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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2008

or

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

Commission file number: 000-23192

CELADON GROUP, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

13-3361050  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

9503 East 33rd Street  
One Celadon Drive  
Indianapolis, IN  
(Address of principal executive offices)

46235-4207  
(Zip Code)

(317) 972-7000  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(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.

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Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12-b2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No

As of October 30, 2008 (the latest practicable date), 22,092,994 shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.033 per share, were outstanding.

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## Part I. Financial Information

## Item I. Financial Statements

CELADON GROUP, INC.  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
 September 30, 2008 and June 30, 2008  
 (Dollars in thousands except per share and par value amounts)

	September 30, 2008 (unaudited)	June 30, 2008
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 163	\$ 2,325
Trade receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,296 and \$1,194 at September 30, 2008 and June 30, 2008, respectively	64,131	69,513
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	16,796	16,697
Tires in service	4,207	3,765
Income tax receivable	828	5,846
Deferred income taxes	4,068	3,035
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>90,193</b>	<b>101,181</b>
Property and equipment	267,896	270,832
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	70,556	64,633
Net property and equipment	197,340	206,199
Tires in service	1,580	1,483
Goodwill	19,137	19,137
Other assets	1,294	1,335
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 309,544</b>	<b>\$ 329,335</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 9,165	\$ 6,910
Accrued salaries and benefits	11,478	11,358
Accrued insurance and claims	10,089	9,086
Accrued fuel expense	10,083	12,170
Other accrued expenses	10,792	11,916
Current maturities of long-term debt	7,346	8,290
Current maturities of capital lease obligations	6,505	6,454
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>65,458</b>	<b>66,184</b>
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	26,924	45,645
Capital lease obligations, net of current maturities	40,420	42,117
Deferred income taxes	30,664	31,512
Minority interest	25	25
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$0.033 par value, authorized 40,000,000 shares; issued 23,925,380 and 23,704,046 shares at September 30, 2008 and June 30, 2008, respectively	790	782
Treasury stock at cost; 1,832,386 shares at September 30, 2008 and June 30, 2008	(12,633)	(12,633)

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Additional paid-in capital	95,790	95,173
Retained earnings	63,650	60,881
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,544)	(351)
Total stockholders' equity	146,053	143,852
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 309,544	\$ 329,335

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

CELADON GROUP, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
For the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007  
(In thousands, except per share amounts)  
(Unaudited)

	2008	2007
Revenue:		
Freight revenue	\$ 109,289	\$ 113,854
Fuel surcharges	37,579	19,925
Total revenue	146,868	133,779
Operating expenses:		
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits	41,329	38,327
Fuel	48,066	33,522
Operations and maintenance	9,387	8,436
Insurance and claims	3,619	3,541
Depreciation and amortization	8,032	7,865
Revenue equipment rentals	6,063	6,972
Purchased transportation	15,761	21,970
Cost of products and services sold	1,569	1,723
Communications and utilities	1,218	1,231
Operating taxes and licenses	2,384	2,161
General and other operating	2,489	2,080
Total operating expenses	139,917	127,828
Operating income	6,951	5,951
Other (income) expense:		
Interest income	(5)	(19)
Interest expense	1,102	1,314
Other (income) expense, net	---	44
Income before income taxes	5,854	4,612
Provision for income taxes	3,085	2,111
Net income	\$ 2,769	\$ 2,501
Earnings per common share:		
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.11
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.11
Average shares outstanding:		
Diluted	22,031	23,753
Basic	21,581	23,465

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CELADON GROUP, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
For the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007  
(Dollars in thousands)  
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	2008	2007
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 2,769	\$ 2,501
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	9,065	7,705
(Gain)\Loss on sale of equipment	(1,033)	160
Stock based compensation	1,027	211
Deferred income taxes	(1,881)	1,545
Provision for doubtful accounts	44	9
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Trade receivables	5,338	(1,793)
Income tax receivable	5,018	926
Tires in service	(540)	(305)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(99)	(4,240)
Other assets	(170)	(56)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(235)	3,922
Net cash provided by operating activities	19,303	10,585
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property and equipment	(10,563)	(3,193)
Proceeds on sale of property and equipment	10,409	7,815
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	(154)	4,622
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuances of common stock	---	883
Payments on long-term debt	(19,666)	(15,635)
Principal payments under capital lease obligations	(1,645)	(1,604)
Net cash used in financing activities	(21,311)	(16,356)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(2,162)	(1,149)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	2,325	1,190
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 163	\$ 41



Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

Interest paid	\$	1,189	\$	1,275
Income taxes paid	\$	---	\$	151

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1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Celadon Group, Inc. and its majority owned subsidiaries (the "Company"). All material intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") in the United States of America pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for interim financial statements. Certain information and footnote disclosures have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited financial statements reflect all adjustments (all of a normal recurring nature), which are necessary for a fair presentation of the financial condition and results of operations for these periods. The results of operations for the interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results for a full year. These condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto, included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. New Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2006, FASB issued SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ("SFAS 157"). SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements required under other accounting pronouncements, but does not change existing guidance as to whether or not an instrument is carried at fair value. It also establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes information used in developing assumptions when pricing an asset or liability. SFAS 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. In February 2008, the FASB issued Staff Position No. 157-2, which provides a one-year delayed application of SFAS 157 for nonfinancial assets and liabilities, except for items that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis (at least annually). The Company must adopt these new requirements no later than its first quarter of fiscal 2010. We are currently assessing the potential impact that adoption of SFAS 157 will have on our financial statements.

In December 2007, FASB issued SFAS No. 141R (revised 2007), Business Combinations ("SFAS 141R"), which replaces SFAS No. 141. The statement retains the purchase method of accounting for acquisitions, but requires a number of changes, including changes in the way assets and liabilities are recognized in the purchase accounting. It also changes the recognition of assets acquired and liabilities assumed arising from contingencies, requires the capitalization of in-process research and development at fair value, and requires the expensing of acquisition-related costs as incurred. The impact to the Company from the adoption of SFAS 141R will depend on the acquisitions at the time. SFAS 141R is effective for us beginning July 1, 2009 and will apply prospectively to business combinations completed on or after that date.

In December 2007, FASB issued SFAS No. 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements—an amendment of ARB 51 ("SFAS 160"), which changes the accounting and reporting for minority interests. Minority interests will be recharacterized as noncontrolling interests and will be reported as a component of equity separate from the parent's equity, and purchases or sales of equity interests that do not result in a change in control will be accounted for as equity transactions. In addition, net income attributable to the noncontrolling interest will be included in consolidated net income on the face of the income statement and, upon a loss of control, the interest sold, as well as any interest retained, will be recorded at fair value with any gain or loss recognized in earnings. SFAS 160 is effective for us beginning July 1, 2009 and will apply prospectively, except for the presentation and disclosure requirements, which will apply retrospectively. We are currently assessing the potential impact that adoption of SFAS 160 will have on our financial statements.

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In March 2008, FASB issued SFAS No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities—an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133 ("SFAS 161"). SFAS 161 requires enhanced disclosures about an entity's derivative and hedging activities, including (i) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, (ii) how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under SFAS No. 133, and (iii) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. This statement is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008. Accordingly, the Company will adopt SFAS 161 in fiscal year 2010.

In May 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 162, The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("SFAS 162"). This standard reorganizes the GAAP Hierarchy in order to improve financial reporting by providing a consistent framework for determining what accounting principles should be used when preparing U.S. GAAP financial statements. SFAS 162 shall be effective 60 days after the SEC's approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board's amendments to Interim Auditing Standard, AU Section 411, The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. This new standard should have no impact on our balance sheet, statement of operations, or cash flows.

### 3. Income Taxes

Income tax expense varies from the federal corporate income tax rate of 35%, primarily due to state income taxes, net of federal income tax effect and our permanent differences primarily related to per diem pay structure.

Effective July 1, 2007, we adopted FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 ("FIN 48"). FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. As of September 30, 2008, the Company recorded a \$0.7 million liability for unrecognized tax benefits, a portion of which represents penalties and interest.

As of September 30, 2008, we are subject to U.S. Federal income tax examinations for the tax years 2005 through 2007. We file tax returns in numerous state jurisdictions with varying statutes of limitations.

### 4. Earnings Per Share

The difference in basic and diluted weighted average shares is due to the assumed exercise of outstanding stock options. A reconciliation of the basic and diluted earnings per share calculation was as follows (amounts in thousands, except per share amounts):

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	For three months ended September 30,	
	2008	2007
Net income	\$ 2,769	\$ 2,501
<b>Denominator</b>		
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	21,581	23,465
Equivalent shares issuable upon exercise of stock options	450	288
Diluted shares	22,031	23,753
<b>Earnings per share</b>		
Basic	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.11
Diluted	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.11

#### 5. Segment Information and Significant Customers

The Company operates in two segments, transportation and e-commerce. The Company generates revenue in the transportation segment primarily by providing truckload-hauling services through its subsidiaries, Celadon Trucking Services, Inc. ("CTSI"), Celadon Logistics Services, Inc. ("CLSI"), Servicios de Transportacion Jaguar, S.A. de C.V., ("Jaguar"), and Celadon Canada, Inc. ("CelCan"). The Company provides certain services over the Internet through its e-commerce subsidiary TruckersB2B, Inc. ("TruckersB2B"). TruckersB2B is an Internet based "business-to-business" membership program, owned by Celadon E-Commerce, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Celadon Group, Inc. The e-commerce segment generates revenue by providing discounted fuel, tires, and other products and services to small and medium-sized trucking companies. The Company evaluates the performance of its operating segments based on operating income (amounts below in thousands).

	Transportation	E-commerce	Consolidated
Three months ended September 30, 2008			
Operating revenue	\$ 144,612	\$ 2,256	\$ 146,868
Operating income	6,622	329	6,951
Three months ended September 30, 2007			
Operating revenue	\$ 131,294	\$ 2,485	\$ 133,779
Operating income	5,566	385	5,951

Information as to the Company's operating revenue by geographic area is summarized below (in thousands). The Company allocates operating revenue based on country of origin of the tractor hauling the freight:

	United States	Canada	Mexico	Consolidated
Three months ended September 30, 2008				
Operating revenue	\$ 128,199	\$ 11,236	\$ 7,433	\$ 146,868

Three months ended September 30, 2007

Operating revenue	\$	110,905	\$	14,336	\$	8,538	\$	133,779
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No customer accounted for more than 5% of the Company's total revenue during any of its two most recent fiscal years or the interim periods presented above.

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6. Stock Based Compensation

On July 1, 2005, the Company adopted SFAS 123(R), which requires that all share-based payments to employees, including grants of employee stock options, be recognized in the financial statements based upon a grant-date fair value of an award. In January 2006, stockholders approved the Company's 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan ("2006 Plan"), which provides various vehicles to compensate the Company's key employees. The 2006 Plan utilizes such vehicles as stock options, restricted stock grants, and stock appreciation rights ("SARs"). The 2006 Plan authorized the Company to grant 1,687,500 shares (adjusted for the 3-for-2 stock splits declared by the Company's Board of Directors effective February 15, 2006 and June 15, 2006). In fiscal 2009, the Company granted 3,500 stock options and 222,084 shares of restricted stock pursuant to the 2006 Plan. The Company is authorized to grant an additional 20,079 shares pursuant to the 2006 Plan.

The following table summarizes the expense components of our stock based compensation program:

	For three months ended September 30,	
	2008	2007
Stock options expense	\$ 331	\$ 82
Restricted stock expense	293	212
Stock appreciation rights expense	261	(577)
Total stock related compensation expense	\$ 885	\$ (283)

The Company has granted a number of stock options under various plans. Options granted to employees have been granted with an exercise price equal to the market price on the grant date and expire on the tenth anniversary of the grant date. The majority of options granted to employees vest 25 percent per year, commencing with the first anniversary of the grant date. Options granted to non-employee directors have been granted with an exercise price equal to the market price on the grant date, vest over one to four years, commencing with the first anniversary of the grant date, and expire on the tenth anniversary of the grant date.

A summary of the activity of the Company's stock option plans as of September 30, 2008 and changes during the period then ended is presented below:

Options	Shares	Weighted-Average		
		Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
	1,319,898	\$ 9.90	7.98	\$ 1,742,049

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Outstanding at July 1, 2008					
Granted	3,500	\$	13.34	---	---
Exercised	---		---	---	---
Forfeited or expired	(5,000)	\$	14.73	---	---
Outstanding at September 30, 2008	1,318,398	\$	9.89	7.73	\$ 2,867,070
Exercisable at September 30, 2008	413,687	\$	9.67	5.94	\$ 1,131,118



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The fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions:

	Fiscal 2009	Fiscal 2008
Weighted average grant date fair value	\$ 5.08	\$ 9.78
Dividend yield	0	0
Expected volatility	45.5%	48.8%
Risk-free interest rate	2.32%	4.71%
Expected lives	4 years	4 years

#### Restricted Shares

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Unvested at July 1, 2008	156,200	\$ 12.22
Granted	222,084	\$ 11.89
Vested	---	---
Forfeited	(3,150)	\$ 15.65
Unvested at September 30, 2008	375,134	\$ 12.00

Restricted shares granted to employees have been granted with a fair value equal to the market price on the grant date and the grants vest by 25 percent or 33 percent per year, commencing with the first anniversary of the grant date. In addition, for a portion of the shares certain financial targets must be met for these shares to vest. Restricted shares granted to non-employee directors have been granted with a fair value equal to the market price on the grant date and vest on the date of the Company's next annual meeting.

As of September 30, 2008, the Company had \$2.7 million and \$3.8 million of total unrecognized compensation expense related to stock options and restricted stock, respectively, that is expected to be recognized over the remaining period of approximately 3.3 years for stock options and 3.9 years for restricted stock.

#### Stock Appreciation Rights

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Unvested at July 1, 2008	167,202	\$ 8.68
Granted	---	---
Paid	(7,426)	\$ 9.37
Forfeited	(224)	\$ 8.64
Unvested at September 30, 2008	159,552	\$ 8.25

SARs granted to employees vest on a three or four year vesting schedule. In addition, certain financial targets must be met for the SARs to vest. During the first quarter of fiscal 2007, the Company gave SARs grantees the opportunity to enter into an alternative fixed compensation arrangement whereby the grantee would forfeit all rights to SARs compensation in exchange for a guaranteed quarterly payment for the remainder of the underlying SARs term. This alternative arrangement is subject to continued service to the Company or one of its subsidiaries. These fixed payments will be accrued quarterly until March 31, 2009. The Company offered this alternative arrangement to mitigate the volatility to earnings from stock price variance on the SARs. The alternative arrangement awards are not included in the figures presented in this footnote.

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7. Stock Repurchase Programs

On October 24, 2007, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase program pursuant to which the Company purchased 2,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock in open market transactions at an aggregate cost of approximately \$13.8 million. On December 5, 2007, the Company's Board of Directors authorized an additional stock repurchase program pursuant to which the Company may purchase up to 2,000,000 additional shares of the Company's common stock in open market transactions through December 3, 2008. As of September 30, 2008 we had not purchased any of these additional shares. We intend to hold repurchased shares in treasury for general corporate purposes, including issuances under stock option plans. We account for treasury stock using the cost method.

8. Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income consisted of the following components for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 and 2008, respectively (in thousands):

	Three months ended September 30,	
	2008	2007
Net income	\$ 2,769	\$ 2,501
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(1,193)	368
Total comprehensive income	\$ 1,576	\$ 2,869

9. Commitments and Contingencies

The Company has outstanding commitments to purchase approximately \$159.2 million of revenue equipment at September 30, 2008.

Standby letters of credit, not reflected in the accompanying consolidated financial statements, aggregated approximately \$4.5 million at September 30, 2008.

The Company has employment and consulting agreements with various key employees providing for minimum combined annual compensation of \$700,000 in fiscal 2009.

There are various claims, lawsuits, and pending actions against the Company and its subsidiaries in the normal course of the operation of their businesses with respect to cargo, auto liability, or income taxes.

On August 8, 2007, the 384th District Court of the State of Texas situated in El Paso, Texas, rendered a judgment against CTSI, for approximately \$3.4 million in the case of Martinez v. Celadon Trucking Services, Inc., which was originally filed on September 4, 2002. The case involves a workers' compensation claim of a former employee of CTSI who suffered a back injury as a result of a traffic accident. CTSI and the Company believe all actions taken were proper and legal and contend that the proper and exclusive place for resolution of this dispute was before the Indiana Worker's Compensation Board. While there can be no certainty as to the outcome, the Company believes that the ultimate resolution of this dispute will not have a materially adverse effect on its consolidated financial position or

results of operations. CTSI filed an appeal of the decision to the Texas Court of Appeals in October 2007. Trial transcripts have been prepared for the Court of Appeals and appellate briefing is in process.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Disclosure Regarding Forward Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report contains certain statements that may be considered forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors which may cause the actual results, events, performance, or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, events, performance, or achievements expressed in or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such statements may be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. These statements generally use words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "project," "forecast," "should," "estimate," "plan," "outlook," "goal," and similar expressions. While it is impossible to identify all factors that may cause actual results to differ from those expressed in or implied by forward-looking statements, the risks and uncertainties that may affect the Company's business, include, but are not limited to, those discussed in the section entitled Item 1A. Risk Factors set forth below.

All such forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Form 10-Q. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. The Company expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in the Company's expectations with regard thereto or any change in the events, conditions, or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

References to the "Company," "we," "us," "our," and words of similar import refer to Celadon Group, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Business Overview

We are one of North America's twenty largest truckload carriers as measured by revenue. We generated \$565.9 million in operating revenue during our fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. We have grown significantly since our incorporation in 1986 through internal growth and a series of acquisitions since 1995. As a dry van truckload carrier, we generally transport full trailer loads of freight from origin to destination without intermediate stops or handling. Our customer base includes many Fortune 500 shippers.

In our international operations, we offer time-sensitive transportation in and between the United States and two of its largest trading partners, Mexico and Canada. We generated approximately one-half of our revenue in fiscal 2008 from international movements, and we believe our annual border crossings make us the largest provider of international truckload movements in North America. We believe that our strategically located terminals and experience with the language, culture, and border crossing requirements of each North American country provide a competitive advantage in the international trucking marketplace.

We believe our international operations, particularly those involving Mexico, offer an attractive business niche for several reasons. The additional complexity of and need to establish cross-border business partners and to develop strong organization and adequate infrastructure in Mexico affords some barriers to competition that are not present in traditional U.S. truckload services. In addition, the expected continued growth of Mexico's economy, particularly exports to the U.S., positions us to capitalize on our cross-border expertise.

Our success is dependent upon the success of our operations in Mexico and Canada, and we are subject to risks of doing business internationally, including fluctuations in foreign currencies, changes in the economic strength of the countries in which we do business, difficulties in enforcing contractual obligations and intellectual property rights,

burdens of complying with a wide variety of international and United States export and import laws, and social, political, and economic instability. Additional risks associated with our foreign operations, including restrictive trade policies and imposition of duties, taxes, or government royalties by foreign governments, are present but largely mitigated by the terms of NAFTA.

In addition to our international business, we offer a broad range of truckload transportation services within the United States, including long-haul, regional, dedicated, and logistics. With five different asset-based acquisitions from 2003 to 2007, we expanded our operations and service offerings within the United States and significantly improved our lane density, freight mix, and customer diversity.

We also operate TruckersB2B, a profitable marketing business that affords volume purchasing power for items such as fuel, tires, and equipment to approximately 21,200 trucking fleets representing approximately 482,000 tractors. TruckersB2B represents a separate operating segment under generally accepted accounting principles.

#### Recent Results and Financial Condition

For the first quarter of fiscal 2009, total revenue increased 9.8% to \$146.9 million, compared with \$133.8 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2008. Freight revenue, which excludes revenue from fuel surcharges, decreased 4.0% to \$109.3 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2009, compared with \$113.9 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2008. Net income increased 12.0% to \$2.8 million from \$2.5 million, and diluted earnings per share increased to \$0.13 from \$0.11.

At September 30, 2008, our total balance sheet debt (including capital lease obligations less cash) was \$81.0 million, and our total stockholders' equity was \$146.1 million, for a total debt to capitalization ratio of 35.7%. At September 30, 2008, we had \$39.8 million of available borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility.

#### Revenue

We generate substantially all of our revenue by transporting freight for our customers. Generally, we are paid by the mile or by the load for our services. We also derive revenue from fuel surcharges, loading and unloading activities, equipment detention, other trucking related services, and from TruckersB2B. We believe that eliminating the impact of the sometimes volatile fuel surcharge revenue affords a more consistent basis for comparing our results of operations from period to period. The main factors that affect our revenue are the revenue per mile we receive from our customers, the percentage of miles for which we are compensated, the number of tractors operating, and the number of miles we generate with our equipment. These factors relate to, among other things, the U.S. economy, inventory levels, the level of truck capacity in our markets, specific customer demand, the percentage of team-driven tractors in our fleet, driver availability, and our average length of haul.

#### Expenses and Profitability

The main factors that impact our profitability on the expense side are the variable costs of transporting freight for our customers. These costs include fuel expense, driver-related expenses, such as wages, benefits, training, and recruitment, and independent contractor costs, which we record as purchased transportation. Expenses that have both fixed and variable components include maintenance and tire expense and our total cost of insurance and claims. These expenses generally vary with the miles we travel, but also have a controllable component based on safety, fleet age, efficiency, and other factors. Our main fixed cost is the acquisition and financing of long-term assets, primarily revenue equipment. Other mostly fixed costs include our non-driver personnel and facilities expenses. In discussing our expenses as a percentage of revenue, we sometimes discuss changes as a percentage of revenue before fuel surcharges, in addition to absolute dollar changes, because we believe the high variable cost nature of our business makes a comparison of changes in expenses as a percentage of revenue more meaningful at times than absolute dollar changes.

The trucking industry has experienced significant increases in expenses over the past three years, in particular those relating to equipment costs, driver compensation, insurance, and fuel. Until recently, many trucking companies had been able to raise freight rates to cover the increased costs based primarily on an industry-wide tight capacity of

drivers. As freight demand has softened, carriers have been willing to accept rate decreases to utilize assets in service.



## Revenue Equipment and Related Financing

For the remainder of fiscal 2009, we expect to obtain tractors and trailers primarily for replacement, and we expect to maintain the average age of our tractor fleet at approximately 1.8 years and the average age of our trailer fleet at approximately 4.0 years. At September 30, 2008, we had future operating lease obligations totaling \$160.0 million, including residual value guarantees of approximately \$76.8 million.

	September 30, 2008		September 30, 2007	
	Tractors	Trailers	Tractors	Trailers
Owned equipment	1,635	2,179	1,198	2,470
Capital leased equipment	---	3,726	---	3,742
Operating leased equipment	1,121	2,989	1,405	1,922
Independent contractors	191	---	385	---
Total	2,947	8,894	2,988	8,134

Independent contractors are utilized through a contract with us to supply one or more tractors and drivers for our use. Independent contractors must pay their own tractor expenses, fuel, maintenance, and driver costs and must meet our specified guidelines with respect to safety. A lease-purchase program that we offer provides independent contractors the opportunity to lease-to-own a tractor from a third party. As of September 30, 2008, there were 191 independent contractors providing a combined 6.5% of our tractor capacity.

## Outlook

Looking forward, our profitability goal is to achieve an operating ratio of approximately 90%. We expect this to require improvements in rate per mile and miles per tractor and decreased non-revenue miles, to overcome expected additional cost increases. Because a large percentage of our costs are variable, changes in revenue per mile affect our profitability to a greater extent than changes in miles per tractor. For the remainder of fiscal 2009, the key factors that we expect to have the greatest effect on our profitability are our freight revenue per tractor per week (which will be affected by the general freight environment, including the balance of freight demand and industry-wide trucking capacity), our compensation of drivers, our cost of revenue equipment (particularly in light of the 2007 and 2010 EPA engine requirements), our fuel costs, and our insurance and claims. To overcome cost increases and improve our margins, we will need to achieve increases in freight revenue per tractor. Operationally, we will seek improvements in safety, driver recruiting, and retention. Our success in these areas primarily will affect revenue, driver-related expenses, and insurance and claims expense. Given the difficult freight market confronting our industry, we believe achieving a profitability goal during fiscal 2009 is unlikely, although we continue to strive toward that goal.

## Results of Operations

The following table sets forth the percentage relationship of expense items to freight revenue for the periods indicated:

	For the three months ended September 30,	
	2008	2007
Freight revenue(1)	100.0%	100.0%
Operating expenses:		
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits	37.8%	33.7%
Fuel(1)	9.6%	11.9%
Operations and maintenance	8.6%	7.4%
Insurance and claims	3.3%	3.1%
Depreciation and amortization	7.3%	6.9%
Revenue equipment rentals	5.5%	6.1%
Purchased transportation	14.4%	19.3%
Costs of products and services sold	1.4%	1.5%
Communications and utilities	1.1%	1.1%
Operating taxes and licenses	2.2%	1.9%
General and other operating	2.4%	1.9%
Total operating expenses	93.6%	94.8%
Operating income	6.4%	5.2%
Other expense:		
Interest expense	1.0%	1.1%
Income before income taxes	5.4%	4.1%
Provision for income taxes	2.9%	1.9%
Net income	2.5%	2.2%

- (1) Freight revenue is total revenue less fuel surcharges. In this table, fuel surcharges are eliminated from revenue and subtracted from fuel expense. Fuel surcharges were \$37.6 million and \$19.9 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Comparison of Three Months Ended September 30, 2008 to Three Months Ended September 30, 2007

Total revenue increased by \$13.1 million, or 9.8%, to \$146.9 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2009, from \$133.8 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2008. Freight revenue excludes \$37.6 million and \$19.9 million of fuel surcharge revenue for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Freight revenue decreased by \$4.6 million, or 4.0%, to \$109.3 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2009, from \$113.9 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2008. This decrease was primarily attributable to a difficult freight market that resulted in a decrease of billed miles to 60.5 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2009, from 62.6 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2008, and a decrease in average miles per tractor per week from 1,992 miles to 1,967 miles, offset by a decrease in non-revenue miles from 10.6% to 9.8% of total miles in the first quarters of fiscal 2008 and 2009, respectively, and a small increase in average freight revenue per loaded mile from \$1.506 to \$1.511 as we closely managed freight selection. Average revenue per tractor per week, which is our primary measure of asset productivity, remained relatively constant at \$2,680 in the first quarter of fiscal 2009, as compared to \$2,682 for the first quarter of fiscal 2008.

Revenue for TruckersB2B was \$2.3 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2009, compared to \$2.5 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2008. The decrease was primarily related to a decrease in fuel rebate revenue and tire revenue, due to small and mid size carriers being adversely affected by weak freight demand.

Salaries, wages, and employee benefits were \$41.3 million, or 37.8% of freight revenue, for the first quarter of fiscal 2009, compared to \$38.3 million, or 33.7% of freight revenue, for the first quarter of fiscal 2008. These increases in salaries, wages, and employee benefits are largely due to increased driver payroll related to an increase in company driver miles, in correlation with a corresponding decrease in independent contractor miles, and additional expenses related to equity compensation.

Fuel expenses, net of fuel surcharge revenue of \$37.6 million and \$19.9 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 and 2008, respectively, decreased to \$10.5 million, or 9.6% of freight revenue, for the first quarter of fiscal 2009, compared to \$13.6 million, or 11.9% of freight revenue, for the first quarter of fiscal 2008. These decreases were attributable to a decrease in non-revenue miles, for which we do not receive fuel surcharges, and a new company wide fuel use reduction plan. This plan involves purchasing new, more fuel efficient equipment, adjusting the specifications to allow for less idle time and reduced speed to obtain greater fuel efficiency, and counseling drivers on their idle time, which has decreased 10.4%. These efforts were offset by a 44.8% increase in average fuel prices to \$4.01 per gallon in the first quarter of fiscal 2009, from \$2.77 per gallon in the first quarter of fiscal 2008, and an increase in company miles as a percentage of all miles.

Operations and maintenance increased to \$9.4 million, or 8.6% of freight revenue, for the first quarter of fiscal 2009, from \$8.4 million, or 7.4% of freight revenue, for the first quarter of fiscal 2008. Operations and maintenance consist of direct operating expense, maintenance, and tire expense. These increases in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 are primarily related to an increase in costs associated with various direct expenses such as tolls expense, border drayage expense, and facility maintenance and repair expense for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 compared to the first quarter of fiscal 2008.

Insurance and claims expense increased to \$3.6 million, or 3.3% of freight revenue, for the first quarter of fiscal 2009, from \$3.5 million, or 3.1% of freight revenue, for the first quarter of fiscal 2008. Insurance consists of premiums for liability, physical damage, cargo damage, and workers compensation insurance, in addition to claims expense. These increases resulted primarily from increases in our liability claims expense. Our insurance program involves self-insurance at various risk retention levels. Claims in excess of these risk levels are covered by insurance in amounts we consider to be adequate. We accrue for the uninsured portion of claims based on known claims and historical experience. We continually revise and change our insurance program to maintain a balance between premium expense and the risk retention we are willing to assume. Insurance and claims expense will vary based primarily on the frequency and severity of claims, the level of self-retention, and the premium expense.

Depreciation and amortization, consisting primarily of depreciation of revenue equipment, increased to \$8.0 million, or 7.3% of freight revenue, for the first quarter of fiscal 2009, compared to \$7.9 million, or 6.9% of freight revenue, for the first quarter of fiscal 2008. The majority of this increase is related to the net addition of approximately 440 owned tractors, which has increased our tractor depreciation. These increases were partially offset by gains on sales of equipment in the quarter. Revenue equipment held under operating leases is not reflected on our balance sheet and the expenses related to such equipment are reflected on our statements of operations in revenue equipment rentals, rather than in depreciation and amortization and interest expense, as is the case for revenue equipment that is financed with borrowings or capital leases.

Revenue equipment rentals decreased to \$6.1 million, or 5.5% of freight revenue, for the first quarter of fiscal 2009, compared to \$7.0 million or 6.1% of freight revenue for the first quarter of fiscal 2008. These decreases were attributable to a decrease in our tractor fleet financed under operating leases as discussed under depreciation and amortization, offset by an increase in our trailer fleet financed under operating leases. At September 30, 2008, 1,121

tractors, or 40.7% of our company tractors, were held under operating leases, compared to 1,405 tractors, or 54.0% of our company tractors, at September 30, 2007. At September 30, 2008, 2,989 trailers, or 33.6%, of our trailer fleet were held under operating leases, compared to 1,922, or 23.6% of our trailer fleet, at September 30, 2007. Given that we expect to begin to use operating leases for the acquisition of some tractors in fiscal 2009, we expect our revenue equipment rental to begin to increase as a percentage of freight revenue going forward.

Purchased transportation decreased to \$15.8 million, or 14.4% of freight revenue, for the first quarter of fiscal 2009, from \$22.0 million, or 19.3% of freight revenue, for the first quarter of fiscal 2008. These decreases are primarily related to a decrease in independent contractor expense due to the 50.4% decrease in independent contractors and related expenses to 191 at September 30, 2008, from 385 at September 30, 2007. Independent contractors are drivers who cover all their operating expenses (fuel, driver salaries, maintenance, and equipment costs) for a fixed payment per mile. The number of independent contractors has significantly declined over the past year, as the challenging freight environment and increased fuel costs have had a negative impact on their profitability.

All of our other operating expenses are relatively minor in amount, and there were no significant changes in such expenses. Accordingly, we have not provided a detailed discussion of such expenses.

Our pretax margin, which we believe is a useful measure of our operating performance because it is neutral with regard to the method of revenue equipment financing that a company uses, increased 130 basis points to 5.4% of freight revenue for the first quarter of fiscal 2009, from 4.1% of freight revenue for the first quarter of fiscal 2008.

In addition to other factors described above, Canadian exchange rate fluctuations principally impact salaries, wages, and employee benefits and purchased transportation and, therefore, impact our pretax margin and results of operations.

Income taxes increased to \$3.1 million, with an effective tax rate of 52.7%, for the first quarter of fiscal 2009, from \$2.1 million, with an effective tax rate of 45.8%, for the first quarter of fiscal 2008. Income tax expense for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 included an adjustment of approximately \$300,000 related to per diem calculations for prior years. As per diem is a partially non-deductible expense, our effective tax rate will fluctuate as net income fluctuates in the future.

As a result of the factors described above, net income increased to \$2.8 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2009, from \$2.5 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2008.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Trucking is a capital-intensive business. We require cash to fund our operating expenses (other than depreciation and amortization), to make capital expenditures and acquisitions, and to repay debt, including principal and interest payments. Other than ordinary operating expenses, we anticipate that capital expenditures for the acquisition of revenue equipment will constitute our primary cash requirement over the next twelve months. We frequently consider potential acquisitions, and if we were to consummate an acquisition, our cash requirements would increase and we may have to modify our expected financing sources for the purchase of tractors. Subject to any required lender approval, we may make acquisitions in the future. Our principal sources of liquidity are cash generated from operations, bank borrowings, capital and operating lease financing of revenue equipment, and proceeds from the sale of used revenue equipment.

As of September 30, 2008, we had on order 1,625 tractors and 200 trailers for delivery through fiscal 2010. These revenue equipment orders represent a capital commitment of approximately \$159.2 million, before considering the proceeds of equipment dispositions. We are using a mixture of cash and off balance sheet debt to purchase our new tractors and are using off balance sheet debt to acquire most of the new trailers. At September 30, 2008, our total balance sheet debt, including capital lease obligations and current maturities less cash, was \$81.0 million, compared to \$77.4 million at September 30, 2007. Our debt-to-capitalization ratio (total balance sheet debt as a percentage of total balance sheet debt plus total stockholders' equity) was 35.7% at September 30, 2008, and 51.1% at September 30, 2007.



We believe we will be able to fund our operating expenses, as well as our current commitments for the acquisition of revenue equipment over the next twelve months, with a combination of cash generated from operations, borrowings available under our primary credit facility, and lease financing arrangements. We will continue to have significant capital requirements over the long term, and the availability of the needed capital will depend upon our financial condition and operating results and numerous other factors over which we have limited or no control, including prevailing market conditions and the market price of our common stock. However, based on our operating results, anticipated future cash flows, current availability under our credit facility, and sources of equipment lease financing that we expect will be available to us, we do not expect to experience significant liquidity constraints in the foreseeable future.

#### Cash Flows

For the three months ended September 30, 2008, net cash provided by operations was \$19.3 million, compared to cash provided by operations of \$10.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007. Cash provided by operations increased primarily due to a decrease in trade receivables and a decrease in net income tax receivable.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$0.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to net cash provided by investing activities of \$4.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007. Cash used in investing activities includes the net cash effect of acquisitions and dispositions of revenue equipment during each period. Capital expenditures for equipment totaled \$10.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, and \$3.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, a portion of which was attributable to the increase in tractors purchased with cash. We generated proceeds from the sale of property and equipment of \$10.4 million and \$7.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2007, respectively.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$21.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$16.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007. The increase in cash used was primarily due to an increase in payments of long-term debt. Financing activity represents borrowings (new borrowings, net of repayment) and payments of the principal component of capital lease obligations.

#### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

Operating leases have been an important source of financing for our revenue equipment. Our operating leases include some under which we do not guarantee the value of the asset at the end of the lease term ("walk-away leases") and some under which we do guarantee the value of the asset at the end of the lease term ("residual value"). Therefore, we are subject to the risk that equipment value may decline, in which case we would suffer a loss upon disposition and be required to make cash payments because of the residual value guarantees. We were obligated for residual value guarantees related to operating leases of \$76.8 million at September 30, 2008 compared to \$62.7 million at September 30, 2007. We believe that any residual payment obligations that are not covered by the manufacturer will be satisfied by the value of the related equipment at the end of the lease. To the extent the expected value at the lease termination date is lower than the residual value guarantee; we would accrue for the difference over the remaining lease term. We anticipate that going forward we will use a combination of cash generated from operations and operating leases to finance tractor purchases and operating leases to finance trailer purchases.

#### Primary Credit Agreement

On September 26, 2005, Celadon Group, Inc., Celadon Trucking Services, Inc., and TruckersB2B entered into an unsecured Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement") with LaSalle Bank National Association, as administrative agent, and LaSalle Bank National Association, Fifth Third Bank (Central Indiana), and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as lenders. The Credit Agreement was amended on December 23, 2005, by the First Amendment to Credit Agreement, pursuant to which Celadon Logistics Services, Inc. was added as a borrower to the Credit



Agreement. The Credit Agreement, as amended by the Third Amendment on January 22, 2008, matures on January 23, 2013. The Credit Agreement is intended to provide for ongoing working capital needs and general corporate purposes. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement are based, at the option of the Company, on a base rate equal to the greater of the federal funds rate plus 0.5% and the administrative agent's prime rate or LIBOR plus an applicable margin between 0.75% and 1.125% that is adjusted quarterly based on cash flow coverage. The Credit Agreement is guaranteed by Celadon E-Commerce, Inc., CelCan, and Jaguar, each of which is a subsidiary of the Company.

The Credit Agreement, as amended by the Third Amendment, has a maximum revolving borrowing limit of \$70.0 million, and the Company may increase the revolving borrowing limit by an additional \$20.0 million, to a total of \$90.0 million. Letters of credit are limited to an aggregate commitment of \$15.0 million and a swing line facility has a limit of \$5.0 million. A commitment fee that is adjusted quarterly between 0.15% and 0.225% per annum based on cash flow coverage is due on the daily unused portion of the Credit Agreement. The Credit Agreement contains certain restrictions and covenants relating to, among other things, dividends, tangible net worth, cash flow, mergers, consolidations, acquisitions and dispositions, and total indebtedness. We were in compliance with these covenants at September 30, 2008, and expect to remain in compliance for the foreseeable future. At September 30, 2008, \$25.7 million of our credit facility was utilized as outstanding borrowings and \$4.5 million was utilized for standby letters of credit.

### Contractual Obligations

As of September 30, 2008, our operating leases, capitalized leases, other debts, and future commitments have stated maturities or minimum annual payments as follows:

	Annual Cash Requirements as of September 30, 2008 (in thousands)				
	Total	Less than 1 year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More than 5 years
O p e r a t i n g leases	\$ 83,213	\$ 22,759	\$ 32,012	\$ 16,497	\$ 11,945
Lease residual value guarantees	76,760	19,285	22,244	16,215	19,016
C a p i t a l leases(1)	52,280	8,528	25,692	18,060	---
L o n g - t e r m debt(1)	35,935	8,948	1,322	25,665	---
Sub-total	\$ 248,188	\$ 59,520	\$ 81,270	\$ 76,437	\$ 30,961
Future purchase of revenue equipment	\$ 159,155	\$ 30,758	\$ 81,889	\$ 43,732	\$ 2,776
Employment and consulting agreements(2)	700	700	---	---	---
S t a n d b y L e t t e r s o f Credit	4,500	4,500	---	---	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 412,543</b>	<b>\$ 95,478</b>	<b>\$ 163,159</b>	<b>\$ 120,169</b>	<b>\$ 33,737</b>

(1) Includes interest.

(2) The amounts reflected in the table do not include amounts that could become payable to our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer under certain circumstances if their employment by the Company is terminated.

### Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of our financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires us to make estimates and assumptions that impact the amounts reported in our consolidated financial statements and

accompanying notes. Therefore, the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, and associated disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities are affected by these estimates and assumptions. We evaluate these estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis, utilizing historical experience, consultation with experts, and other methods considered reasonable in the particular circumstances. Nevertheless, actual results may differ significantly from our estimates and assumptions, and it is possible that materially different amounts would be reported using differing estimates or assumptions. We consider our critical accounting policies to be those that require us to make more significant judgments and estimates when we prepare our financial statements. Our critical accounting policies include the following:

**Depreciation of Property and Equipment.** We depreciate our property and equipment using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset. We generally use estimated useful lives of two to seven years for tractors and trailers, and estimated salvage values for tractors and trailers generally range from 35% to 50% of the capitalized cost. Gains and losses on the disposal of revenue equipment are included in depreciation expense in our statements of operations.

We review the reasonableness of our estimates regarding useful lives and salvage values of our revenue equipment and other long-lived assets based upon, among other things, our experience with similar assets, conditions in the used equipment market, and prevailing industry practice. Changes in our useful life or salvage value estimates or fluctuations in market values that are not reflected in our estimates, could have a material effect on our results of operations.

Revenue equipment and other long-lived assets are tested for impairment whenever an event occurs that indicates an impairment may exist. Expected future cash flows are used to analyze whether an impairment has occurred. If the sum of expected undiscounted cash flows is less than the carrying value of the long-lived asset, then an impairment loss is recognized. We measure the impairment loss by comparing the fair value of the asset to its carrying value. Fair value is determined based on a discounted cash flow analysis or the appraised or estimated market value of the asset, as appropriate.

**Operating leases.** We have financed a substantial percentage of our tractors and trailers with operating leases. These leases generally contain residual value guarantees, which provide that the value of equipment returned to the lessor at the end of the lease term will be no lower than a negotiated amount. To the extent that the value of the equipment is below the negotiated amount, we are liable to the lessor for the shortage at the expiration of the lease. For all equipment, we are required to recognize additional rental expense to the extent we believe the fair market value at the lease termination will be less than our obligation to the lessor.

In accordance with SFAS 13, Accounting for Leases, property and equipment held under operating leases, and liabilities related thereto, are not reflected on our balance sheet. All expenses related to revenue equipment operating leases are reflected on our statements of operations in the line item entitled "Revenue equipment rentals." As such, financing revenue equipment with operating leases instead of bank borrowings or capital leases effectively moves the interest component of the financing arrangement into operating expenses on our statements of operations.

**Claims Reserves and Estimates.** The primary claims arising for us consist of cargo liability, personal injury, property damage, collision and comprehensive, workers' compensation, and employee medical expenses. We maintain self-insurance levels for these various areas of risk and have established reserves to cover these self-insured liabilities. We also maintain insurance to cover liabilities in excess of these self-insurance amounts. Claims reserves represent accruals for the estimated uninsured portion of reported claims, including adverse development of reported claims, as well as estimates of incurred but not reported claims. Reported claims and related loss reserves are estimated by third party administrators, and we refer to these estimates in establishing our reserves. Claims incurred but not reported are estimated based on our historical experience and industry trends, which are continually monitored, and accruals are adjusted when warranted by changes in facts and circumstances. In establishing our reserves we must take into account and estimate various factors, including, but not limited to, assumptions concerning the nature and severity of the claim, the effect of the jurisdiction on any award or settlement, the length of time until ultimate resolution, inflation rates in health care, and in general interest rates, legal expenses, and other factors. Our actual experience may be different than our estimates, sometimes significantly. Changes in assumptions as well as changes in actual experience could cause these estimates to change in the near term. Insurance and claims expense will vary from period to period based on the severity and frequency of claims incurred in a given period.



**Accounting for Income Taxes.** Deferred income taxes represent a substantial liability on our consolidated balance sheet. Deferred income taxes are determined in accordance with SFAS No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the expected future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases, and operating loss and tax credit carry-forwards. We evaluate our tax assets and liabilities on a periodic basis and adjust these balances as appropriate. We believe that we have adequately provided for our future tax consequences based upon current facts and circumstances and current tax law. However, should our tax positions be challenged and not prevail, different outcomes could result and have a significant impact on the amounts reported in our consolidated financial statements.

The carrying value of our deferred tax assets (tax benefits expected to be realized in the future) assumes that we will be able to generate, based on certain estimates and assumptions, sufficient future taxable income in certain tax jurisdictions to utilize these deferred tax benefits. If these estimates and related assumptions change in the future, we may be required to reduce the value of the deferred tax assets resulting in additional income tax expense. We believe that it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets, net of valuation allowance, will be realized, based on forecasted income. However, there can be no assurance that we will meet our forecasts of future income. We evaluate the deferred tax assets on a periodic basis and assess the need for additional valuation allowances.

Federal income taxes are provided on that portion of the income of foreign subsidiaries that is expected to be remitted to the United States.

#### Seasonality

We have substantial operations in the Midwestern and Eastern United States and Canada. In those geographic regions, our tractor productivity may be adversely affected during the winter season because inclement weather may impede our operations. Moreover, some shippers reduce their shipments during holiday periods as a result of curtailed operations or vacation shutdowns. At the same time, operating expenses generally increase, with fuel efficiency declining because of engine idling and harsh weather creating higher accident frequency, increased claims, and more equipment repairs.

#### Inflation

Many of our operating expenses, including fuel costs, revenue equipment, and driver compensation, are sensitive to the effects of inflation, which result in higher operating costs and reduced operating income. The effects of inflation on our business during the past three years were most significant in fuel. The effects of inflation on revenue were not material in the past three years. We have limited the effects of inflation through increases in freight rates and fuel surcharges.

#### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

We experience various market risks, including changes in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, and fuel prices. We do not enter into derivatives or other financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes, nor when there are no underlying related exposures.

**Interest Rate Risk.** We are exposed to interest rate risk principally from our primary credit facility. The credit facility carries a maximum variable interest rate of either the bank's base rate or LIBOR plus 1.125%. At September 30, 2008 the interest rate for revolving borrowings under our credit facility was LIBOR plus 0.875%, an effective rate of 4.584%. At September 30, 2008, we had \$25.7 million variable rate term loan borrowings outstanding under the credit facility. A hypothetical 10% increase in the bank's base rate and LIBOR would be immaterial to our net income.

Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk. We are subject to foreign currency exchange rate risk, specifically in connection with our Canadian operations. While virtually all of the expenses associated with our Canadian operations, such as independent contractor costs, Company driver compensation, and administrative costs, are paid in Canadian dollars, a significant portion of our revenue generated from those operations is billed in U.S. dollars because many of our customers are U.S. shippers transporting goods to or from Canada. As a result, increases in the Canadian dollar exchange rate adversely affect the profitability of our Canadian operations. Assuming revenue and expenses for our Canadian operations identical to that in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 (both in terms of amount and currency mix), we estimate that a \$0.01 decrease in the Canadian dollar exchange rate would reduce our annual net income by approximately \$33,000.

We generally do not face the same magnitude of foreign currency exchange rate risk in connection with our intra-Mexico operations conducted through our Mexican subsidiary, Jaguar, because our foreign currency revenues are generally proportionate to our foreign currency expenses for those operations. For purposes of consolidation, however, the operating results earned by our subsidiaries, including Jaguar, in foreign currencies are converted into United States dollars. As a result, a decrease in the value of the Mexican peso could adversely affect our consolidated results of operations. Assuming revenue and expenses for our Mexican operations identical to that in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 (both in terms of amount and currency mix), we estimate that a \$0.01 decrease in the Mexican peso exchange rate would reduce our annual net income by approximately \$17,000.

**Commodity Price Risk.** Shortages of fuel, increases in prices, or rationing of petroleum products can have a materially adverse effect on our operations and profitability. Fuel is subject to economic, political, and market factors that are outside of our control. Historically, we have sought to recover a portion of short-term increases in fuel prices from customers through the collection of fuel surcharges. However, fuel surcharges do not always fully offset increases in fuel prices. In addition, from time-to-time we may enter into derivative financial instruments to reduce our exposure to fuel price fluctuations. In accordance with SFAS 133 and SFAS 138, we adjust any such derivative instruments to fair value through earnings on a monthly basis. As of September 30, 2008, we had no derivative financial instruments in place to reduce our exposure to fuel price fluctuations.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

As required by Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), the Company has carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. This evaluation was carried out under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the first quarter of fiscal 2009 that have materially affected, or that are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Disclosure controls and procedures are controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the Company's reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Disclosure controls and procedures include controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in Company reports filed under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding disclosures.

The Company has confidence in its disclosure controls and procedures. Nevertheless, the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, does not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures will prevent all errors or intentional fraud. An internal control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of such internal controls are met. Further, the design of an internal control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all internal control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected.



Part II. Other Information

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

There are various claims, lawsuits, and pending actions against the Company and its subsidiaries which arose in the normal course of the operations of its business. The Company believes many of these proceedings are covered in whole or in part by insurance and that none of these matters will have a material adverse effect on its consolidated financial position or results of operations in any given period.

On August 8, 2007, the 384th District Court of the State of Texas situated in El Paso, Texas, rendered a judgment against CTSI, for approximately \$3.4 million in the case of *Martinez v. Celadon Trucking Services, Inc.*, which was originally filed on September 4, 2002. The case involves a workers' compensation claim of a former employee of CTSI who suffered a back injury as a result of a traffic accident. CTSI and the Company believe all actions taken were proper and legal and contend that the proper and exclusive place for resolution of this dispute was before the Indiana Worker's Compensation Board. While there can be no certainty as to the outcome, the Company believes that the ultimate resolution of this dispute will not have a materially adverse effect on its consolidated financial position or results of operations. CTSI filed an appeal of the decision to the Texas Court of Appeals in October 2007. Trial transcripts have been prepared for the Court of Appeals and appellate briefing is in process.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

While we attempt to identify, manage, and mitigate risks and uncertainties associated with our business, some level of risk and uncertainty will always be present. Our Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2008, in the section entitled Item 1A. Risk Factors, describes some of the risks and uncertainties associated with our business. These risks and uncertainties have the potential to materially affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, projected results, and future prospects.

Our business is subject to certain credit factors affecting the trucking industry that are largely out of our control and that could have a material adverse effect on our operating results.

Recently, there has been widespread concern over the instability of the credit markets and the current credit market effects on the economy. If the economy and credit markets continue to weaken, our business, financial results, and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected, especially if consumer confidence declines and domestic spending decreases. Additionally, the stresses in the credit market have caused uncertainty in the equity markets, which may result in volatility of the market price for our securities.

If the credit markets continue to erode, we also may not be able to access our current sources of credit and our lenders may not have the capital to fund those sources. We may need to incur additional indebtedness or issue debt or equity securities in the future to refinance existing debt, fund working capital requirements, make investments, or for general corporate purposes. As a result of contractions in the credit market, as well as other economic trends in the credit market industry, we may not be able to secure financing for future activities on satisfactory terms, or at all. If we are not successful in obtaining sufficient financing because we are unable to access the capital markets on financially economical or feasible terms, it could impact our ability to provide services to our customers and may materially and adversely affect our business, financial results, results of operations, and potential investments.

Item 6. Exhibits

- 3.1 Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, effective January 12, 2006. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ending December 31, 2005, filed with the SEC on January 30, 2006.)
- 3.2 Certificate of Designation for Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, filed with the SEC on September 28, 2000.)
- 3.3 Amended and Restated By-laws of the Company. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 3, 2006.)
- 4.1 Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, effective January 12, 2006. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ending December 31, 2005, filed with the SEC on January 30, 2006.)
- 4.2 Certificate of Designation for Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, filed with the SEC on September 28, 2000.)
- 4.3 Rights Agreement, dated as of July 20, 2000, between Celadon Group, Inc. and Fleet National Bank, as Rights Agent. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on July 20, 2000.)
- 4.4 Amended and Restated By-laws of the Company. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 3, 2006.)
- 31.1 Certification pursuant to Item 601(b)(31) of Regulation S-K, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, by Stephen Russell, the Company's Chief Executive Officer.\*
- 31.2 Certification pursuant to Item 601(b)(31) of Regulation S-K, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, by Paul Will, the Company's Chief Financial Officer.\*
- 32.1 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, by Stephen Russell, the Company's Chief Executive Officer.\*
- 32.2 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, by Paul Will, the Company's Chief Financial Officer.\*

\* Filed herewith

SIGNATURES

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

Celadon Group, Inc.  
(Registrant)

/s/ Stephen Russell  
Stephen Russell  
Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Paul Will  
Paul Will  
Chief Financial Officer,  
Executive Vice President,  
Treasurer, and Assistant  
Secretary

Date: October 30, 2008

