rush Truck Center, Las Cruces
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Las Cruces
Rush Truck Centers of North Carolina, Inc.	Delaware	Rush Collision Center, Charlotte
		Rush International Truck Center, Charlotte
		Rush Isuzu Trucks, Charlotte
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Charlotte
		Rush Truck Center, Charlotte
		Rush Truck Center Body Shop, Charlotte
Rush Truck Centers of Oklahoma, Inc.	Delaware	Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Ardmore
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Oklahoma City
		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Tulsa
		Rush Truck Center, Ardmore
		Rush Truck Center, Oklahoma City
		Rush Truck Center, Tulsa
		Rush Volvo Truck Center, Oklahoma City
		Rush Volvo Truck Center, Tulsa
		Rush Used Truck Center, Tulsa
		Rush Truck Rigging
		Perfection Equipment
		Perfection Truck Parts & Equipment, Oklahoma City
		Perfection Truck Parts & Equipment, Tulsa
		Translease

		Oklahoma Trucks, Inc. Tulsa Trucks, Inc.
Rush Truck Centers of Tennessee, Inc.	Delaware	Rush Truck Center, Nashville Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Nashville
Rush Truck Centers of Texas, L.P.	Texas	Houston Peterbilt, Inc. Laredo Peterbilt, Inc. Lufkin Peterbilt, Inc. Rush Bus Center, Alice Rush Bus Center, Austin Rush Bus Center, Dallas Rush Bus Center, Dallas, Number 2 Rush Bus Center, Fort Worth Rush Bus Center, Houston Rush Bus Center, Laredo Rush Bus Center, Lufkin Rush Bus Center, Pharr Rush Bus Center, San Antonio Rush Bus Center, San Antonio, Number 2 Rush Bus Center, Sealy Rush Bus Center, Texarkana Rush Bus Center, Tyler Rush Bus Center, Waco Rush GMC Truck Center of El Paso, Inc. Rush Isuzu Trucks, Austin Rush Isuzu Trucks, Texarkana Rush Isuzu Trucks, Waco Rush Medium Duty Truck Center, Dallas Rush Medium Duty Truck Center, Waco Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Abilene Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Alice Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Austin

		Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Dallas Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, El Paso Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Fort Worth Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Houston Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Laredo Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Lufkin Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Pharr Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, San Antonio Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Sealy Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Texarkana Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Tyler Rush Peterbilt Truck Center, Waco Rush Truck Center Rush Truck Center, Abilene Rush Truck Center, Alice Rush Truck Center, Austin Rush Truck Center, Dallas Rush Truck Center, El Paso Rush Truck Center, Fort Worth Rush Truck Center, Houston Rush Truck Center, Laredo Rush Truck Center, Lufkin Rush Truck Center, Pharr Rush Truck Center, San Antonio Rush Truck Center, Sealy Rush Truck Center, Texarkana Rush Truck Center, Tyler Rush Truck Center, Waco Rush Used Truck Center, Austin Rush Crane and Refuse Systems International San Antonio Peterbilt, Inc. San Antonio Peterbilt-GMC Truck, Inc. Translease World Wide Tires
Rig Tough, Inc.	Delaware	None
Rush Truck Center of Albuquerque, Inc.	New Mexico	None
Rush GMC Truck Center of El Paso, Inc.	Delaware	None
Rush GMC Truck Center of Phoenix, Inc.	Delaware	None
Rush GMC Truck Center of San Diego, Inc.	Delaware	None
Rush GMC Truck Center of Tucson, Inc.	Delaware	None
Rush Accessories Corporation	Delaware	Chrome Country, Inc.
Rush Truck Leasing, Inc.	Delaware	Rush Crane Systems
Rush Equipment Centers of Texas, Inc.	Delaware	Rush Equipment Center, Houston Rush Equipment Rental Center, San Antonio
Rushtex, Inc.	Delaware	None
Rushco, Inc.	Delaware	None
Rush Administrative Services, Inc.	Delaware	None
Rush Real Estate Holdings, Inc.	Delaware	None
International General Agency	Texas	None
Los Cuernos, Inc.	Delaware	Los Cuernos Ranch
AiRush, Inc.	Delaware	None

Rush Retail Centers, Inc.	Delaware	None
Associated Acceptance, Inc.	Texas	Associated Insurance Services Associated Truck Insurance Services Automotive Industry Insurance
Associated Acceptance of Florida, Inc.	Delaware	None

Advance Premium Finance, Inc.	California	None
Adams International Trucks, Inc.	Delaware	None
Carolina Truck Parts, LLC	South Carolina	None

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference of our reports dated March 10, 2009, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Rush Enterprises, Inc. and the effectiveness of Rush Enterprises, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting, included in the this Annual Report (Form 10-K) of Rush Enterprises, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2008.

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the following Registration Statements:

1. Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-144821) pertaining to the Rush Enterprises, Inc. 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan;
2. Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-138557) pertaining to the Rush Enterprises, Inc. Amended and Restated 1997 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan;
3. Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-138556) pertaining to the Rush Enterprises, Inc. 2006 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan;
4. Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-121355) pertaining to the Rush Enterprises, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan, the Rush Enterprises, Inc. 2004 Employee Stock Purchase Plan and Certain Non-Plan Options;
5. Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-117305) pertaining to the Rush Enterprises, Inc. Amended and Restated 1997 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan and the Rush Enterprises, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan;
6. Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-70451) pertaining to the Rush Enterprises, Inc. 1997 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan; and
7. Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-07043) pertaining to the Rush Enterprises, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.

of our reports dated March 10, 2009, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Rush Enterprises, Inc. and the effectiveness of Rush Enterprises, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting, included in this Annual Report (Form 10-K) of Rush Enterprises, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2008.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

San Antonio, Texas
March 10, 2009

CERTIFICATION

I, W. M. "Rusty" Rush, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Rush Enterprises, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 13, 2009

By: /s/ W. M. "RUSTY" RUSH
W. M. "Rusty" Rush
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Steven L. Keller, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Rush Enterprises, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 13, 2009

By: /S/ STEVEN L. KELLER
Steven L. Keller
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with this annual report of Rush Enterprises, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, W. M. "Rusty" Rush, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

By: /S/ W. M. "RUSTY" RUSH
Name: W. M. "Rusty" Rush
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer
Date: March 13, 2009

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with this annual report of Rush Enterprises, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Steven L. Keller, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

By: /S/ STEVEN L. KELLER
Name: Steven L. Keller
Title: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Date: March 13, 2009
