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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2006

OR

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

For the transition period from to

Commission file number: 001-31262

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

> 622 Third Avenue, 37th Floor New York, New York (Address of principal executive offices)

(212) 885-2500

01-0609375 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> **10017** (Zip Code)

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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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 x No o

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:

Large Accelerated Filer O

Accelerated Filer x

Non-Accelerated Filer o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes o No x

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer s classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: The number of shares of common stock outstanding as of November 3, 2006, was 33,442,119 (net of 1,537,576 treasury shares).

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands, except share and per share data) (Unaudited)

| | | September 30, 2006 | | December 31, 2005 | | |
|--|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------|--|--|
| ASSETS | | | | | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS: | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 133,475 | | \$ 57,194 | | |
| Contracts-in-transit | | 95,222 | | 122,250 | | |
| Accounts receivable (net of allowance of \$690 and \$1,216, respectively) | | 152,039 | | 167,203 | | |
| Inventories | | 715,458 | | 709,791 | | |
| Deferred income taxes | | 19,825 | | 19,825 | | |
| Prepaid and other current assets | | 59,698 | | 57,419 | | |
| Assets held for sale | | 12,451 | | 51,498 | | |
| Total current assets | 1,188,168 | | 1,185,180 | | | |
| PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net | 201. | 053 | | 193,457 | | |
| GOODWILL | 449,785 | | | 457,405 | | |
| OTHER LONG-TERM ASSETS | 91,741 | | | 94.758 | | |
| Total assets | \$ | 1,930,747 | | \$ 1,930,800 | | |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES: | | | | | | |
| Floor plan notes payable manufacturer affiliated | \$ | 293,928 | | \$ 204,044 | | |
| Floor plan notes payable non-manufacturer affiliated | 319,446 | | | 410,338 | | |
| Current maturities of long-term debt | 26,263 | | | 24,522 | | |
| Accounts payable | 64,6 | | | 72,432 | | |
| Accrued liabilities | 93,7 | 56 | | 100,043 | | |
| Liabilities associated with assets held for sale | | | | 26,847 | | |
| Total current liabilities | 798, | 003 | | 838,226 | | |
| LONG-TERM DEBT | 456, | 283 | | 472,427 | | |
| DEFERRED INCOME TAXES | 44,0 | 55 | | 44,287 | | |
| OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES | 30,0 | 90 | | 28,094 | | |
| COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 14) | | | | | | |
| SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY: | | | | | | |
| Preferred stock, \$.01 par value per share, 10,000,000 shares authorized | | | | | | |
| Common stock, \$.01 par value per share, 90,000,000 shares authorized, 34,921,981 and 34,435,252 | | | | | | |
| shares issued, including shares held in treasury, respectively | | | | 344 | | |
| Additional paid-in capital | | 535 | | 417,055 | | |
| Retained earnings | | 073 | | 148,986 | | |
| Treasury stock, at cost; 1,537,576 and 1,586,587 shares held, respectively | | 567 | | (15,032 | | |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (2,0) | 74 | | (3,587 | | |
| Total shareholders equity | 602, | | | 547,766 | | |
| Total liabilities and shareholders equity | \$ | 1,930,747 | | \$ 1,930,800 | | |

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

| | For the Three Mor Ended September | | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|--|--------------|--|
| | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | |
| REVENUES: | | | | | |
| New vehicle | \$ 913,194 | \$ 891,491 | \$ 2,652,347 | \$ 2,535,068 | |
| Used vehicle | 394,402 | 360,029 | 1,137,069 | 1,028,901 | |
| Parts, service and collision repair | 171,652 | 165,126 | 513,576 | 474,798 | |
| Finance and insurance, net | 41,198 | 40,133 | 120,042 | 114,687 | |
| Total revenues | 1,520,446 | 1,456,779 | 4,423,034 | 4,153,454 | |
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