

2009 Annual Report



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Corporate Profile

Mobile Mini, Inc. is the world's leading provider of portable storage solutions through its lease fleet of approximately 257,000 portable storage units and offices. Through a network of locations in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom and The Netherlands, the company executes an operating strategy of leasing secure, high quality portable storage containers and offices, offering a diversified product line and to delivering excellent customer service.

Mobile Mini's ongoing success in deploying this strategy stems from the company's consistent attention to a number of key marketing and operational drivers. These include maintaining an internal growth focus, increasing market awareness, offering superior, differentiated products, emphasizing sales and marketing, maintaining a national presence coupled with local service, geographic and customer diversification, employee retention and promotion, and creating a culture dedicated to superior customer service.

Since its founding in 1983, Mobile Mini's diligent focus on these initiatives has driven the company's expansion from one location to a network of 118 locations and has enabled the company to build a solid financial foundation and positioned Mobile Mini to continue its pattern of market leadership and sustainable growth.

	2007(1)	2008(2)	2009(3)
Margin Analysis*	% of total revenues	% of total revenues	% of total revenues
EBITDA	40.8	42.1	41.8
Operating Income	34.1	34.5	31.4
Net Income	16.0	14.0	9.4

- * EBITDA, operating income and net income as presented are adjusted non-GAAP financial measures.
- $^{(1)}$ Excludes debt extinguishment expense of \$6.9 million, net of income tax benefit of \$4.3 million.
- (2) Excludes integration, merger and restructuring expenses of \$15.3 million, net of income tax benefit of \$9.1 million, and non-cash goodwill impairment of \$13.7 million.
- (3) Excludes integration, merger and restructuring expenses of \$7.0 million and the settlement and legal costs of a purported class action lawsuit of \$0.5 million, net of income tax benefits of \$4.6 million.

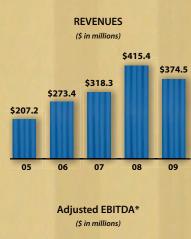


Message to Our Fellow Shareholders:

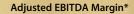
The global recession and credit crisis made 2009 a challenging year for us as demand for portable storage declined across all end users. As a result of a number of decisive and redefining actions we took, we were able to sustain our high adjusted EBITDA margins, generate record free cash flow, pay down debt, and position Mobile Mini for higher operating margins when the economy recovers.

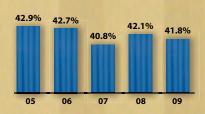
To maintain our margins, we reduced operating expenses by nearly \$20 million year over year. The biggest savings came from a 37% reduction in workforce since late December 2008. We also started migrating some of our branches from full-service locations to low-cost operational yards which don't require full overhead costs, while still allowing us to serve that market. Virtually all of our expenses were examined and we were able to make reductions across the board by aggressively renegotiating leases and professional services, redefining advertising opportunities via the internet, and fine tuning our procurement processes, to name but a few. We also made significant investments to improve efficiency throughout the company via our newly formed Lean6Sigma team and the implementation of sophisticated logistics and routing software and handheld radios for our drivers, dispatchers and sales team. To preserve cash flow, we curtailed most of our manufacturing operations, sold off non-core leasing assets, and closely managed capital expenditures in part by moving existing fleet to higher demand locations. All of these actions, plus the establishment of a hybrid sales model incorporating the best of both a local and national sales organization, have enabled us to meet the challenges presented by this protracted economic downturn and should have enduring top and bottom line benefits as the economy improves.











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^{*} See Selected Financial Statements and end of this Annual Report for reconciliation of non-GAAP measures to nearest GAAP measures.

Paying down \$83.7 million of debt produced the multiple benefits of deleveraging our balance sheet, reducing future interest expense, and enhancing our financial flexibility. On the latter point, our liquidity is excellent. The only financial maintenance covenants we have in our capital structure are in our revolving credit agreement, which doesn't mature until mid-2013, and these covenants are only tested if our borrowing availability under the facility falls below \$100 million; we ended in 2009 well above that threshold, finishing the year with \$342 million of borrowing availability.

We worked hard to increase free cash flow, which we define as net cash provided by operating activities plus net cash provided by investing activities, excluding cost of acquisitions. To this end, we generated almost \$90 million of free cash flow in 2009. This increase is attributable to cash flow generated from our lease fleet, managing capital expenditures and de-fleeting with a focus on selling non-core assets. Since 2008, we have scaled back our fleet by over 16,000 units. A noteworthy aside was the very respectable 33% gross margin on 2009 fleet sales. We have and will continue to take a measured approach to selling steel storage containers out of our rental fleet because of the exceptionally high returns they generate when on lease and their low cost of upkeep, the ease in which they can be re-positioned to high demand markets and the fact that containers hold their value over time.

Our full-service branches have given way to less costly operational yards. From these low-cost, low-overhead locations, we are able to service local markets, store and maintain our products and equipment, and leverage the infrastructure costs of one or more nearby fully staffed branches. This strategy enables us to keep overhead expenses to a minimum while supporting these locations with the necessary tools to optimize transportation efficiency. For 2010, we plan to open up at least three new operational yards in North America and have identified over 50 additional potential markets to enter. So, while we are managing through this economic downturn, our sights are also set on future expansion and growth.

We are also migrating from an entirely decentralized sales model to a hybrid sales model by establishing National Sales Centers for North America and the U.K. Sales personnel at the branches pursue customers with special localized requirements, such as contractors, seasonal users, other high usage customers and customers that rent mobile offices while those at the National Sales Center are targeting new non-contractor leads, single unit customers, and other specialized customer end-user groups like schools, government and others.



Meeting customer demand with product diversity



In keeping with the other refinements to our business model, we have been changing the mix of our advertising, placing greater emphasis on the internet and less focus and dollars on print and direct mail advertising for year over year savings of over \$1 million.

The Mobile Mini Evergreens: Customer Service, Product Differentiation, Broad Customer Base, Attractive Leasing Economics

One of Mobile Mini's hallmarks has always been customer service and that has not changed. We are very proud that our customers have rated Mobile Mini with a best in class Net Promoter Score (NPS). These great NPS results are reinforced by the fact that most of our business is repeat business and in 2009 approximately 56.8% of our 2009 leasing revenues were derived from repeat customers. Customer service and salesforce effectiveness are two sides of the same coin and we are committed to upgrading salesforce training and monitoring with tools like our customer relationship management platform.

Still another evergreen aspect of our business is product differentiation, especially when it comes to our steel portable storage units. These high quality units provide patented security features, convenience, and come in a broad selection of sizes and configurations.

Leasing steel portable storage units continues to offer some rather compelling features:

- provide predictable, recurring revenues from leases with an average existing lease duration beyond the initial contract of approximately 32 months;
- have average monthly lease rates that recoup our current investment on our remanufactured units within an average of 35 months;

Storage where you need it





- have long useful lives exceeding 30 years, relatively low maintenance and high residual values; and
- produce high incremental leasing EBITDA operating margins.

With as many markets and customers as we serve, we have lease fleet on the job in many endeavors and for industries – including utilities, manufacturers and distributors, military and government installations, hotels, schools, restaurants, entertainment complexes and households. The most cyclical and economically sensitive industry that we serve is the construction sector, which represented 28% of our units on lease at year end, down from 43% in 2007.

2010 Expectations & Plans

Our customer strategy is to maximize our share of the construction sector, but more importantly increase our non-construction business by increasing market awareness and market size of the portable storage market with a very differentiated product within an extreme sales, marketing and customer service culture. In 2009, we served 101,000 customers and over 70% of the units on rent were to non-contractors at year end. These customers typically rent only one unit, keep their unit on rent much longer than contractors, and use storage containers as lower cost alternatives to renting more warehouse or office space. While this business declined in tandem with the economic downturn, the decline was not nearly as steep as the construction portion of our business. We believe that as the economy improves, our business with non-contractor customers will start growing again and not necessarily lag the economy as construction generally does. Overall, we are seeing some early signs of improvement in our markets with non-contractor customers. In addition, we see opportunities opening with construction businesses that rent units for maintenance and remodeling projects and potential upside from federal stimulus funding of infrastructure projects.

Our focus for 2010 will be much the same as 2009: free cash flow generation, debt reduction, and continuous analysis of operating costs for further savings. We have budgeted up to \$5 million of capital expenditures for 2010 and as noted earlier, we will be entering three new markets, utilizing existing fleet and low-cost operational yards.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank the Mobile Mini team in North America and Europe for their ongoing contributions and willingness to take on new tasks during this trying period. I would also like to thank Mike Donovan for his valuable contributions as a member of the Board in 2009 and welcome Jim Martell as a new Director. As a management team, we look forward to drawing upon his business and logistics talents and experience to increase shareholder value. We also appreciate the ongoing support of our shareholders, suppliers, customers, noteholders and lenders, as well as our new investors.

Sincerely yours,

Steven G. Bunger

Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer

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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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, 2009

Commission File Number 1-12804



(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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(IRS Employer Identification No.)

7420 S. Kyrene Road, Suite 101 Tempe, Arizona 85283

(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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As of February 19, 2010, there were outstanding 36,258,593 shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$.01.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:

Portions of the Proxy Statement for the registrant's 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated herein by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K to the extent stated herein. Certain exhibits are incorporated in Item 15 of this Report by reference to other reports and registration statements of the registrant which have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

MOBILE MINI, INC.

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Cautionary Statement about Forward Looking Statements

Our discussion and analysis in this Annual Report, in other reports that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, in our press releases and in public statements of our officers and corporate spokespersons contain forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements give our current expectations or forecasts of future events. You can identify these statements by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current events. They include words such as "may", "plan", "seek", "will", "expect", "intend", "estimate", "anticipate", "believe" or "continue" or the negative thereof or variations thereon or similar terminology. These forward-looking statements include statements regarding, among other things, our future actions; financial position; management forecasts; efficiencies; cost savings, synergies and opportunities to increase productivity and profitability; income and margins; liquidity; anticipated growth; the economy; business strategy; budgets; projected costs and plans and objectives of management for future operations; sales efforts; taxes; refinancing of existing debt; and the outcome of contingencies such as legal proceedings and financial results.

Forward-looking statements may turn out to be wrong. They can be affected by inaccurate assumptions or by known or unknown risks and uncertainties. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations are set forth below and are disclosed under "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this Annual Report, including, without limitation, in conjunction with the forward-looking statements included in this Annual Report. These are factors that we think could cause our actual results to differ materially from expected and historical results. Mobile Mini could also be adversely affected by other factors besides those listed. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us, or persons acting on our behalf, are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements, factors and risks identified herein.

ITEM 1. BUSINESS.

Mobile Mini, Inc.

We are the world's leading provider of portable storage solutions. We offer a wide range of portable storage products in varying lengths and widths with an assortment of differentiated features such as our patented locking systems, premium doors, electrical wiring and shelving. At December 31, 2009, we operated through a network of 118 locations in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and The Netherlands. Our portable units provide secure, accessible temporary storage for a diversified client base of customers, including large and small retailers, construction companies, medical centers, schools, utilities, manufacturers and distributors, the U.S. and U.K. military, hotels, restaurants, entertainment complexes and households. Our customers use our products for a wide variety of storage applications, including retail and manufacturing supplies and inventory, temporary offices, construction materials and equipment, documents and records and household goods.

We derive most of our revenues from the leasing of portable storage containers, security offices and mobile offices. In addition to our leasing business, we also sell portable storage containers and mobile office units. Our sales revenues represented 9.9% and 10.3% of total revenues for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008 and 2009, respectively.

We were founded in 1983 and follow a strategy of focusing on leasing rather than selling our portable storage units. Leasing revenues represented approximately 89.1% of total revenues for the year ended December 31, 2009. We believe our leasing strategy is highly effective because the vast majority of our fleet consists of steel portable storage units which:

- provide predictable, recurring revenues from leases with an average duration of approximately 32 months;
- have average monthly lease rates that recoup our current investment on our remanufactured units within an average of 35 months; and
- have long useful lives exceeding 30 years, relatively low maintenance and high residual values.

Our total lease fleet has grown significantly over the years to more than 257,000 units at December 31, 2009. We experienced a significant lease fleet unit increase in 2008 due to our acquisition of Mobile Storage Group in 2008. As a result of our focus on leasing, we have achieved substantial increases in our revenues, margins and profitability over the years prior to the recent economic recession. In addition to our leasing operations, we sell new and used portable storage units and provide delivery, installation and other ancillary products and services.

Our fleet is primarily comprised of remanufactured and differentiated steel portable storage containers that were built according to standards developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), other steel containers and steel offices that we manufactured and mobile offices. We remanufacture and customize our purchased ISO containers by adding our proprietary locking and easy-opening premium door systems and steel security offices. Given their steel nature, these assets are characterized by low risk of obsolescence, extreme durability, relatively low maintenance, long useful lives and a history of high-value retention. We also have wood mobile office units in our lease fleet to complement our core steel portable storage products and steel security offices. We maintain our steel containers and offices on a regular basis. Repair and maintenance expense for our fleet has averaged 3.4% of lease revenues over the past three fiscal years and is expensed as incurred. We believe our historical experience with leasing rates and sales prices for these assets demonstrates their high-value retention. We are able to lease our portable storage containers at similar rates without regard to the age of the container. In addition, we have sold containers and steel security offices from our lease fleet at an average of 145% of original cost from 1997 through 2009.

Industry Overview

The storage industry includes two principal segments, fixed self-storage and portable storage. The fixed self-storage segment consists of permanent structures located away from customer locations used primarily by consumers to temporarily store excess household goods. We do not participate in the fixed self-storage segment.

We do offer non-fixed self-storage in secure containers from our fleet at some of our locations in the U.S. and the U.K.

The portable storage segment in which our business operates differs from the fixed self-storage segment in that it brings the storage solution to the customer's location and addresses the need for secure, temporary storage with immediate access to the storage unit. The advantages of portable storage include convenience, immediate accessibility, better security and lower price. In contrast to fixed self-storage, the portable storage segment is primarily used by businesses. This segment of the storage industry is highly fragmented and remains primarily local in nature. We believe the portable storage market in the U.S. exceeds \$1.5 billion in revenue annually. Portable storage solutions include containers, record vaults, van trailers and roll-off units. Although there are no published estimates of the size of the portable storage segment, we believe portable storage containers are achieving increased storage market share compared to other storage options and that this segment is expanding because of an increasing awareness that only containers provide ground level access and better protect against damage caused by wind or water than do other portable storage alternatives. As a result, containers can meet the needs of a diverse range of customers. Portable storage units such as ours provide ground level access, higher security and improved aesthetics compared with certain other portable storage alternatives such as van trailers.

Our products also serve the mobile office industry. This industry provides mobile offices and other modular structures and we believe this industry generates approximately \$5 billion in revenue annually in North America. We offer combined steel storage/office units and mobile offices in varying lengths and widths to serve the various requirements of our customers.

We also offer portable record storage units and many of our regular storage units are used for document and record storage. We believe the documents and records storage industry will continue to grow as businesses continue to generate substantial paper records that must be kept for extended periods.

Our goal is to continue to be the leading provider of portable storage solutions in North America and the U.K. We believe our competitive strengths and business strategy will enable us to achieve this goal.

Competitive Strengths

Our competitive strengths include the following:

Market Leadership. At December 31, 2009, we maintained a total lease fleet of more than 257,000 units and we are the largest provider of portable storage solutions in North America and the U.K. We believe we are creating brand awareness and the name "Mobile Mini" is associated with high quality portable storage products, superior customer service and value-added storage solutions. We have historically achieved significant growth in new and existing markets by capturing market share from competitors and by creating demand among businesses and consumers who were previously unaware of the availability of our products to meet their storage needs.

Superior, Differentiated Products. We offer the industry's broadest range of portable storage products, with many features that differentiate our products from those of our competition. We remanufacture used ISO containers and have designed and manufactured our own portable storage units. These capabilities allow us to offer a wide range of products and proprietary features to better meet our customers' needs, charge premium lease rates and gain market share from our competitors, who offer more limited product selections. Our portable storage units vary in size from 5 to 48 feet in length and 8 to 10 feet in width. The 10-foot wide units we manufacture provide 40% more usable storage space than the standard eight-foot-wide ISO containers offered by our competitors. The vast majority of our products have our patented locking system and multiple door options, including easy-open door systems. In addition, we offer portable storage units with electrical wiring, shelving and other customized features. This differentiation allows us to charge premium rental rates compared to the rates charged by our competition.

Sales and Marketing Emphasis. We target a diverse customer base and, unlike most of our competitors, have developed sophisticated sales and marketing programs enabling us to expand market awareness of our products and generate strong internal growth. We have a dedicated commissioned sales team and we assist

them by providing them with our highly customized contact management system and intensive sales training programs. We monitor our salespersons' effectiveness through our extensive sales calls monitoring and sales mentoring and training programs. On-line, yellow pages and direct-mail advertising are integral parts of our sales and marketing approach. Our website includes value added features such as product video tours, online payment capabilities and online real time sales inquiries, enabling customers to chat live with our salespeople.

National Presence with Local Service. We have the largest national network for portable storage solutions in the U.S. and the U.K. and believe it would be difficult to replicate. We have invested significant capital developing a national network of locations that serves most major metropolitan areas in the U.S. and the U.K. We have differentiated ourselves from our local competitors and made replication of our presence difficult by developing our branch network through both opening branches in multiple cities and purchasing competitors in key markets. The difficulty and time required to obtain the number of units and locations necessary to support a national operation would make establishing a large competitor difficult. In addition, there are difficulties associated with recruiting and hiring an experienced management team such as ours that has strong industry knowledge and local relationships with customers. Our network of local branches and operational yards allows us to develop and maintain relationships with our local customers, while providing a level of service to regional and national companies that is made possible by our nationwide presence. Our local managers, sales force and delivery drivers develop and maintain critical personal relationships with the customers that benefit from access to our wide selection of products that we offer.

Geographic and Customer Diversification. At December 31, 2009, we operated from 118 locations of which 95 were located in the U.S, 3 in Canada, 19 in the U.K., and 1 in The Netherlands. We served approximately 101,000 customers from a wide range of industries in 2009. Our customers include large and small retailers, construction companies, medical centers, schools, utilities, manufacturers and distributors, the U.S. and U.K. militaries, government agencies, hotels, restaurants, entertainment complexes and households. Our diverse customer base demonstrates the broad applications for our products and our opportunity to create future demand through targeted marketing. In 2009, our largest and our second-largest customers accounted for 1.7% and 0.7% of our leasing revenues, respectively, and our twenty largest customers accounted for approximately 6.1% of our leasing revenues. During 2009, approximately 60.8% of our customers rented a single unit. We believe this diversity also helps us to better weather economic downturns in individual markets and the industries in which our customers operate.

Customer Service Focus. We believe the portable storage industry is particularly service intensive. Our entire organization is focused on providing high levels of customer service, and we have salespeople both at the national level and at our branch locations to better understand our customer's needs. We have trained our sales force to focus on all aspects of customer service from the sales call onward. We differentiate ourselves by providing security, convenience, high product quality, differentiated and broad product selection and availability, and competitive lease rates. We conduct training programs for our sales force to assure high levels of customer service and awareness of local market competitive conditions. Additionally, we use a Net Promoter Score (NPS) system to measure and enhance our customer service. We use NPS to measure customer satisfaction each month, rental-by-rental, in real time through surveys conducted by a third party. We then use customer feedback to drive service improvements across the company, from our branches to our corporate headquarters. Our customized Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system also increases our responsiveness to customer inquiries and enables us to efficiently monitor our sales force's performance. Approximately 56.8% of our 2009 leasing revenues were derived from repeat customers, which we believe is a result of our superior customer service.

Customized Enterprise Resource Planning System. We have made significant investments in an ERP system for our U.S. and U.K. operations. These investments enable us to optimize fleet utilization, control pricing, capture detailed customer data, easily evaluate credit approval while approving it quickly, audit company results reports, gain efficiencies in internal control compliance and support our growth by projecting near-term capital needs. In addition, we believe this system gives us a competitive advantage over smaller and less sophisticated local and regional competitors. Our ERP system allows us to carefully monitor, on a real time basis, the size, mix, utilization and lease rates of our lease fleet branch by branch. Our systems also capture relevant customer demographic and usage information, which we use to target new customers within our existing and new markets.

Business Strategy

Our business strategy consists of the following:

Focus on Core Portable Storage Leasing Business. We focus on growing our core storage leasing business, which accounted for 81% of our fleet at December 31, 2009, because it provides recurring revenue and high margins. We believe that we can continue to generate substantial demand for our portable storage units throughout North America and in the U.K. and The Netherlands.

Maintain Strong EBITDA Margins. One of the tools we use internally to measure our financial performance is EBITDA margins. We calculate this number by first calculating EBITDA, which we define as net income before interest expense, debt restructuring or extinguishment expense (if applicable), provision for income taxes, depreciation and amortization. In comparing EBITDA from year to year, we may further adjust EBITDA to exclude the effect of what we consider transactions or events not related to our core business operations to arrive at adjusted EBITDA. We define our EBITDA margins as EBITDA or adjusted EBITDA, divided by our total revenues, expressed as a percentage. We continue to manage this margin even during the recent downturn in the economic environment. Our objective is to maintain a relatively stable EBITDA margin through adjustments to our cost structure as revenues change.

Generate Strong Internal Growth. We focus on increasing the number of portable storage units we lease at our existing branches to both new and repeat customers. We have historically generated strong internal growth within our existing markets through sophisticated sales and marketing programs aimed to increase brand recognition, expand market awareness of the uses of portable storage and differentiate our superior products from our competitors. We define internal growth as growth in lease revenues on a year-over-year basis at our branch locations in operation for at least one year, excluding leasing revenue attributed to same-market acquisitions. Prior to the current recession, our internal growth rate historically was positive every quarter. Due to the acquisition of MSG, we were able to close locations and combine branch management in each of the cities with overlapping branches and reposition our lease fleet at our resulting branch locations to align with customer demand. As a result, comparing internal growth by branch for periods after this acquisition to periods before this acquisition is difficult.

Opportunistic Branch Expansion. We believe we have attractive geographic expansion opportunities, and we have developed a new market entry strategy, which we replicate in each new market we enter in the U.S. and Europe. We typically enter a new market by acquiring the lease fleet assets of a small local portable storage business to minimize start-up costs and then overlay our business model onto the new branch. Our business model consists of significantly expanding our fleet inventory with our differentiated products, introducing our sophisticated sales and marketing program supported by increased advertising and direct marketing expenditures, adding experienced Mobile Mini personnel and implementing our customized ERP system. This implementation of our business model has generally enabled our new branches to achieve strong organic growth, including during their first several years of operation.

In 2008, we dramatically expanded our geographic locations in both the U.S. and the U.K. and we expanded our presence in some of our existing markets through the acquisition of MSG and four other smaller acquisitions. We have also identified other markets where we believe demand for portable storage units is underdeveloped. Typically, these markets are served by small, local competitors. Given the current economic environment, however, we are currently focused on optimizing our existing markets and entering new markets through greenfield operational yards. These greenfield operational yards are new start-up locations that do not have all the overhead associated with a fully staffed branch. They typically have drivers and yard personnel to handle deliveries and pick-ups.

Continue to Enhance Product Offering. We continue to enhance our existing products to meet our customers' needs and requirements. We have historically been able to introduce new products and features that expand the applications and overall market for our storage products. For example, over the years we introduced a number of innovative products including a 10-foot-wide storage unit, a record storage unit and a 10-by-30-foot steel combination storage/office unit to our fleet. The record storage unit provides highly secure, on-site and easy access to archived business records close at hand. In addition to our steel container and steel security offices, we have also added wood mobile offices as a complementary product to better serve our customers. We have also

made continuous improvements (i.e., making it easier to use in colder climates) to our patented locking system over the years. Currently, the 10-foot-wide unit, the record storage unit and the 10-by-30-foot steel combination storage/office unit are exclusively offered by Mobile Mini. We believe our design and manufacturing capabilities increase our ability to service our customers' needs and expand demand for our portable storage solutions.

Products

We provide a broad range of portable storage products to meet our customers' varying needs. Our products are managed and our customers are serviced locally by our employee team at each of our branches, including management, sales personnel and yard facility employees. Some features of our different products are listed below:

• Remanufactured and Modified Steel Storage Units. We purchase used ISO containers from leasing companies, shipping lines and brokers. These containers were originally built to ISO standards and are eight feet wide, 8'6" to 9'6" high and 20, 40 or 45 feet long. After acquisition, we remanufacture and modify these ISO containers. Remanufacturing typically involves cleaning, removing rust and dents, repairing floors and sidewalls, painting, adding our signs and installing new doors and our proprietary locking system. Modification typically involves splitting some containers into 5-, 10-, 15-, 20- or 25-foot lengths. We have also manufactured portable steel storage units for our lease fleet and for sale, including our ten foot wide units.

We generally purchase used ISO containers when they are 10 to 12 years old, a time at which their useful life as an ISO shipping container is over according to the standards promulgated by the International Organization for Standardization. Because we do not have the same stacking and strength requirements that apply in the ISO shipping industry, we have no need for these containers to meet ISO standards. We purchase these containers, truck them to our locations, remanufacture them by removing any rust, paint them with a rust inhibiting paint, and further customize them, typically by adding our proprietary easy-opening door system and our patented locking system. If we need to purchase ISO containers, as we had in the past, we believe we would be able to procure them at competitive prices because of our volume purchasing power.

- Steel Security Office and Steel Security Office/Storage Units. We buy and historically have manufactured steel combination office/security and security office units that range from 10 to 40 feet in length. We offer these units in various configurations, including office and storage combination units that provide a 10- or 15-foot office with the remaining area available for storage. We believe our office units provide the advantage of ground accessibility for ease of access and high security in an all-steel design. Our European products include canteen units and drying rooms for the construction industry. For customers with space limitations, the office/canteen units can also be stacked two high with stairs for access to the top unit. These office units are equipped with electrical wiring, heating and air conditioning, phone jacks, carpet or tile, high security doors and windows with security bars or shutters. Some of these offices are also equipped with sinks, hot water heaters, cabinets and restrooms.
- Wood Mobile Office Units. We offer mobile office units, which range from 8 to 24 feet in width and 20 to 60 feet in length, and which we purchase from manufacturers. These units have a wide range of exterior and interior options, including exterior stairs or ramps, awnings and skirting. These units are equipped with electrical wiring, heating and air conditioning, phone jacks, carpet or tile and windows with security bars. Many of these units contain restrooms.
- Steel Records Storage Units. We market proprietary portable records storage units that enable customers to store documents at their location for easy access, or at one of our facilities. Our units are 10.5 feet wide and are available in 12 and 23-foot lengths. The units feature high-security doors and locks, electrical wiring, shelving, folding work tables and air filtration systems. We believe our product is a cost-effective alternative to mass warehouse storage, with a high level of fire and water damage protection.
- Van Trailers Non-Core Storage Units. Our acquisitions typically entail the purchase of small companies
 with lease fleets primarily comprised of standard ISO containers. However, many of these companies also
 have van trailers and other manufactured storage products, which we believe do not have the same
 advantages as standard containers. It is our goal to dispose of these units from our fleet either as their
 initial rental period ends or within a few years. We do not remanufacture these products. See "Product Lives

and Durability — Van Trailers — Non-Core Storage Units" below. At December 31, 2009, van trailers comprised less than 0.4% of our lease fleet net book value.

- *Timber Units Non-Core Units*. In connection with the MSG transaction, we acquired assets that were not part of our principal lease fleet. These assets include timber units in the U.K., which are older wood constructed mobile offices. We dispose of these non-core assets as opportunities permit.
- *Portable Toilets Non-Core Units*. Other units acquired in the MSG transaction include portable toilets, which are typically leased in conjunction with office unit leases in the U.K.

We protect our products and brands through the use of trademarks and patents. In particular, we have patented our proprietary door locking system. In 2003 and 2006, we were issued United States patents in connection with our Container Guard Lock and our tri-cam locking system design. In 2006, we applied in several countries for patents for improvements or modifications to our tri-cam locking systems. These applications have been approved in Europe and China and are still pending in the United States and other countries.

Product Lives and Durability

We believe our steel portable storage units, steel security offices, and wood mobile offices have estimated useful lives of 30 years, 30 years, and 20 years, respectively, from the date we build or acquire and remanufacture them, with residual values of our per-unit investment ranging from 50% for our mobile offices to 55% for our core steel products. Van trailers, which comprised 0.4% of the net book value of our lease fleet at December 31, 2009, are depreciated over seven years to a 20% residual value. For the past three fiscal years, our cost to repair and maintain our lease fleet units averaged approximately 3.4% of our lease revenues. Repainting the outside of storage units is the most common maintenance item.

We maintain our steel containers on a regular basis by painting them, removing rust, and occasionally replacing the wooden floor or a rusted panel as they come off rent and are ready to be leased again. This periodic maintenance keeps the container in essentially the same condition as after we initially remanufactured it and is designed to maintain the unit's value and rental rates comparable to new units.

Approximately 10.3% of our 2009 revenue was derived from sales of our units. Because the containers in our lease fleet do not significantly depreciate in value, we have no systematic program in place to sell lease fleet containers as they reach a certain age. Instead, most of our U.S. container sales involve either highly customized containers that would be difficult to lease on a recurring basis, or containers that we have not remanufactured. In addition, due primarily to availability of inventory at various locations at certain times of the year, we sell a certain portion of containers and offices from the lease fleet. Our gross margins increase for containers that have been in our lease fleet for greater lengths of time prior to sale, because although these units have been depreciated based upon a 30 year useful life and 55% residual value (1.5% per year), in most cases fair value may not decline by nearly that amount due to the nature of the assets and our maintenance policy.

The following table shows the gross margin on containers and steel security offices sold from inventory (which we call our sales fleet) and from our lease fleet from 1997 through 2009 based on the length of time in the lease fleet.

	Number of Units Sold	Sales Revenue	Original Cost(1) (Dollars in the	Sales Revenue as a Percentage of Original Cost ousands)	Sales Revenue as a Percentage of Net Book Value
Sales fleet(2)	38,437	\$123,100	\$81,325	151%	151%
Lease fleet, by period held before sale:					
Less than 5 years	27,622	\$ 86,766	\$59,768	145%	151%
5 to 10 years	4,840	\$ 21,535	\$14,742	146%	162%
10 to 15 years	1,195	\$ 4,795	\$ 3,361	143%	168%
15 to 20 years	188	\$ 617	\$ 439	141%	176%
20+ years	9	\$ 33	\$ 29	111%	161%

(1) "Original cost" for purposes of this table includes (i) the price we paid for the unit, plus (ii) the cost of our manufacturing or remanufacturing, which includes both the cost of customizing units incurred, plus (iii) the freight charges to our branch when the unit is first placed in service. For manufactured units, cost includes our manufacturing cost and the freight charges to the branch location where the unit is first placed into service.

(2) Includes sales of raw ISO containers.

Appraisals on our fleet are conducted on a regular basis by an independent appraiser selected by our lenders and the appraiser does not differentiate in value based upon the age of the container or the length of time it has been in our fleet. As of December 31, 2009, based on the latest orderly liquidation value appraisal in May 2009, on which our borrowings under our revolving credit facility are based, our lease fleet liquidation appraisal value is approximately \$911.6 million, which equates to 86.4% of our lease fleet net book value of \$1.1 billion at year end. At December 31, 2008, our orderly liquidation value equated to 85.3% of the lease fleet net book value.

Because steel storage containers substantially keep their value when properly maintained, we are able to lease containers that have been in our lease fleet for various lengths of time at similar rates, without regard to the age of the container. Our lease rates vary by the size and type of unit leased, length of contractual term, custom features and the geographic location of our branch at which the lease is originated. While we focus on service and security as a main differentiation of our products from our competitors, pricing competition, market conditions and other factors can influence our leasing rates.

The following chart shows the average monthly lease rate that we currently receive for various types of containers that have been in our lease fleet for various periods of time. We have added our 10-foot-wide containers and security offices to the fleet and those types of units are not included in this chart. This chart includes the eight major types of containers in the fleet, but specific details of such type of unit are not provided due to competitive considerations.

			Age of Containers (By Number of Years in Our Lease Fleet)						
		0 — 5	6-10	11 — 15	<u>16 — 20</u>	Over 21	Total Number/ Average Dollar		
Type 1	Number of units	6,034	1,438	2,020	123	6	9,621		
	Average monthly rent	\$ 68.02	\$ 83.43	\$ 85.22	\$ 80.80	\$ 78.54	\$ 74.10		
Type 2	Number of units	892	630	483	71	5	2,081		
	Average monthly rent	\$ 85.27	\$ 87.29	\$ 86.06	\$ 81.17	\$ 87.32	\$ 85.93		
Type 3	Number of units	17,530	2,344	1,701	519	87	22,181		
	Average monthly rent	\$ 67.03	\$ 83.61	\$ 85.42	\$ 84.19	\$ 83.11	\$ 70.66		
Type 4	Number of units	264	268	491	64	6	1,093		
	Average monthly rent	\$106.54	\$102.34	\$106.63	\$100.88	\$ 96.06	\$105.16		
Type 5	Number of units	480	275	709	25	1	1,490		
	Average monthly rent	\$103.89	\$114.50	\$124.03	\$118.69	\$119.17	\$115.69		
Type 6	Number of units	6,164	5,021	2,389	258	20	13,852		
	Average monthly rent	\$124.19	\$124.60	\$131.11	\$127.02	\$125.07	\$125.59		
Type 7	Number of units	20,151	9,522	2,349	100	41	32,163		
	Average monthly rent	\$111.52	\$111.89	\$121.22	\$125.20	\$112.67	\$112.38		
Type 8		301	281	326	22	6	936		
_	Average monthly rent	\$164.46	\$161.26	\$166.85	\$156.30	\$170.99	\$164.18		

We believe fluctuations in rental rates based on container age are primarily a function of the location of the branch from which the container was leased rather than age of the container. Some of the units added to our lease fleet during recent years through our acquisitions program have lower lease rates than the rates we typically obtain because the units remain on lease under terms (including lower rental rates) that were in place when we obtained the units in acquisitions.

We periodically review our depreciation policy against various factors, including the following:

- results of our lenders' independent appraisal of our lease fleet;
- practices of the major competitors in our industry;
- our experience concerning useful life of the units;
- · profit margins we are achieving on sales of depreciated units; and
- · lease rates we obtain on older units.

In 2009, some of the steel units in our lease fleet were older than the 25 year originally assigned useful life. In April 2009, we evaluated our depreciation policy on steel units and changed their estimated useful life to 30 years with an estimated residual value of 55%, which effectively results in continual depreciation on these units at the same annual rate of book value as our previous depreciation policy of 25 year life and 62.5% residual value. This change had an immaterial impact on our consolidated financial statements at the date of the change in estimate.

Our depreciation policy for our lease fleet uses the straight-line method over the units' estimated useful life, after the date we put the unit in service, and the units are depreciated down to their estimated residual values.

Steel Storage, Steel Office and Combination Units. Our steel products are our core leasing units and include portable storage units, whether manufactured or remanufactured ISO containers, steel security office and storage/office combination units. Our steel units are depreciated over 30 years with an estimated residual value of 55%.

Wood Mobile Office Units. Because of the wood structure of these units, they are more susceptible to wear and tear than steel units. We depreciate these units over 20 years down to a 50% residual value (2.5% per year), which we believe to be consistent with most of our major competitors in this industry. Wood mobile office units lose value over time and we may sell older units from time to time. At the end of 2009, our wood mobile offices were all less than ten years old. These units, excluding those units acquired in acquisitions, are also more expensive than our storage units, causing an increase in the average carrying value per unit in the lease fleet over the last nine years.

The operating margins on mobile offices are lower than the margins on steel containers. However, these mobile offices are rented using our existing infrastructure and therefore provide incremental returns far in excess of our fixed expenses. These returns add to our overall profitability and operating margins.

Van Trailers — Non-Core Storage Units. At December 31, 2009, van trailers made up less than 0.4% of the net book value of our lease fleet. When we acquire businesses in our industry, the acquired businesses often have van trailers and other manufactured storage products which we believe do not offer customers the same advantages as our core steel container storage product. We depreciate our van trailers over 7 years to a 20% residual value. We often attempt to sell most of these units from our fleet as they come off rent or within a few years after we acquire them. We do not utilize our resources to remanufacture these products and instead resell them.

Timber Units — *Non-Core Units*. These units are older wood constructed mobile offices in the U.K. and are depreciated over 5 years to 10% of their assigned value.

Portable Toilets — Non-Core Units. Steel portable toilets are depreciated over 30 years to 55% of their residual value. Wood timber portable toilets are depreciated over 5 years to 10% of their residual value and we used to have fiberglass portable toilets that were depreciated over 3 years to 30% of their residual value.

Lease Fleet Configuration

Our lease fleet is comprised of over 100 different configurations of units. Throughout the year we add units to our fleet through purchases of used ISO containers and containers obtained through acquisitions, both of which we remanufacture and customize. We also purchase new manufactured mobile offices in various configurations and sizes, and manufacture our own custom steel units. Due to the number of units acquired in the MSG transaction and the current economic environment, we do not anticipate needing to purchase or acquire containers or offices to remanufacture or customize until the operating environment significantly improves. Our initial cost basis of an ISO container includes the purchase price from the seller, the cost of remanufacturing, which can include removing rust

and dents, repairing floors, sidewalls and ceilings, painting, signage and installing new doors, seals and a locking system. Additional modifications may involve the splitting of a unit to create several smaller units and adding customized features. The restoring and modification processes do not necessarily occur in the same year the units are purchased or acquired. We procure larger containers, typically 40-foot units, and split them into two 20-foot units or one 25-foot and one 15-foot unit, or other configurations as needed, and then add new doors along with our patented locking system and sometimes add custom features. We also will sell units from our lease fleet to our customers.

The table below outlines those transactions that effectively maintained the net book value of our lease fleet at \$1.1 billion at December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2009:

	Dollars	Units
	(Dollars in th	ousands)
Lease fleet at December 31, 2008, net	\$1,078,156	273,748
Purchases:		
Container purchases including freight	694	307
Manufactured units:		
Steel containers, combination storage/office combo units and steel		
security offices	1,048	67
Wood mobile offices	41	2
Remanufacturing and customization of units purchased or obtained		
through acquisitions(1)	17,282	1,089(3)
Other(2)	(10,707)	(3,291)(4)
Cost of sales from lease fleet	(21,896)	(14,714)
Effect of exchange rate changes	10,122	
Depreciation	(19,412)	
Lease fleet at December 31, 2009, net	<u>\$1,055,328</u>	<u>257,208</u>

⁽¹⁾ Does not include any routine maintenance, which is expensed as incurred.

(4) Includes net units transferred in and out of lease fleet.

The table below outlines the composition of our lease fleet at December 31, 2009:

	Lease Fleet	Number of Units	Percentage of Units
		(In thousands)	
Steel storage containers	\$ 621,466	206,925	81%
Offices	526,951	41,946	16%
Van trailers	5,557	8,337	3%
Other (chassis and ancillary products)	2,651		
	1,156,625		
Accumulated depreciation	(101,297)		
	<u>\$1,055,328</u>	<u>257,208</u>	100%

⁽²⁾ Includes adjustments to valuation on acquired MSG units, primarily trailers, additional cost on splitting units and net transfers from finished goods.

⁽³⁾ These units include the net additional units that were the result of splitting steel containers into one or more shorter units, such as splitting a 40-foot container into two 20-foot units, or one 25-foot unit and one 15-foot unit and includes units moved from finished goods to lease fleet.

Branch Operations

Our senior management analyzes and manages the business as one business segment and our operations across all branches concentrate on the same core business of leasing, using products that are substantially the same in each market. In order to effectively manage this business across different geographic areas, we divide our one business segment into smaller management areas we call divisions, regions and branches. Each of our branches generally has similar economic characteristics covering all products leased or sold, including similar customer base, sales personnel, advertising, yard facilities, general and administrative costs and branch management. Further financial information by geography is provided in Note 17 to the consolidated financial statements appearing in Item 8 of this report.

In the U.S. particularly, we locate our branches in markets with attractive demographics and strong growth prospects. Within each market, we have located our branches in areas that allow for easy delivery of portable storage units to our customers over a wide geographic area. In addition, when cost effective, we seek locations that are visible from high traffic roads in order to advertise our products and our name. Our branches maintain an inventory of portable storage units available for lease, and some of our older branches also provide storage of units under lease at the branch (on-site storage).

At December 31, 2009, we operated from 118 locations of which 95 were located in the U.S., 3 in Canada, 19 in the U.K., and 1 in The Netherlands. We currently have 67 branches in the U.S., 1 branch in Canada, 17 branches in the U.K. and 1 branch in The Netherlands. Additionally, we have properties we call operational yards from which we can service a local market and store and maintain our products and equipment. We currently have 32 operational yards. We continue to evaluate our branch operations and where it becomes operationally feasible, we convert some of our branches to operational yards to further reduce expenses. These operational yards do not have branch managers or sales people, but typically have a dispatcher and drivers assigned to them.

Each branch has a branch manager who has overall supervisory responsibility for all activities of the branch. Many branch managers also oversee our operational yards that reside within their geographic area. Branch managers report to regional managers who each generally oversee multiple branches. Our regional managers, in turn, report to one of our operational senior vice presidents (called a managing director in Europe). Performance based incentive bonuses are a substantial portion of the compensation for these senior vice presidents and regional and branch managers.

Each branch has its own sales force and a transportation department that delivers and picks up portable storage units from customers. Each branch has delivery trucks and forklifts to load, transport and unload units and a storage yard staff responsible for unloading and stacking units. Steel units can be stored by stacking them to maximize usable ground area. Some of our larger branches also have a fleet maintenance department to maintain the branch's trucks, forklifts and other equipment. Our other branches perform preventive maintenance tasks but outsource major repairs and other maintenance requirements.

Sales and Marketing

We have implemented a hybrid sales model consisting of a dedicated sales staff at all our branch locations as well as at our national sales center. Our local sales staff builds and strengthens relationships with local customers in each market with particular emphasis on contractors and construction-related customers, who tend to demand local salesperson presence. Our dedicated national sales center handles primarily in-bound calls from new customers as well as existing customers not serviced by branch sales personnel. Our sales staff at the national sales center work with our local branch managers, dispatchers and sales personnel to ensure customers receive integrated first class service from initial call to delivery. Our branch sales staff, national sales center and sales management team at our headquarters and other locations conduct sales and marketing on a full-time basis. We believe that offering local salesperson presence for customers along with the efficiencies of a centralized sales operation for customers not needing a local sales contact will continue to allow us to provide high levels of customer service and serve all of our customers in a dedicated, efficient manner.

Our sales force handles all of our products and we do not maintain separate sales forces for our various product lines. Our sales and marketing force provides information about our products to prospective customers by handling inbound calls and by initiating cold calls. We have ongoing sales and marketing training programs covering all aspects of leasing and customer service. Our branches communicate with one another and with corporate headquarters through our ERP system and our customer relationship management software and tools. This enables the sales and marketing team to share leads and other information and permits management to monitor and review sales and leasing productivity on a branch-by-branch basis. We improve our sales efforts by recording and rating the sales calls made and received by our trained sales force. Our sales and marketing employees are compensated primarily on a commission basis.

Our nationwide presence in the U.S. and the U.K. allows us to offer our products to larger customers who wish to centralize the procurement of portable storage on a multi-regional or national basis. We are well equipped to meet these customers' needs through our National Account Program, which centralizes and simplifies the procurement, rental and billing process for those customers. Approximately 1,100 U.S. customers and 60 European customers currently participate in our National Account Program. We also provide our national account customers with service guarantees which assure them they will receive the same high level of customer service from any of our branch locations. This program has helped us succeed in leveraging customer relationships developed at one branch throughout our branch system.

We focus an increasing portion of our marketing expenditures on internet-based initiatives with web-based products and services for both existing customers and potential customers. We also advertise our products in the yellow pages and use a targeted direct mail program. In 2009, we mailed approximately 2.8 million product brochures to existing and prospective customers. These brochures describe our products and features and highlight the advantages of portable storage.

Customers

During 2009, approximately 101,000 customers leased our portable storage, combination storage/office and mobile office units, compared to approximately 118,000 in 2008. Our customer base is diverse and consists of businesses in a broad range of industries. Our largest single leasing customer accounted for only 1.8% of our leasing revenues in 2008 and 1.7% in 2009. Our next largest customer accounted for approximately 0.7% of our leasing revenues in both 2008 and 2009. Our twenty largest customers combined accounted for approximately 5.2% of our lease revenues in 2008 and approximately 6.1% of our lease revenues in 2009. Approximately 60.8% of our customers rented a single unit during 2009.

Based on an independent market study, we believe our customers are engaged in a vast majority of the industries identified in the four-digit SIC (Standard Industrial Classification) manual published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

We target customers who can benefit from our portable storage solutions either for seasonal, temporary or long-term storage needs. Customers use our portable storage units for a wide range of purposes. The following table provides an overview of our customers and how they use our portable storage, combination storage/office and mobile office units as of December 31, 2009:

Business	Approximate Percentage of Units on Lease	Representative Customers	Typical Application
Consumer service and retail businesses	33.5%	Department, drug, grocery and strip mall stores, hotels, restaurants, dry cleaners and service stations	Inventory storage, record storage and seasonal needs
Construction	27.9%	General, electrical, plumbing and mechanical contractors, landscapers, residential homebuilders and equipment rental companies	Equipment and materials storage and job offices
Industrial and commercial	21.5%	Distributors, trucking and utility companies, finance and insurance companies and film production companies	Raw materials, equipment, record storage, in-plant office and seasonal needs
Government and Institutions	10.1%	Schools, hospitals, medical centers, military, Native American tribal governments and reservations and national, state, county and local governmental agencies	Athletic equipment, military storage, disaster preparedness, supplier, record storage, security office, supplies, equipment storage, temporary office space and seasonal needs
Consumers	6.0%	Homeowners	Backyard storage and storage of household goods during relocation or renovation; storage at our location
Other	1.0%		

Remanufacturing

Historically, we have built new steel portable storage units, steel security offices and other custom-designed steel structures as well as remanufactured used ISO containers at our Maricopa, Arizona facility. We continue to remanufacture used ISO containers by adding our proprietary locking and easy-opening door systems at some of our branch locations. Our differentiated product offering allows us to provide a broad selection of products to our customers and distinguishes our products from our competitors. If needed in the remanufacturing process, we purchase raw materials such as steel, vinyl, wood, glass and paint, which we use in our remanufacturing and restoring operations. We typically buy these raw materials on a purchase order basis. We do not have long-term contracts with vendors for the supply of any raw materials. After integrating the assets and operations we acquired in the MSG acquisition, we leveraged our combined fleet and restructured our manufacturing operations, reducing overhead and capital expenditures for our lease fleet. We accomplished this primarily by reducing our work force at our Maricopa, Arizona manufacturing facility in December 2008 by approximately 90%, in addition to reducing manufacturing and remanufacturing staff at other locations. Additionally, we essentially halted new production activities other than completing existing work in process assignments. For the near future, we expect our Maricopa, Arizona facility, with a limited staff, will predominately be used for remanufacturing and rebranding units acquired in acquisitions to be compliant with our lease fleet standards and for repairs and maintenance on our existing lease fleet.

Vehicles

At December 31, 2009, we had a fleet of 734 delivery trucks, of which 574 were owned and 160 were leased. We use these trucks to deliver and pick up containers at customer locations. We supplement our delivery fleet by outsourcing delivery services to independent haulers when appropriate.

Enterprise Resource Planning and Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Systems

We use a customized ERP system to improve and optimize lease fleet utilization, improve the effectiveness of our sales and marketing programs and to allow international growth using the same ERP system throughout the company. This system consists of a wide-area network that connects our headquarters and all of our branches. Our Tempe, Arizona corporate headquarters and each branch can enter data into the system and access data on a real-time basis. We generate weekly management reports by branch with leasing volume, fleet utilization, lease rates and fleet movement. These reports allow management to monitor each branch's performance on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. We track each portable storage unit by its serial number. Lease fleet and sales information are entered in the system daily at the branch level and verified through monthly physical inventories by branch or corporate employees. Branch salespeople also use the CRM system to track customer leads and other sales data, including information about current and prospective customers. We have made significant investments to our ERP and CRM systems over the years, and we intend to continue that investment to further optimize the features of this system for both our North American and European operations.

Lease Terms

Under our lease agreements, each lease has an original intended length of term at inception. However, if the customer keeps the leased unit beyond the original intended term, the lease continues on a month-to-month basis until cancelled by the customer. At the end of 2009, our steel storage containers initially have an average intended term of approximately 8 months at inception, however the average duration for these leases that have fulfilled their term agreement was 32 months to date. The average monthly rental rate on these units was approximately \$104 per month. Our security, security/storage and mobile offices typically have an average intended lease term of approximately 11 months. The average duration of all office leases that have fulfilled their term agreement was 23 months in 2009. Our leases provide that the customer is responsible for the cost of delivery and pickup at lease inception. Our leases specify that the customer is liable for any damage done to the unit beyond ordinary wear and tear. However, our customers may purchase a damage waiver from us to avoid this liability in certain circumstances. This provides us with an additional source of recurring revenue. The customer's possessions stored within the portable storage unit are typically the responsibility of the customer.

Competition

We face competition from several local and regional companies, as well as from national companies, in all of our current markets. We compete with several large national and international companies in our mobile office product line. Our competitors include lessors of storage units, mobile offices, used van trailers and other structures used for portable storage. We also compete with conventional fixed self-storage facilities. We compete primarily in terms of security, convenience, product quality, broad product selection and availability, lease rates and customer service. In our core portable storage business, we typically compete with Williams Scotsman, Elliot Hire, PODS, Pac-Van, 1-800-PAC-RAT, LLC, Haulaway Storage Containers, Inc., Moveable Cubicle, Speedy Hire, and a number of other national, regional and local competitors. In the mobile office business, we typically compete with ModSpace, Williams Scotsman, McGrath RentCorp and other national, regional and local companies.

Employees

As of December 31, 2009, we employed approximately 1,475 full-time employees in the following major categories:

Management	160
Administrative	355
Sales and marketing	270
Manufacturing	165
Drivers and storage unit handling	525

Seasonality

Demand from some of our customers is somewhat seasonal. Demand for leases of our portable storage units by large retailers is stronger from September through December because these retailers need to store more inventories for the holiday season. Our retail customers usually return these leased units to us early in the following year. Other than when in a challenging economic environment, this seasonality has caused lower utilization rates for our lease fleet and a marginal decrease in cash flow during the first quarter of the year. Over the last few years, we reduced the percentage of our units we reserve for this seasonal business from the levels we allocated in earlier years, decreasing the impact of this seasonality on our operations.

Access to Information

Our Internet address is *www.mobilemini.com*. We make available at this address, free of charge, our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the Securities and Exchange Commission. In addition to this Form 10-K, we incorporate by reference as identified herein, certain information from parts of our proxy statement for the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which we expect to file with the SEC on or about April 30, 2010, which will also be available free of charge on our website. Reports of our executive officers, directors and any other persons required to file securities ownership reports under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 are also available through our web site. Information contained on our web site is not part of this Annual Report.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.

A continued economic slowdown, particularly in the non-residential construction sector of the economy, could reduce demand from some of our customers, which could negatively impact our financial results.

The current recession has caused disruptions and extreme volatility in global financial markets and increased rates of default and bankruptcy, and has reduced demand for portable storage and mobile offices. These events have also caused substantial volatility in the stock market and layoffs and other restrictions on spending by companies in almost every business sector. These events could have a number of different effects on our business, including:

- reduction in consumer and business spending, which would result in a reduction in demand for our products;
- a negative impact on the ability of our customers to timely pay their obligations to us or our vendors to timely supply services, thus reducing our cash flow; and
- an increase in counterparty risk.

Additionally, at the end of 2008 and 2009, customers in the construction industry, primarily in non-residential construction, accounted for approximately 36% and 28%, respectively, of our leased units. If the current economic slowdown in the non-residential construction sector continues, we may continue to experience less demand for leases and sales of our products. Because most of the cost of our leasing business is either fixed or semi-

variable, our margins will contract if revenue continues to fall without similar changes in expenses, which may be difficult to achieve, and which ultimately may result in having a material adverse effect on our financial condition.

Global capital and credit markets conditions could have an adverse effect on our ability to access the capital and credit markets, including via our credit facility.

Due to the disruptions in the global credit markets in 2009, liquidity in the debt markets has been materially impacted, making financing terms for borrowers less attractive or, in some cases, unavailable altogether. Renewed disruptions in the global credit markets or the failure of additional lending institutions could result in the unavailability of certain types of debt financing, including access to revolving lines of credit.

We monitor the financial strength of our larger customers, derivative counterparties, lenders and insurance carriers on an on-going basis using publicly available information in order to evaluate our exposure to those who have or who we believe may likely experience significant threats to their ability to adequately service our needs. While we engage in borrowing and repayment activities under our revolving credit facility on an almost daily basis and have not had any disruption in our ability to access our revolving credit facility as needed, the current credit market conditions could eventually increase the likelihood that one or more of our lenders may be unable to honor its commitments under our revolving credit facility, which could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Additionally, in the future we may need to raise additional funds to, among other things, fund our existing operations, improve or expand our operations, respond to competitive pressures, or make acquisitions. If adequate funds are not available on acceptable terms, we may be unable to meet our business or strategic objectives or compete effectively. If we raise additional funds by issuing equity securities, stockholders may experience dilution of their ownership interests, and the newly issued securities may have rights superior to those of the common stock. If we raise additional funds by issuing debt, we may be subject to further limitations on our operations arising out of the agreements governing such debt. If we fail to raise capital when needed, our business will be negatively affected.

We face intense competition that may lead to our inability to increase or maintain our prices, which could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations.

The portable storage and mobile office industries are highly competitive and highly fragmented. Many of the markets in which we operate are served by numerous competitors, ranging from national companies like ourselves, to smaller multi-regional companies and small, independent businesses with a limited number of locations. See "Business — Competition." Some of our principal competitors are less leveraged than we are and have lower fixed costs and may be better able to withstand adverse market conditions within the industry. We generally compete on the basis of, among other things, quality and breadth of service, expertise, reliability, and the price, size, and attractiveness of our rental units. Our competitors are competing aggressively on the basis of pricing and may continue to drive prices further down. To the extent that we choose to match our competitors' declining prices, it could harm our results of operations. To the extent that we choose not to match or remain within a reasonable competitive distance from our competitors' pricing, it could also harm our results of operations, as we may lose rental volume.

Unionization by some or all of our employees could cause increases in operating costs.

None of our employees are presently covered by collective bargaining agreements. However, from time to time various unions have attempted to organize some of our employees. We cannot predict the outcome of any continuing or future efforts to organize our employees, the terms of any future labor agreements, or the effect, if any, those agreements might have on our operations or financial performance.

We believe that a unionized workforce would generally increase our operating costs, divert the attention of management from servicing customers and increase the risk of work stoppages, all of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

We operate with a high amount of debt and we may incur significant additional indebtedness.

Our operations are capital intensive, and we operate with a high amount of debt relative to our size. In May 2007, we issued \$150.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 6.875% Senior Notes. These notes were issued at 99.548% of par value. In connection with our acquisition of Mobile Storage Group, we assumed approximately \$544.9 million of Mobile Storage Group's indebtedness with an acquisition date fair value of \$540.9 million. On June 27, 2008, we entered into an ABL Credit Agreement under which we may borrow up to \$900.0 million on a revolving loan basis, which means that amounts repaid may be reborrowed. At December 31, 2009, we had approximately \$824.2 million of indebtedness. Our substantial indebtedness could have adverse consequences. For example, it could:

- require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to payments on our indebtedness, which could reduce the availability of our cash flow to fund future working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes;
- make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to our Senior Notes;
- expose us to the risk of increased interest rates, as certain of our borrowings will be at variable rates of interest;
- require us to sell assets to reduce indebtedness or influence our decisions about whether to do so;
- increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;
- limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and our industry;
- · restrict us from making strategic acquisitions or pursuing business opportunities; and
- limit, along with the financial and other restrictive covenants in our indebtedness, among other things, our ability to borrow additional funds. Failing to comply with those covenants could result in an event of default which, if not cured or waived, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Covenants in our debt instruments restrict or prohibit our ability to engage in or enter into a variety of transactions.

The indentures governing our 6.875% Senior Notes and the 9.75% Senior Notes originally issued by MSG, which we assumed as part of our acquisition of Mobile Storage Group and, to a lesser extent our revolving credit facility agreement, contain various covenants that limit our discretion in operating our business. In particular, we are limited in our ability to merge, consolidate or transfer substantially all of our assets, issue preferred stock of subsidiaries and create liens on our assets to secure debt. In addition, if there is default, and we do not maintain borrowing availability in excess of certain pre-determined levels, we may be unable to incur additional indebtedness, make restricted payments (including paying cash dividends on our capital stock) and redeem or repurchase our capital stock. Our Senior Notes do not contain financial maintenance covenants and the financial maintenance covenants under our revolving credit facility are not applicable unless we fall below \$100 million in borrowing availability.

Our revolving credit facility requires us, under certain limited circumstances, to maintain certain financial ratios and limits our ability to make capital expenditures. These covenants and ratios could have an adverse effect on our business by limiting our ability to take advantage of financing, merger and acquisition or other corporate opportunities and to fund our operations. Breach of a covenant in our debt instruments could cause acceleration of a significant portion of our outstanding indebtedness. Any future debt could also contain financial and other covenants more restrictive than those imposed under the indentures governing the Senior Notes, and the revolving credit facility.

A breach of a covenant or other provision in any debt instrument governing our current or future indebtedness could result in a default under that instrument and, due to cross-default and cross-acceleration provisions, could result in a default under our other debt instruments. Upon the occurrence of an event of default under the revolving credit facility or any other debt instrument, the lenders could elect to declare all amounts outstanding to be

immediately due and payable and terminate all commitments to extend further credit. If we were unable to repay those amounts, the lenders could proceed against the collateral granted to them, if any, to secure the indebtedness. If the lenders under our current or future indebtedness accelerate the payment of the indebtedness, we cannot assure you that our assets or cash flow would be sufficient to repay in full our outstanding indebtedness, including the Senior Notes.

The amount we can borrow under our revolving credit facility depends in part on the value of the portable storage units in our lease fleet. If the value of our lease fleet declines under appraisals our lenders receive, we cannot borrow as much. We are required to satisfy several covenants with our lenders that are affected by changes in the value of our lease fleet. We would be in breach of certain of these covenants if the value of our lease fleet drops below specified levels. If this happens, we may not be able to borrow the amounts we need to expand our business, and we may be forced to liquidate a portion of our existing fleet.

We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service all of our debt, and may be forced to take other actions to satisfy our obligations under such indebtedness, which may not be successful.

Our ability to make scheduled payments on or to refinance our obligations under, our debt will depend on our financial and operating performance and that of our subsidiaries, which, in turn, will be subject to prevailing economic and competitive conditions and to the financial and business factors, many of which may be beyond our control. See the table under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Liquidity and Capital Resources — Contractual Obligations" for disclosure regarding the amount of cash required to service our debt.

We may not maintain a level of cash flow from operating activities sufficient to permit us to pay the principal, premium, if any, and interest on our indebtedness. If our cash flow and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations, we may be forced to reduce or delay capital expenditures, sell assets, seek to obtain additional equity capital or restructure our debt. In the future, our cash flow and capital resources may not be sufficient for payments of interest on and principal of our debt, and such alternative measures may not be successful and may not permit us to meet our scheduled debt service obligations. We may not be able to refinance any of our indebtedness or obtain additional financing, particularly because of our anticipated high levels of debt and the debt incurrence restrictions imposed by the agreements governing our debt, as well as prevailing market conditions. In the absence of such operating results and resources, we could face substantial liquidity problems and might be required to dispose of material assets or operations to meet our debt service and other obligations. The instruments governing our indebtedness restrict our ability to dispose of assets and use the proceeds from any such dispositions. We may not be able to consummate those sales, or if we do, at an opportune time, or the proceeds that we realize may not be adequate to meet debt service obligations when due.

The market price of our common stock has been volatile and may continue to be volatile and the value of your investment may decline.

The market price of our common stock has been volatile and may continue to be volatile. This volatility may cause wide fluctuations in the price of our common stock on The Nasdaq Global Select Market. The market price of our common stock is likely to be affected by:

- changes in general conditions in the economy, geopolitical events or the financial markets;
- · variations in our quarterly operating results;
- · changes in financial estimates by securities analysts;
- other developments affecting us, our industry, customers or competitors;
- changes in demand for our products or the prices we charge due to changes in economic conditions, competition or other factors;
- general economic conditions in the markets where we operate;
- the cyclical nature of our customers' businesses, particularly those operating in the construction sectors;

- rental rate changes in response to competitive factors;
- bankruptcy or insolvency of our customers, thereby reducing demand for our used units;
- · seasonal rental patterns, with rental activity tending to be lowest in the first quarter of the year;
- timing of acquisitions of companies and new location openings and related costs;
- labor shortages, work stoppages or other labor difficulties;
- possible unrecorded liabilities of acquired companies;
- possible write-offs or exceptional charges due to changes in applicable accounting standards, goodwill impairment, or impairment of assets;
- · the operating and stock price performance of companies that investors deem comparable to us; and
- the number of shares available for resale in the public markets under applicable securities laws.

Fluctuations between the British pound and U.S. dollar could adversely affect our results of operations.

We derived approximately 14.7% of our total revenues in 2009 from our operations in the U.K. The financial position and results of operations of our U.K. subsidiaries are measured using the British pound as the functional currency. As a result, we are exposed to currency fluctuations both in receiving cash from our U.K. operations and in translating our financial results back into U.S. dollars. We believe the impact on us of currency fluctuations from an operations perspective is mitigated by the fact that the majority of our expenses, capital expenditures and revenues in the U.K. are in British pounds. We do, however, have significant currency exposure as a result of translating our financial results from British pounds into U.S. dollars for purposes of financial reporting. Assets and liabilities of our U.K. subsidiary are translated at the period end exchange rate in effect at each balance sheet date. Our income statement accounts are translated at the average rate of exchange prevailing during each month. Translation adjustments arising from differences in exchange rates from period to period are included in the accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in stockholders' equity. A strengthening of the U.S. dollar against the British pound reduces the amount of income or loss we recognize on a consolidated basis from our U.K. business. In 2007, the British pound was at or near a multi-year high against the U.S. dollar, and we cannot predict the effects of further exchange rate fluctuations on our future operating results. We are also exposed to additional currency transaction risk when our U.S. operations incur purchase obligations in a currency other than in U.S. dollars and our U.K. operations incur purchase obligations in a currency other than in British pounds. As exchange rates vary, our results of operations and profitability may be harmed. We do not currently hedge our currency transaction or translation exposure, nor do we have any current plans to do so. The risks we face in foreign currency transactions and translation may continue to increase as we further develop and expand our U.K. operations. Furthermore, to the extent we expand our business into other countries, we anticipate we will face similar market risks related to foreign currency translation caused by exchange rate fluctuations between the U.S. dollar and the currencies of those countries.

If we determine that our goodwill has become impaired, we may incur significant charges to our pre-tax income.

At December 31, 2009, we had \$513.2 million of goodwill on our consolidated balance sheets after the impairment charges discussed below. Goodwill represents the excess of cost over the fair value of net assets acquired in business combinations. In the future, goodwill and intangible assets may increase as a result of future acquisitions. Goodwill and intangible assets are reviewed at least annually for impairment. Impairment may result from, among other things, deterioration in the performance of acquired businesses, adverse market conditions, stock price, and adverse changes in applicable laws or regulations, including changes that restrict the activities of the acquired business.

In 2008, we recognized an impairment of approximately \$13.7 million primarily relating to our operations in the U.K. In 2009, we did not recognize any impairment. For more information, see the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our financial statements contained in this Annual Report.

We are subject to environmental regulations and could incur costs relating to environmental matters.

We are subject to various federal, state, and local environmental protection and health and safety laws and regulations governing, among other things:

- the emission and discharge of hazardous materials into the ground, air, or water;
- the exposure to hazardous materials; and
- the generation, handling, storage, use, treatment, identification, transportation, and disposal of industrial by-products, waste water, storm water, oil/fuel and other hazardous materials.

We are also required to obtain environmental permits from governmental authorities for certain of our operations. If we violate or fail to obtain or comply with these laws, regulations, or permits, we could be fined or otherwise sanctioned by regulators. We could also become liable if employees or other parties are improperly exposed to hazardous materials.

Under certain environmental laws, we could be held responsible for all of the costs relating to any contamination at, or migration to or from, our or our predecessors' past or present facilities. These laws often impose liability even if the owner, operator or lessor did not know of, or was not responsible for, the release of such hazardous substances.

Environmental laws are complex, change frequently, and have tended to become more stringent over time. The costs of complying with current and future environmental and health and safety laws, and our liabilities arising from past or future releases of, or exposure to, hazardous substances, may adversely affect our business, results of operations, or financial condition.

The supply and cost of used ISO containers fluctuates, which can affect our pricing and our ability to grow.

As needed, we purchase, remanufacture and modify used ISO containers in order to expand our lease fleet. If used ISO container prices increase substantially, we may not be able to manufacture enough new units to grow our fleet. These price increases also could increase our expenses and reduce our earnings, particularly if we are not able (due to competitive reasons or otherwise) to raise our rental rates to absorb this increased cost. Conversely, an oversupply of used ISO containers may cause container prices to fall. Our competitors may then lower the lease rates on their storage units. As a result, we may need to lower our lease rates to remain competitive. These events would cause our revenues and our earnings to decline.

The supply and cost of raw materials we use in manufacturing fluctuates and could increase our operating costs.

As needed, we manufacture portable storage units to add to our lease fleet and for sale. In our manufacturing process, we purchase steel, vinyl, wood, glass and other raw materials from various suppliers. We cannot be sure that an adequate supply of these materials will continue to be available on terms acceptable to us. The raw materials we use are subject to price fluctuations that we cannot control. Changes in the cost of raw materials can have a significant effect on our operations and earnings. Rapid increases in raw material prices are often difficult to pass through to customers, particularly to leasing customers. If we are unable to pass on these higher costs, our profitability could decline. If raw material prices decline significantly, we may have to write down our raw materials inventory values. If this happens, our results of operations and financial condition will decline.

Some zoning laws in the U.S. and Canada and temporary planning permission regulations in Europe restrict the use of our portable storage and office units and therefore limit our ability to offer our products in all markets.

Most of our customers use our storage units to store their goods on their own properties. Local zoning laws and temporary planning permission regulations in some of our markets do not allow some of our customers to keep portable storage and office units on their properties or do not permit portable storage units unless located out of sight from the street. If local zoning laws or planning permission regulations in one or more of our markets no longer allow our units to be stored on customers' sites, our business in that market will suffer.

If we fail to retain key management and personnel, we may be unable to implement our business plan.

One of the most important factors in our ability to profitably execute our business plan is our ability to attract, develop and retain qualified personnel, including our CEO and operational management. Our success in attracting and retaining qualified people is dependent on the resources available in individual geographic areas and the impact on the labor supply due to general economic conditions, as well as our ability to provide a competitive compensation package, including the implementation of adequate drivers of retention and rewards based on performance, and work environment. The departure of any key personnel and our inability to enforce non-competition agreements could have a negative impact on our business.

We may not be able to successfully acquire new operations or integrate future acquisitions, which could cause our business to suffer.

We may not be able to successfully complete potential strategic acquisitions if we cannot reach agreement on acceptable terms or for other reasons. If we buy a company, we may experience difficulty integrating that company's personnel and operations, which could negatively affect our operating results. In addition:

- the key personnel of the acquired company may decide not to work for us;
- we may experience business disruptions as a result of information technology systems conversions;
- we may experience additional financial and accounting challenges and complexities in areas such as tax planning, treasury management, and financial reporting;
- we may be held liable for environmental risks and liabilities as a result of our acquisitions, some of which we may not have discovered during our due diligence;
- our ongoing business may be disrupted or receive insufficient management attention; and
- we may not be able to realize the cost savings or other financial benefits we anticipated.

In connection with future acquisitions, we may assume the liabilities of the companies we acquire. These liabilities, including liabilities for environmental-related costs, could materially and adversely affect our business. We may have to incur debt or issue equity securities to pay for any future acquisition, the issuance of which could involve the imposition of restrictive covenants or be dilutive to our existing stockholders.

If we do not manage new markets effectively, some of our new branches and acquisitions may lose money or fail, and we may have to close unprofitable locations. Closing a branch in such circumstances would likely result in additional expenses that would cause our operating results to suffer.

In connection with expansion outside of the U.S., we face fluctuations in currency exchange rates, exposure to additional regulatory requirements, including certain trade barriers, changes in political and economic conditions, and exposure to additional and potentially adverse tax regimes. Our success in Europe will depend, in part, on our ability to anticipate and effectively manage these and other risks. Our failure to manage these risks may adversely affect our growth, in Europe and elsewhere, and lead to increased administrative costs.

We are exposed to various possible claims relating to our business and our insurance may not fully protect us.

We are exposed to various possible claims relating to our business. These possible claims include those relating to (1) personal injury or death caused by containers, offices or trailers rented or sold by us, (2) motor vehicle accidents involving our vehicles and our employees, (3) employment-related claims, (4) property damage, and (5) commercial claims. Our insurance policies have deductibles or self-insured retentions which would require us to expend amounts prior to taking advantage of coverage limits. Currently, we believe that we have adequate insurance coverage for the protection of our assets and operations. However, our insurance may not fully protect us for certain types of claims, such as claims for punitive damages or for damages arising from intentional misconduct, which are often alleged in third party lawsuits. In addition, we may be exposed to uninsured liability at levels in excess of our policy limits.

If we are found liable for any significant claims that are not covered by insurance, our liquidity and operating results could be materially adversely affected. It is possible that our insurance carrier may disclaim coverage for any

class action and derivative lawsuits against us. It is also possible that some or all of the insurance that is currently available to us will not be available in the future on economically reasonable terms or not available at all. In addition, whether we are covered by insurance or not, certain claims may have the potential for negative publicity surrounding such claims, which may lead to lower revenues, as well as additional similar claims being filed.

We may not be able to adequately protect our intellectual property and other proprietary rights that are material to our business.

Our ability to compete effectively depends in part upon protection of our rights in trademarks, copyrights and other intellectual property rights we own or license, including patents to our locking system. Our use of contractual provisions, confidentiality procedures and agreements, and trademark, copyright, unfair competition, trade secret and other laws to protect our intellectual property and other proprietary rights may not be adequate. Litigation may be necessary to enforce our intellectual property rights and protect our proprietary information and patents, or to defend against claims by third parties that our services or our use of intellectual property infringe their intellectual property rights. Any litigation or claims brought by or against us could result in substantial costs and diversion of our resources. A successful claim of trademark, copyright or other intellectual property infringement against us could prevent us from providing services, which could harm our business, financial condition or results of operations. In addition, a breakdown in our internal policies and procedures may lead to an unintentional disclosure of our proprietary, confidential or material non-public information, which could in turn harm our business, financial condition or results of operations.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS.

We have received no written comments regarding our periodic or current reports from the staff of the SEC that were issued 180 days or more preceding the end of our 2009 fiscal year and that remain unresolved.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES.

We own several properties in the U.S., including our facility in Maricopa, Arizona, approximately 30 miles south of Phoenix. In the U.K., we own two locations. We lease all of our other locations. All of our major leased properties have remaining lease terms of between 1 and 16 years and we believe that satisfactory alternative properties can be found in all of our markets if we do not renew these existing leased properties. The properties we lease for our branch locations are generally located in industrial areas so that we can stack containers, store large amounts of containers and offices and operate our delivery trucks. These properties tend to be 1 to 16 acre sites with little development needed for us to use them, other than a paved or hard-packed surface, utilities and proper zoning.

Four of our leased properties are with related persons and the terms of these related persons lease agreements have been reviewed and approved by the independent directors who comprise a majority of the members of our Board of Directors.

Our Maricopa facility is on approximately 43 acres. The facility housed our manufacturing, assembly, restoring, painting and vehicle maintenance operations. At the end of 2008, we restructured our manufacturing operations, and as a result, this facility for the near future will be primarily used to rebrand, remanufacture and do repairs and maintenance on our existing lease fleet and to store any excess units in our fleet.

We lease our corporate and administrative offices in Tempe, Arizona. These offices have approximately 35,000 square feet of office space. The lease term expires in December 2014. Our European headquarters is located in Stockton-on-Tees, United Kingdom where we lease approximately 10,000 square feet of office space. The term on this lease expires in July, 2017.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

We are party from time to time to various claims and lawsuits which arise in the ordinary course of business, including claims related to employment matters, contractual disputes, personal injuries and property damage. In addition, various legal actions, claims and governmental inquiries and proceedings are pending or may be instituted or asserted in the future against us and our subsidiaries.

Litigation is subject to many uncertainties, and the outcome of the individual litigated matters is not predictable with assurance. It is possible that certain of the actions, claims, inquiries or proceedings, including those discussed above, could be decided unfavorably to us or any of our subsidiaries involved. Although we cannot

predict with certainty the ultimate resolution of lawsuits, investigations and claims asserted against us, we do not believe that the ultimate resolution of these claims or lawsuits will have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In 2009, in order to avoid the uncertainties of litigation, we agreed to settle a purported class action claim relating to California wage and hour laws. Under the proposed settlement, we will pay at least \$467,000 to settle claims relating to certain California employees. Under the settlement agreement, we may be liable for up to a maximum of \$660,000 in claims. We believe the settlement will be approved by the California court and payments will be made in 2010.

ITEM 4. RESERVED.

PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES.

Common Stock Prices

Our common stock trades on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol "MINI". The following are the high and low sale prices for the common stock during the periods indicated as reported by the Nasdaq Stock Market.

	20	2008 2009		09
	High	Low	High	Low
Quarter ended March 31,	\$20.13	\$14.07	\$15.79	\$ 8.26
Quarter ended June 30,	\$25.31	\$18.61	\$15.18	\$11.02
Quarter ended September 30,	\$26.14	\$15.00	\$18.25	\$13.85
Quarter ended December 31,	\$19.37	\$10.88	\$17.96	\$13.77

We had 87 holders of record of our common stock on February 16, 2010, and we estimate that we have more than 4,300 beneficial owners of our common stock.

Mobile Mini has not paid cash dividends on its common stock and does not expect to do so in the foreseeable future, as it intends to retain all earnings to provide funds for the operation and expansion of its business. Further, our revolving credit agreement restricts our ability to pay dividends or other distributions on our common stock.

Sales of Unregistered Securities; Repurchases of Securities

On June 27, 2008, as part of the consideration for the acquisition of Mobile Storage Group, we issued 8.6 million shares of our Series A Convertible Redeemable Participating Preferred Stock to the former stockholders of Mobile Storage Group. This issuance was made pursuant to an exemption from registration under Regulation D of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

The preferred stock is convertible into 8.6 million shares of our common stock at any time at the option of the holders, representing an initial conversion price of \$18.00 per common share. The preferred stock will be mandatorily convertible into our common stock if, after the first anniversary of the issuance of the preferred stock, our common stock trades above \$23.00 per share for a period of 30 consecutive days. For additional information, see "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements — Preferred Stock".

On August 8, 2007, our Board of Directors approved a common stock repurchase program authorizing up to \$50.0 million of our outstanding shares to be repurchased over a six-month period which expired in February 2008. We had repurchased 2.2 million shares for approximately \$39.3 million under this authorization prior to December 31, 2007.

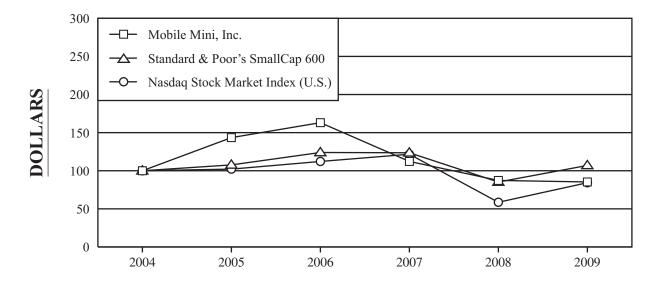
Stock Performance Graph

The following Performance Graph and related information shall not be deemed "soliciting material" or "filed" with the SEC, nor should such information be incorporated by reference into any future filings under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each as amended, except to the extent that Mobile Mini specifically incorporates it by reference in such filing.

The following graph compares the five-year cumulative total return on our common stock with the cumulative total returns (assuming reinvestment of dividends) on the Standard and Poor's SmallCap 600 and the Nasdaq Composite Index if \$100 were invested in our common stock and each index on December 31, 2004.

STOCK PERFORMANCE GRAPH Mobile Mini, Inc. At December 31, 2009

Total Return* Performance



	Period Ended December 31,							
Index	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009		
Mobile Mini, Inc.	\$100.0	\$143.46	\$163.08	\$112.23	\$87.29	\$ 85.29		
Standard & Poor's SmallCap 600	\$100.0	\$107.68	\$123.96	\$123.59	\$85.19	\$106.97		
Nasdaq Stock Market Index (U.S.)	\$100.0	\$102.13	\$112.19	\$121.68	\$58.64	\$ 84.28		

^{*} Total Return based on \$100 initial investment and reinvestment of dividends.

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA.

The following table shows our selected consolidated historical financial data for the stated periods. Amounts include the effect of rounding. You should read this material with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the financial statements and related footnotes included elsewhere in this Annual Report.

On February 22, 2006, our Board of Directors approved a two-for-one stock split in the form of a 100 percent stock dividend effected on March 10, 2006. Per share amounts, share amounts and weighted numbers of shares outstanding give effect for this two-for-one stock split in the below tables for all periods presented.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	(In thousands, except per share and operating data)				
Consolidated Statements of Income Data: Revenues:					
Leasing	\$ 188,578	\$ 245,105	\$ 284,638	\$371,560	\$333,521
Sales	17,499 1,093	26,824 1,434	31,644 2,020	41,267 2,577	38,605 2,335
Total revenues	207,170	273,363	318,302	415,404	374,461
Costs and expenses:					
Cost of sales	10,845	17,186	21,651	28,044	25,795
Leasing, selling and general expenses	109,257	139,906	166,994	212,335 24,427	192,861
Integration, merger and restructuring expense Goodwill impairment	_	_	_	13,667	11,305
Depreciation and amortization	12,854	16,741	21,149	31,767	39,082
Total costs and expenses	132,956	173,833	209,794	310,240	269,043
Income from operations	74,214	99,530	108,508	105,164	105,418
Interest income	11	437	101	135	29
Other income	3,160	_			_
Interest expense	(23,177)	(23,681)	(24,906)	(48,146)	(59,504)
Debt extinguishment expense Foreign currency exchange gains (loss)	_	(6,425) 66	(11,224) 107	(112)	(88)
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	54,208	69,927	72,586	57,041	45,855
Income before provision for income taxes	20,220	27,151	28,410	28,000	18,057
Net income	33,988	42,776	44,176	29.041	27,798
Earnings allocable to preferred stock	33,700	42,770		(2,739)	(5,431)
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 33,988	\$ 42,776	\$ 44,176	\$ 26,302	\$ 22,367
Earnings per share:					
Basic	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.24	\$ 0.77	\$ 0.65
Diluted	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.21	\$ 1.22	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.64
Weighted average number of common and common share equivalents outstanding:					
Basic	29,867	34,243	35,489	34,155	34,597
Diluted	30,875	35,425	36,296	38,875	43,252
Other Data:	¢ 00.220	¢ 116 774	¢ 120.965	¢126.054	¢1.4.4.4.4.1
EBITDA(1)	\$ 90,239 69,249	\$ 116,774 76,884	\$ 129,865 91,299	\$136,954 98,518	\$144,441 86,770
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(113,275)	(192,763)	(138,682)	(97,913)	3,048
Net cash provided by (used in) financing	(-,,	(- , ,	(, ,	())	- /
activities	43,282	116,966	48,427	(6,689)	(82,999)
Operating Data: Number of branches (at year end)	51	62	66	94	91
Lease fleet units (at year end)	116.317	149.615	160.116	273,748	257,208
Lease fleet covenant utilization (annual average)	82.9%	82.7%	79.6%	75.0%	59.2%
Lease revenue growth (reduction) from prior year	25.8%	30.0%	16.1%	30.5%	(10.2)%
Operating margin	35.8%	36.4%	34.1%	25.3%	28.2%
Net income margin	16.4%	15.6%	13.9%	7.0%	7.4%
EBITDA margin(3)	43.6%	42.7%	40.8%	33.0%	38.6%

At December 31, 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 (In thousands) **Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:** \$550,464 \$697,439 \$ 802,923 \$1,078,156 \$1,055,328 Lease fleet, net..... 1,754,039 704,957 900,030 1,028,851 1,798,857 387,989 907,206 824,246 Total debt 308,585 302,045 Stockholders' equity..... 267,975 442,004 457,890 495,228 547,624

Reconciliations of EBITDA to net cash provided by operating activities, the most directly comparable GAAP measure:

	Year Ended December 31,						
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009		
	(In thousands)						
EBITDA(1)	\$ 90,239	\$116,774	\$129,865	\$136,954	\$144,441		
Senior Note redemption premiums	_	(4,987)	(8,926)	_	_		
Interest paid	(21,727)	(24,770)	(27,896)	(33,032)	(54,817)		
Income and franchise taxes paid	(495)	(733)	(797)	(667)	(1,055)		
Provision for loss from natural disasters	1,710	_	_	_	_		
Provision for restructuring charge	_	_	_	5,626	(19)		
Goodwill impairment	_	_	_	13,667	_		
Share-based compensation expense	19	3,066	4,028	5,656	5,782		
Gain on sale of lease fleet units	(3,529)	(4,922)	(5,560)	(9,849)	(11,661)		
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	704	454	203	567	71		
Change in certain assets and liabilities, net of effect of business acquired:							
Receivables	(5,371)	(6,580)	(2,119)	2,201	21,327		
Inventories	(4,823)	628	(610)	7,655	3,691		
Deposits and prepaid expenses	(480)	(1,446)	(1,754)	177	3,412		
Other assets and intangibles	(19)	(4)	318	105	(845)		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	13,021	(596)	4,547	(30,542)	(23,557)		
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 69,249	\$ 76,884	\$ 91,299	\$ 98,518	\$ 86,770		

Reconciliation of net income to EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA:

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
	(In thousands except percentages)					
Net income	\$33,988	\$ 42,776	\$ 44,176	\$ 29,041	\$ 27,798	
Interest expense	23,177	23,681	24,906	48,146	59,504	
Income taxes	20,220	27,151	28,410	28,000	18,057	
Depreciation and amortization	12,854	16,741	21,149	31,767	39,082	
Debt restructuring/extinguishment expense		6,425	11,224			
EBITDA(1)	90,239	116,774	129,865	136,954	144,441	
Hurricane Katrina expense(4)	1,710	_	_	_	_	
Other income(5)	(3,160)	_	_	_	_	
Integration, merger and restructuring expense(6)	_	_	_	24,427	11,305	
Goodwill impairment(7)	_	_	_	13,667	_	
Class action settlement, other(8)					835	
Adjusted EBITDA(2)	\$88,789	\$116,774	\$129,865	\$175,048	\$156,581	
EBITDA margin(3)	<u>43.6</u> %	<u>42.7</u> %	40.8%	33.0%	<u>38.6</u> %	
Adjusted EBITDA margin(3)	42.9%	42.7%	40.8%	42.1%	41.8%	

⁽¹⁾ EBITDA, as further discussed below, is defined as net income before interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, and debt restructuring or extinguishment expense. We present EBITDA because we believe it provides useful information regarding our ability to meet our future debt payment requirements, capital expenditures and working capital requirements and that it provides an overall evaluation of our financial condition. In addition, EBITDA is a component of certain financial covenants under our revolving credit facility and is used to determine our available borrowing capacity and the facility's applicable interest rate in effect at the end of each measurement period.

EBITDA has certain limitations as an analytical tool and should not be used as a substitute for net income, cash flows, or other consolidated income or cash flow data prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S. or as a measure of our profitability or our liquidity. In particular, EBITDA, as defined does not include:

- Interest expense because we borrow money to partially finance our capital expenditures, primarily related to the expansion of our lease fleet, interest expense is a necessary element of our cost to secure this financing to continue generating additional revenues.
- Income taxes because we operate in jurisdictions subject to income taxation, income tax expense is a necessary element of our costs to operate.
- Depreciation and amortization because we are a leasing company, our business is very capital intensive and we hold acquired assets for a period of time before they generate revenues, cash flow and earnings; therefore, depreciation and amortization expense is a necessary element of our business.
- Debt restructuring or extinguishment expense debt restructuring and extinguishment expenses are not deducted in our various calculations made under our prior credit agreements and are treated no differently than interest expense. As discussed above, interest expense is a necessary element of our cost to finance a portion of the capital expenditures needed for the growth of our business.

When evaluating EBITDA as a performance measure, and excluding the above-noted charges, all of which have material limitations, investors should consider, among other factors, the following:

- increasing or decreasing trends in EBITDA;
- how EBITDA compares to levels of debt and interest expense; and
- whether EBITDA historically has remained at positive levels.

- Because EBITDA, as defined, excludes some but not all items that affect our cash flow from operating activities, EBITDA may not be comparable to a similarly titled performance measure presented by other companies.
- (2) Adjusted EBITDA represents EBITDA plus the sum of certain transactions that are excluded when internally evaluating our operating performance. Management believes adjusted EBITDA is a more meaningful evaluation and comparison of our core business when comparing period over period results without regard to transactions that potentially distort the performance of our core business operating results.
- (3) EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margins are calculated as EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA divided by total revenues expressed as a percentage. The GAAP financial measure that is most directly comparable to EBITDA margin is operating margin, which represents operating income divided by revenues. EBITDA margin is presented along with the operating margin in the selected financial data under "Operating Data" so as not to imply that more emphasis be placed on this measure than the corresponding GAAP measure.
- (4) Hurricane Katrina expense represents the damages we sustained based on our assessment, primarily at our New Orleans, Louisiana branch and to units at our customer locations.
- (5) Other income represents our net proceeds to a settlement agreement to which a third party reimbursed us for a portion of losses sustained in two lawsuits.
- (6) Integration, merger and restructuring expense represents costs we incurred or accrued in connection with the merger with MSG and the costs in connection with the restructuring of our manufacturing operations as a result of the MSG merger.
- (7) Goodwill impairment represents a non-cash charge for a portion of our goodwill relating to our United Kingdom and The Netherlands operations.
- (8) Class action settlement expense represents costs incurred and the estimated settlement cost of a purported class action lawsuit that management decided to settle in order to avoid the uncertainties and cost of continued litigation and other non-core leasing expenses.

ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

The following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations should be read together with the consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes included elsewhere in this Annual Report. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in those forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including, but not limited to, those described under Item 1A, "Risk Factors".

The following discussion takes into consideration our acquisition of Mobile Storage Group on June 27, 2008. The operations of Mobile Storage Group are included in our operating results for only six months of the twelve months ended December 31, 2008. There were no acquisitions consummated in 2009. Additionally, in 2008, the results of operations include four other acquisitions (beyond Mobile Storage Group) we completed during 2008. The results of operations for 2007 also include four acquisitions and one start-up location that we completed in 2007.

Executive Summary

2009 was a challenging year for us globally with the economic recession still significantly impacting all aspects of business industries and consumers. Although our total revenue decreased approximately 9.9% from the 2008 level, we continued to take the necessary measures in 2009 to keep the business right-sized, primarily by further reducing headcount and reductions in other areas of non-essential expenses. These and other cost measures allowed us to increase our operating margin to 28.2% of total revenues from 25.3% in 2008. We continued to be cash flow positive (after capital expenditures) in 2009.

In the third quarter of 2008, we enacted a selective price increase focusing on customers who have had units out on rent for an extended period of time and those revenue benefits were realized in 2009. Additionally, we did another selective rate increase in the second quarter of 2009. To date, we have observed no measurable difference in the attrition rates for the affected customers.

We are also investing in our business with the adoption of a hybrid sales model incorporating a local as well as centralized component, with both groups incentivized on the basis of performance. The salespeople at the branches continue to be focused on large multi-unit local customers that benefit from local service such as construction customers, while those in our new National Sales Center ("NSC") in Tempe, Arizona are targeting our other customers, primarily non-contractors. While we have reduced salespeople at the branches and are hiring for the NSC, because of the expected efficiencies in our approach and team-design of the NSC, this hybrid approach will result in a net salesperson headcount reduction. A similar program is underway in Europe.

The recession and credit crisis in the U.S. and the U.K. continued to curtail non-residential construction activity throughout 2009 and we expect these factors to continue to negatively affect our consolidated revenues at least through the second quarter of 2010. In late 2008, we restructured our manufacturing operations to reduce costs and implemented two rounds of company-wide reductions which together resulted in cost savings in 2009 in addition to further headcount reductions we made in 2009. We continually monitor activity levels through a variety of metrics we use to find efficiencies in the number of drivers, dispatchers, managers, salespeople and corporate staff needed in the evolving business environment. As a result, we have continued to reduce headcount in 2010 in areas where we believe we can find efficiencies without negatively impacting customer service and sales activity levels.

In 2009, we continued to identify certain branch operations that we converted to operational yards which operate at a lower cost structure than traditional branches. We monitor the effectiveness of our branches and where possible, we will continue to migrate some of our branches to operational yards in 2010.

We believe these continued efforts, coupled with only nominal fleet purchases and maintenance expense, will allow us to continue to generate free cash flow in 2010 and pay down debt, which remains a top corporate priority. We have reduced borrowings under our \$900.0 million asset based revolving credit facility from \$554.5 million at December 31, 2008 to \$473.7 million at December 31, 2009, leaving us with \$342.7 million of unused borrowing capacity under our facility. This \$80.8 million in debt reduction was negatively impacted by unfavorable foreign exchange rates that effectively increased our borrowings on the line of credit by approximately \$10.5 million. Our senior notes do not contain financial maintenance covenants and the financial maintenance covenants under our revolving credit facility are not applicable unless we fall below \$100.0 million in borrowing availability.

At the same time we are reducing costs, we are increasing our internal efforts on sales growth to our core customers and have refocused our efforts to gain business through government projects at the federal, state and local levels. We are doing this in part through increasing salesperson accountability through our disciplined sales processes which we believe has traditionally given us a significant competitive advantage.

General

We are the world's leading provider of portable storage solutions, through a total lease fleet of more than 257,000 portable storage and mobile office units at December 31, 2009. We offer a wide range of portable storage products in varying lengths and widths with an assortment of differentiated features such as our patented locking systems, multiple doors, electrical wiring and shelving.

We derive most of our revenues from leasing of portable storage containers and mobile offices. In addition to our leasing business, we also sell portable storage containers and occasionally sell mobile office units. We also sell non-core assets, in particular van trailers and timber units, when the opportunity arises. Our sales revenues as a percentage of total revenues represented 10.3% of revenues in 2009.

On June 27, 2008, we acquired the outstanding shares of Mobile Storage Group through a merger of a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mobile Mini into Mobile Storage Group's ultimate parent, MSG WC Holdings Corp. Immediately thereafter, each of MSG WC Holdings Corp. and two of its direct subsidiaries merged with and into Mobile Mini and Mobile Storage Group became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mobile Mini. We refer to this transaction as "the Merger" or "the acquisition" throughout this document.

The Merger was the largest acquisition we have completed and it increased the scope of our operations in both the U.S. and the U.K. Our consolidated statements of income for the reporting periods ended December 31, 2008 and 2009, include certain estimated expenses expected to be incurred related to integration of the business acquired

in the Merger and restructuring charges related to restructuring of our manufacturing operations as a result of the Merger.

Prior to acquiring MSG, Mobile Mini grew through both organic growth and smaller acquisitions, which we use to gain a presence in new markets. Typically, we enter a new market through the acquisition of the business of a smaller local competitor and then apply our business model, which is usually much more customer service and marketing focused than the business we acquired or its competitors in the market. If we cannot find a desirable acquisition opportunity in a market we wish to enter, we establish a new location from the ground up. As a result, a new branch location will typically have fairly low operating margins during its early years, but as our marketing efforts help us penetrate the new market and we increase the number of units on rent at the new branch, we take advantage of operating efficiencies to improve operating margins at the branch and typically reach company average levels after several years. When we enter a new market, we incur certain costs in developing an infrastructure. For example, advertising and marketing costs will be incurred and certain minimum levels of staffing and delivery equipment will be put in place regardless of the new market's revenue base. Once we have achieved revenues during any period that are sufficient to cover our fixed expenses, we generate high margins on incremental lease revenues. Therefore, each additional unit rented in excess of the break-even level, contributes significantly to profitability. Conversely, additional fixed expenses require us to achieve additional revenue in order to maintain our margins. When we refer to our operating leverage in this discussion, we are describing the impact on margins once we either cover our fixed costs or if we incur additional fixed costs.

Following the Merger, we implemented our business model across the newly acquired MSG branches. While we realized significant cost reductions as a result of the combination of the two companies, costs of implementing our business model at the branches we acquired offset some of the cost reductions.

The level of non-residential construction activity is an important external factor that we examine to determine the direction of our business. Customers in the construction industry represented approximately 28% and 36% of our units on rent at December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively, and because of the degree of operating leverage we have, increases or decreases in non-residential construction activity can have a significant effect on our operating margins and net income. In 2007, after three years of very strong growth in non-residential construction activity in the U.S, this sector began to moderate and then decline and the level of our construction related business began to slow down and then decline. This decline continued and adversely affected our results of operations in 2009 and we anticipate it will continue at least through the second quarter of 2010.

In managing our business, we focus on growing leasing revenues, particularly in existing markets where we can take advantage of the operating leverage inherent in our business model. Our goal is to maintain a stable operating margin and, after the economy returns to normalized conditions, a steady growth rate in leasing revenues.

We are a capital-intensive business, so in addition to focusing on earnings per share, we focus on adjusted EBITDA to measure our results. We calculate this number by first calculating EBITDA, which we define as net income before interest expense, debt restructuring or extinguishment expense (if applicable), provision for income taxes, depreciation and amortization. This measure eliminates the effect of financing transactions that we enter into and it provides us with a means to track internally generated cash from which we can fund our interest expense and our lease fleet growth. In comparing EBITDA from year to year, we typically further adjust EBITDA to exclude the effect of what we consider transactions or events not related to our core business operations to arrive at what we define as adjusted EBITDA. For 2009, adjusted EBITDA does not include the integration, merger and restructuring expenses related to the MSG acquisition and non-core leasing expenses.

In managing our business, we measure our EBITDA margins from year to year based on the size of the branch. We define this margin as EBITDA divided by our total revenues, expressed as a percentage. We use this comparison, for example, to study internally the effect that increased costs have on our margins. As capital is invested in our established branch locations, we achieve higher EBITDA margins on that capital than we achieve on capital invested to establish a new branch, because our fixed costs are already in place in connection with the established branches. The fixed costs are those associated with yard and delivery equipment, as well as advertising, sales, marketing and office expenses. With a new market or branch, we must first fund and absorb the startup costs for setting up the new branch facility, hiring and developing the management and sales team and developing our marketing and advertising programs. A new branch will have low EBITDA margins in its early years until the

number of units on rent increases. Because this operating leverage creates higher operating margins on incremental lease revenue, which we realize on a branch by branch basis when the branch achieves leasing revenues sufficient to cover the branch's fixed costs, leasing revenues in excess of the break-even amount produce large increases in profitability. Conversely, absent growth in leasing revenues, the EBITDA margin at a branch will be expected to remain relatively flat on a period-by-period comparative basis if expenses remained the same or would decrease if fixed costs increased.

Because EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, EBITDA margin and adjusted EBITDA margin are non-GAAP financial measures, as defined by the SEC, we include in this Annual Report reconciliations of EBITDA to the most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. These reconciliations are included in Item 6, "Selected Financial Data".

Accounting and Operating Overview

Our leasing revenues include all rent and ancillary revenues we receive for our portable storage, combination storage/office and mobile office units. Our sales revenues include sales of these units to customers. Our other revenues consist principally of charges for the delivery of the units we sell. Our principal operating expenses are: (1) cost of sales; (2) leasing, selling and general expenses; and (3) depreciation and amortization, primarily depreciation of the portable storage units and mobile offices in our lease fleet. Cost of sales is the cost of the units that we sold during the reported period and includes both our cost to buy, transport, remanufacture and modify used ISO containers and our cost to manufacture portable storage units and other structures. Leasing, selling and general expenses include among other expenses, advertising and other marketing expenses, real property lease expenses, commissions, repair and maintenance costs of our lease fleet and transportation equipment, stock-based compensation expense and corporate expenses for both our leasing and sales activities. Annual repair and maintenance expenses on our leased units over the last three years have averaged approximately 3.4% of lease revenues and are included in leasing, selling and general expenses. We expense our normal repair and maintenance costs as incurred (including the cost of periodically repainting units).

Our principal asset is our lease fleet, which has historically maintained value close to its original cost. The steel units in our lease fleet (other than van trailers) are depreciated on the straight-line method using an estimated useful life of 30 years, after the date the unit is placed in service, with an estimated residual value of 55%. The depreciation policy is supported by our historical lease fleet data, which shows that we have been able to obtain comparable rental rates and sales prices irrespective of the age of our container lease fleet. Our wood mobile office units are depreciated over 20 years to 50% of original cost. Van trailers, which constitute a small part of our fleet, are depreciated over 7 years to a 20% residual value. Van trailers, which are only added to the fleet as a result of acquisitions of portable storage businesses, are of much lower quality than storage containers and consequently depreciate more rapidly. We also have other non-core products that are added to our fleet as a result of acquisitions that have various other measures of useful lives and residual values. See "Item 1. Business — Product Lives and Durability".

Our expansion program and other factors can affect our overall lease fleet asset utilization rate. During the last five fiscal years, our annual utilization levels averaged 75.9% and ranged from a low of 59.2% in 2009 to a high of 82.9% in 2005. Our utilization is somewhat seasonal, historically with the low normally being realized in the first quarter and the high realized in the fourth quarter. However, with the challenging economic business environment, especially in the non-residential construction industry, we have seen a decline in our utilization rates compared to the same period in the prior year. We ended the 2009 year with an average lease fleet utilization rate of 59.2%, compared to 75.0% for 2008.

Results of Operations

The following table shows the percentage of total revenues represented by the key items that make up our statements of income; certain amounts may not add due to rounding:

	Year Ended December 31,						
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009		
Revenues:							
Leasing	91.0%	89.7%	89.4%	89.5%	89.1%		
Sales	8.5	9.8	9.9	9.9	10.3		
Other	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6		
Total revenues	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Costs and expenses:							
Cost of sales	5.2	6.3	6.8	6.8	6.9		
Leasing, selling and general expenses	52.8	51.2	52.5	51.1	51.5		
Integration, merger and restructuring expense	_	_	_	5.9	3.0		
Goodwill impairment	_	_	_	3.3	0.0		
Depreciation and amortization	6.2	6.1	6.6	7.6	10.5		
Total costs and expenses	64.2	63.6	65.9	74.7	71.9		
Income from operations	35.8	36.4	34.1	25.3	28.1		
Other income (expense):							
Interest income		0.2			_		
Other income	1.6	_	_	_	_		
Interest expense	(11.2)	(8.7)	(7.8)	(11.6)	(15.9)		
Debt extinguishment expense	_	(2.4)	(3.5)	_	_		
Foreign currency exchange							
Income before provision for income taxes	26.2	25.5	22.8	13.7	12.2		
Provision for income taxes	9.8	9.9	8.9	6.7	4.8		
Net income	<u>16.4</u> %	<u>15.6</u> %	<u>13.9</u> %	<u>7.0</u> %	<u>7.4</u> %		

Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2009 Compared to Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2008

Total revenues in 2009 decreased \$40.9 million, or 9.9%, to \$374.5 million from \$415.4 million in 2008. Leasing, our primary revenue focus, accounted for approximately 89.1% of total revenues during 2009. Leasing revenues in 2009 decreased \$38.0 million, or 10.2%, to \$333.5 million from \$371.5 million in 2008. This decrease in leasing revenues resulted from a 3.5% decrease in the average number of units on lease, and a 7.0% decrease in yield. Yield was primarily driven by lower ancillary revenues and the mix of the type of units on lease, while the average rental rate per unit remained virtually unchanged. In 2009, decline in both leasing and sales revenues was primarily the result of a reduction in business activity level due to a continued decline in non-residential construction activity and the economic recession. Our leasing revenues declined in the last two quarters of 2009 from the 2008 levels. Leasing revenues increased in the first two quarters of 2009 because the comparable quarters in 2008 excluded the MSG merger. Our leasing revenue growth, or decline, rate in 2009 over the same period in the prior year was 27.8%, 15.9%, (31.2)% and (29.1)% for the first, second, third and fourth quarters, respectively. Our revenues from the sale of units decreased \$2.7 million, or 6.5%, to \$38.6 million in 2009 from \$41.3 million in 2008. Other revenues are primarily related to transportation charges for the delivery of units sold and the sale of ancillary products and represented 0.6% of total revenues in both 2009 and 2008.

Cost of sales relate to our sales revenue and as a percentage of sales revenue decreased slightly to 66.8% in 2009 from 68.0% in 2008, thus the gross profit margin on sales improved 1.2% in 2009 over 2008 levels.

Leasing, selling and general expenses decreased \$19.4 million, or 9.2% to \$192.9 million in 2009 from \$212.3 million in 2008. Leasing, selling and general expenses, as a percentage of total revenues, were 51.5% and 51.1% in 2009 and 2008, respectively. This slight increase as a percentage of revenues is due to a decline in leasing revenues, which were partially offset by the cost savings achieved in 2009. The \$19.4 million decrease in 2009 is the result of cost synergies achieved in the MSG acquisition in addition to our cost cutting measures on the reduced revenue levels. These cost cutting measures primarily involved reductions in our workforce and migrating a number of our branches to operational yards. These operational yards do not have all the personnel and overhead expenses associated with a fully staffed branch. The major decreases in leasing, selling and general expenses for 2009 were: (1) delivery and freight costs, including fuel, which decreased \$9.5 million, and were related to the pick up and delivery of containers by our drivers or third-party vendors, which were used for the delivery of our units, mainly wood modular offices; (2) payroll and related payroll costs, which decreased by \$8.6 million primarily in connection with reductions in our workforce; and (3) repairs and maintenance expenses, which decreased \$7.2 million, and which includes the costs of repairing and maintaining our lease fleet as well as our delivery equipment, primarily our trucks, trailers and forklifts. Fixed costs for building and land leases for our locations, including real property taxes, increased \$4.2 million, due to the assumption of leases utilized by the locations added in the Merger and contractual rate increases at many of these locations.

Integration, merger and restructuring expenses for 2009 were \$11.3 million as compared to \$24.4 million in 2008. In 2009, these costs primarily represent costs related to reductions to our work force and the repositioning of fleet to their intended location. In 2008, these costs primarily represented estimated costs for exiting targeted Mobile Mini branch operations that overlapped with Mobile Storage Group's properties, repositioning and relocating assets to their intended location and other costs associated with personnel and office expenses associated with the integration of the companies. Also included in the 2008 expense was our estimated cost for restructuring our manufacturing operations including severance, related benefit costs and asset impairment charges for the disposal of manufacturing equipment and inventories that were not used in the restructured environment.

Goodwill impairment in 2008 represented a non-cash charge for a portion of our goodwill related to our U.K. and The Netherlands operations. There were no goodwill impairment charges recorded in 2009. See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 in this report for a more detailed discussion.

EBITDA increased \$7.4 million, or 5.5%, to \$144.4 million, as compared to \$137.0 million for the same period in 2008 and EBITDA margins were 38.6% and 33.0% of total revenues for 2009 and 2008, respectively. Adjusted EBITDA was \$156.6 million in 2009 as compared to \$175.0 million in 2008 and adjusted EBITDA margins were 41.8% and 42.1% of total revenues for 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Depreciation and amortization expenses increased \$7.3 million, or 23.0%, to \$39.1 million in 2009 from \$31.8 million in 2008. The higher depreciation expense is primarily due to the depreciation of units acquired through prior years' acquisitions. It also includes wood modular offices which have a higher depreciation rate than our steel units. Depreciation expense also includes the related depreciation on the additions to property, plant and equipment, primarily trucks, forklifts and trailers, to support the lease fleet, and the customized ERP, CRM and other software systems to enhance our reporting environment. Depreciation and amortization expense also includes the amortization of customer relationships and trade name valuation that were associated with the MSG Merger. Since December 31, 2008, our lease fleet cost basis for depreciation increased only by \$1.1 million. See "Critical Accounting Policies, Estimates and Judgments" within this Item 7.

Interest expense increased \$11.4 million, or 23.6%, to \$59.5 million in 2009 from \$48.1 million in 2008. This increase is primarily due to the \$540.9 million of debt we assumed in the Merger. Although at the time of the Merger, we assumed Mobile Storage's \$200.0 million of 9.75% senior notes and our interest rate spread under our revolving credit facility increased from LIBOR + 1.25% to LIBOR + 2.50%, our average borrowing rate declined slightly in 2009, due to lower prevailing LIBOR rates. The monthly weighted average interest rate on our debt was 6.2% for 2009 compared to 6.8% for 2008, excluding amortizations of debt issuance and other costs. Taking into account the amortization of debt issuance and other costs, the monthly weighted average interest rate was 6.8% in 2009 and 7.2% in 2008.

Provision for income taxes was based on an annual effective tax rate of 39.4% for 2009 as compared to an annual effective tax rate of 49.1% for 2008. Our 2008 effective tax rate was negatively affected by the goodwill

impairment charge of \$13.7 million related to our European operations which was not tax deductible. Our 2009 consolidated tax provision includes the expected tax rates for our operations in the U.S., Canada, U.K. and The Netherlands. At December 31, 2009, we had a federal net operating loss carryforward of approximately \$216.8 million, which expires if unused from 2017 to 2029. In addition, we had net operating loss carryforwards in the various states in which we operate. We believe, based on internal projections, that we will generate sufficient taxable income needed to realize the corresponding federal and state deferred tax assets to the extent they are recorded as deferred tax assets in our balance sheet.

Net income in 2009 was \$27.8 million, as compared to \$29.0 million in 2008. Our 2009 net income results were primarily achieved by maintaining our operating margins. The 2009 year was negatively affected by the \$11.3 million (\$7.0 million after tax), charge related to the integration, merger and restructuring expense. The 2008 year was negatively affected by the \$24.4 million (\$15.3 million after tax), charge related to the integration, merger and restructuring expense in addition to \$13.7 million after tax charge for goodwill impairment.

Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2008 Compared to Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2007

Total revenues in 2008 increased \$97.1 million, or 30.5%, to \$415.4 million from \$318.3 million in 2007. Leasing, our primary revenue focus, accounted for approximately 89.5% of total revenues during 2008. Leasing revenues in 2008 increased \$86.9 million, or 30.5%, to \$371.5 million from \$284.6 million in 2007. This increase in revenues resulted from a 32.0% increase in the average number of units on lease as a result of the Merger in June 2008, offset by a 1.5% decrease due to unfavorable foreign currency exchange rates and virtually no change in average rental yield per unit (price). In 2008, our leasing revenue growth rate was 30.5% as compared to 16.1% in 2007. The increased growth rate in 2008 was due to the Merger, but was offset in part by a reduction in business activity due to a decline in non-residential construction activity and the economic recession. Our leasing revenue growth rate in 2008 over the same period in the prior year was 6.0%, 3.5%, 61.3%, and 47.3% for the first, second, third and fourth quarters, respectively. Our leasing revenues would have declined in the third and fourth quarters of 2008 without the MSG Merger. As a result of the Merger, we added 29 new branches in 2008 (18 branches in the U.S. and 11 in the U.K.). We also completed four smaller acquisitions in 2008, three where we combined acquired businesses in cities in which we already had existing operations and one in Hartford, Connecticut. Our sales of units accounted for 9.9% of total revenues in both 2008 and 2007. Our revenues from the sale of units increased \$9.7 million, or 30.4%, to \$41.3 million in 2008 from \$31.6 million in 2007. This increase is related to the higher level of sales activity at our newer locations both in the U.S. and in the U.K. added as a result of the MSG Merger. Other revenues are primarily related to transportation charges for the delivery of units sold and the sale of ancillary products and represented approximately 0.6% of total revenues in 2008 and 0.7% in 2007.

Cost of sales relate to our sales revenue and as a percentage of sales revenue decreased slightly to 68.0% in 2008 from 68.4% in 2007.

Leasing, selling and general expenses increased \$45.3 million, or 27.2%, to \$212.3 million in 2008 from \$167.0 million in 2007. Leasing, selling and general expenses, as a percentage of total revenues, were 51.1% and 52.5% in 2008 and 2007, respectively. This decrease as a percentage of revenues is due to the operating leverage associated with our leasing activities and in part, due to cost saving synergies related to the Merger that we realized during the last two quarters of 2008. The increase in 2008 of \$45.3 million is primarily the result of the Merger, as the majority of our leasing, selling and general expenses increase occurred during the third and fourth quarters. The major increases in leasing, selling and general expenses for 2008 were: (1) payroll and related payroll costs, which increased by \$22.0 million primarily in connection with the additional locations such as staffing for branch managers, sales and office personnel and yard personnel, including drivers, fork lift operators and dispatchers; (2) delivery and freight costs, which increased \$10.0 million related to the increased delivery and pick-up of our rental fleet as well as the trucks we added at our newly acquired locations; and (3) building and land lease costs for our locations, which increased \$2.5 million, including the assumption of leases utilized by the locations added in the Merger and contractual rate increases at our existing locations. The increased delivery and freight costs includes higher fuel costs, primarily during the first three quarters of 2008, and an increase in third-party vendors which we used for the delivery of our units, mainly wood modular offices. Part of the increased costs was passed on to our customers in the form of higher trucking rates.

Integration, merger and restructuring expenses in 2008 represent the costs for exiting Mobile Mini branch operations that overlapped with MSG's properties, repositioning and relocating assets to their intended location, and other integration costs associated with personnel and office expenses. Also included in this expense is our cost for restructuring our manufacturing operations and includes severance, related benefit costs and asset impairment charges for the disposal of manufacturing equipment and inventories that are not being used in the restructured environment.

Goodwill impairment in 2008 represents a non-cash charge for a portion of our goodwill related to our U.K. and The Netherlands operations as more fully described in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 in this report.

EBITDA increased \$7.1 million, or 5.5%, to \$137.0 million in 2008 from \$129.9 million in 2007. EBITDA in 2008 includes integration, merger and restructuring expenses of \$24.4 million and a charge for goodwill impairment of \$13.7 million, both as described above.

Depreciation and amortization expenses increased \$10.6 million, or 50.2%, to \$31.8 million in 2008 from \$21.1 million in 2007. The higher depreciation expense is primarily due to the increase in our lease fleet over the prior year including the depreciation of units acquired through acquisitions. It also includes the lease fleet of additional wood modular offices, which have a higher depreciation rate than our steel units. Depreciation expense also includes the related depreciation on the additions to property, plant and equipment, primarily trucks, forklifts and trailers, to support the lease fleet, and the customized ERP system to enhance our reporting environment. In 2008, depreciation and amortization expense includes the amortization of customer relationships and trade name valuation that were associated with the MSG Merger. Since December 31, 2007, our lease fleet cost basis for depreciation increased by \$292.2 million. See "Critical Accounting Policies, Estimates and Judgments" within this Item 7.

Interest expense increased \$23.2 million, or 93.3%, to \$48.1 million in 2008 from \$24.9 million in 2007. This increase is primarily due to the \$540.9 million of debt we assumed in the Merger. Although we assumed Mobile Storage's \$200.0 million of 9.75% senior notes and the interest rate spread under our revolving credit facility increased from LIBOR + 1.25% to LIBOR + 2.50%, our average borrowing rate declined slightly in 2008, due to lower prevailing LIBOR rates. The monthly weighted average interest rate on our debt was 6.8% for 2008 compared to 7.0% for 2007, excluding amortization of debt issuance costs. Taking into account the amortization of debt issuance costs, the monthly weighted average interest rate was 7.2% in 2008 and 7.3% in 2007.

Debt extinguishment expense for 2007 resulted from the write-off of the remaining unamortized deferred loan costs and the redemption premium on \$97.5 million aggregate principal amount of outstanding 9.5% Senior Notes redeemed in the second quarter of 2007.

Provision for income taxes was based on an annual effective tax rate of 49.1% for 2008 as compared to an annual effective tax rate of 39.1% for 2007. Our 2008 consolidated tax provision includes the expected tax rates for our operations in the U.S., Canada, the U.K. and The Netherlands. Our 2008 effective tax rate was negatively affected by the goodwill impairment charge of \$13.7 million related to our European operations, which was not tax deductible. At December 31, 2008, we had a federal net operating loss carryforward of approximately \$206.1 million, which expires if unused from 2017 to 2028. In addition, we had net operating loss carryforwards in the various states in which we operate. We believe, based on internal projections, that we will generate sufficient taxable income needed to realize the corresponding federal and state deferred tax assets to the extent they are recorded as deferred tax assets in our balance sheet.

Net income in 2008 was \$29.0 million, as compared to \$44.2 million in 2007. Our 2008 net income results were primarily achieved by our 30.5% increase in revenues and the operating leverage associated with this growth and synergies achieved in the last six months of 2008 as a result of the Merger. The 2008 year was negatively affected by the \$24.4 million (\$15.3 million after tax), charge related to the integration, merger and restructuring expense in addition to \$13.7 million after tax charge for goodwill impairment. In 2007, net income was unfavorably affected by the \$11.2 million, (\$6.9 million after tax) charge for debt extinguishment expense related to the redemption of our then outstanding 9.5% Senior Notes.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity Summary

Leasing is a capital-intensive business that requires us to acquire assets before they generate revenues, cash flow and earnings. The assets which we lease have very long useful lives and require relatively little recurrent maintenance expenditures. Most of the capital we deploy into our leasing business historically has been used to expand our operations geographically, to increase the number of units available for lease at our leasing locations, and to add to the mix of products we offer. During recent years, our operations have generated annual cash flow that exceeds our pre-tax earnings, particularly due to our cash flow from operations and the deferral of income taxes caused by accelerated depreciation of our fixed assets in our tax return filings. In 2008, we were cash flow positive (after capital expenditures but excluding the Merger) for the first time in our operating history. This positive cash flow continued in 2009.

During the past three years, our capital expenditures and acquisitions have been funded by our operating cash flow, our Senior Notes offering in May 2007, and through borrowings under our revolving credit facility. Our operating cash flow is generally weakest during the first quarter of each fiscal year, when customers who leased containers for holiday storage return the units and a result of seasonal weather in some of our markets. During 2008 and 2009, we significantly reduced our capital expenditures and were able to fund capital expenditures for our lease fleet and fixed assets with cash flow from operations. We expect this trend to continue in 2010. In addition to cash flow generated by operations, our principal current source of liquidity is our revolving credit facility described below.

Revolving Credit Facility. In connection with the Merger, we expanded our revolving credit facility to increase our borrowing limit and to include the combined assets of both Mobile Mini and Mobile Storage Group as security for the facility.

On June 27, 2008, we entered into an ABL Credit Agreement (the Credit Agreement) with Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch and the other lenders party thereto. The Credit Agreement provides for a \$900.0 million revolving credit facility. All amounts outstanding under the Credit Agreement are due on June 27, 2013. The obligations of Mobile Mini and our subsidiary guarantors under the Credit Agreement are secured by a blanket lien on substantially all of our assets. At December 31, 2009, we had approximately \$473.7 million of borrowings outstanding and \$342.7 million of additional borrowing availability under the Credit Agreement, based upon borrowing base calculations as of such date. We were in compliance with the terms of the Credit Agreement as of December 31, 2009.

Amounts borrowed under the Credit Agreement and repaid during the term may be reborrowed. Outstanding amounts under the Credit Agreement will bear interest, at our option, at either (i) LIBOR plus a defined margin, or (ii) the Agent bank's prime rate plus a margin. The applicable margins for each type of loan will range from 2.25% to 2.75% for LIBOR loans and 0.75% to 1.25% for base rate loans depending upon our debt ratio, as defined in the Agreement, at the measurement date. Based on our debt ratio at December 31, 2009, our applicable interest rate margins for LIBOR loans will be LIBOR plus 2.75% and prime plus 1.25% for base rate loans until the next measurement date which is the end of each fiscal quarter and becomes effective the month following management's communication to their lenders.

The Credit Agreement provides for U.K. borrowings, denominated in either Pounds Sterling or Euros, by the Company's subsidiary Mobile Mini U.K. Limited, based upon a U.K. borrowing base and additionally supported by the U.S. and Canada borrowing base, if necessary. For U.S. borrowings, which are denominated in Dollars, the borrowing base is based upon a U.S. and Canada borrowing base.

Availability of borrowings under the Credit Agreement is subject to a borrowing base calculation based upon a valuation of our eligible accounts receivable, eligible container fleet, eligible inventory (including containers held for sale, work-in-process and raw materials), machinery and equipment and real property, each multiplied by an applicable advance rate or limit. As of December 31, 2009, we had \$342.7 million of excess availability under the Credit Agreement.

The Credit Agreement does contain certain financial maintenance covenants, but these maintenance covenants are not applicable unless we have less than \$100.0 million in borrowing availability under the facility. The Credit Agreement also contains customary negative covenants applicable to us and our subsidiaries, including covenants that restrict their ability to, among other things, (i) make capital expenditures in excess of defined limits, (ii) allow certain liens to attach to us or our subsidiary assets, (iii) repurchase or pay dividends or make certain other restricted payments on capital stock and certain other securities, or prepay certain indebtedness, (iv) incur additional indebtedness or engage in certain other types of financing transactions, and (v) make acquisitions or other investments.

We believe our cash provided by operating activities will provide for our normal capital needs for the next 12 months. If not, we have sufficient borrowings available under our revolving credit facility to meet any additional funding requirements. We monitor the financial strength of our lenders on an on-going basis using publicly-available information. Based upon that information, we do not presently think that there is a likelihood that any of our lenders might not be able to honor its commitments under the Credit Agreement.

Operating Activities. Our operations provided net cash flow of \$86.8 million in 2009 as compared to \$98.5 million in 2008 and \$91.3 million in 2007. The \$11.7 million decrease in 2009 over 2008 in cash provided by operating activities resulted from a decrease in net income, after giving effect to non-cash items, partially offset by a decrease in working capital. In 2009, there were decreases in receivables, inventories and deposits and prepaid expenses which were partially offset by decreases in accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The decreases are primarily due to the weakened economy, our restructured manufacturing operations and reduction of certain liabilities associated with the Merger. In 2008, there were decreases in both inventories and deposits and prepaid expenses providing positive cash flows, which were offset by decreases in accounts payable and accrued liabilities. These decreases were primarily a result of the Merger and the decrease in purchases of inventories due to the restructuring of our manufacturing operations in late 2008. In 2007, cash provided by operating activities was negatively affected by debt restructuring expense, which included a \$8.9 million premium paid in connection with redeeming \$97.5 million of our 9.5% Senior Notes, negatively impacted by increases in accounts receivable which was due to the general growth in our leasing activities by an increase in our sales activity related to our newly acquired European operations, and by an increase in deposits and prepaid expenses. Cash provided by operating activities is enhanced by the deferral of most income taxes due to the rapid tax depreciation rate of our assets and our federal and state net operating loss carryforwards. At December 31, 2009, we had a federal net operating loss carryforward of approximately \$216.8 million and a net deferred tax liability of \$155.7 million.

Investing Activities. Net cash provided by investing activities was \$3.0 million in 2009, compared to net cash used of \$97.9 million in 2008 and \$138.7 million in 2007. In 2009, we did not acquire any businesses, compared to cash payments for acquisitions of \$33.3 million in 2008 and \$9.7 million in 2007. Capital expenditures for our lease fleet, net of proceeds from sale of lease fleet units, provided net cash of \$12.0 million in 2009 compared to a use of cash of \$48.3 million in 2008 and \$110.6 million in 2007. Capital expenditures for our lease fleet were \$21.5 million and proceeds from sale of lease fleet units were \$33.5 million for 2009, compared to net expenditures of \$48.3 million in 2008. Our capital expenditures for our lease fleet decreased 71.9% in 2009 compared to 2008 as we acquired fewer units due to the economic slowdown. Proceeds from sale of lease fleet units increased 18.2% as compared to 2008. Additions to the lease fleet primarily included remanufacturing of prior acquisition units and manufactured or purchased steel and wood offices. During the past several years we have increased the customization of our fleet, enabling us to differentiate our product from our competitors' product, and we have complimented our lease fleet by adding wood mobile offices. At the end of 2008, we restructured our manufacturing operations to right-size our manufacturing requirements considering the large lease fleet we acquired in the MSG transaction. As a result of the acquisition and the current economic conditions, we anticipate our near term investing activities will be primarily focused on remanufacturing units acquired in prior acquisitions to meet our lease fleet standards as these units are placed on-rent. Capital expenditures for property, plant and equipment, net of proceeds from any sale of property, plant and equipment, were \$9.0 million in 2009, \$16.4 million in 2008 and \$18.4 million in 2007. Expenditures for property, plant and equipment in 2009 were primarily for technology and communication improvements for our telephone, GPS handheld devices and computer systems, delivery equipment and improvements to our branch locations. The amount of cash that we use during any period in investing activities is almost entirely within management's discretion. We have no contracts or other arrangements pursuant to which we are

required to purchase a fixed or minimum amount of goods or services in connection with any portion of our business. Maintenance capital expenditures is the cost to replace old forklifts, trucks and trailers that we use to move and deliver our products to our customers, and for enhancements to our computer information and communication systems. Our maintenance capital expenditures were approximately \$0.1 million in 2009, \$3.0 million in 2008 and \$0.8 million in 2007.

Financing Activities. Net cash used in financing activities was \$83.0 million in 2009 as compared to \$6.7 million in 2008 and net cash provided by financing activities of \$48.4 million in 2007. In 2009, we reduced our net borrowings under our revolving credit facility by \$80.9 million and other net debt obligations of \$1.7 million in addition to redeeming \$1.1 million principal amount of 9.75% Senior Notes. In 2008, we increased our borrowings under our revolving credit facility by \$316.7 million, which we used primarily to fund the Merger, as well as other related expenses and costs associated with the credit agreement. In connection with the Merger we also assumed debt obligations, some requiring monthly installment payments. In 2007, we redeemed \$97.5 million principal amount of outstanding 9.5% Senior Notes and completed an offering of \$150.0 million principal amount 6.875% Senior Notes. Also in 2007, under a common stock repurchase program, we redeemed \$39.3 million of our outstanding shares. Additionally, we received \$0.3 million, \$1.1 million and \$5.6 million from the exercises of employee stock options and the related tax benefits in 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. As of December 31, 2009, we had \$473.7 million of borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility, and approximately \$342.7 million of additional borrowings were available to us under the facility.

Hedging Activities. At December 31, 2009, we had eight interest rate swap agreements in place to fix interest rates paid on a total of \$200.0 million of our outstanding debt. We entered into interest rate swap agreements that effectively fixed the interest rate so that the rate is payable based upon a spread from fixed rates, rather than a spread from the LIBOR rate. At December 31, 2009, \$550.6 million of our outstanding indebtedness bears interest at fixed rates (or the rate is effectively fixed due to a swap agreement), and approximately \$273.7 million of borrowings under our credit facility are variable rate.

Contractual Obligations and Commitments

Our contractual obligations primarily consist of our outstanding balance under our revolving credit facility and \$348.9 million of Senior Notes, together with other, primarily unsecured notes payable obligations, and obligations under capital leases. We also have operating lease commitments for: (1) real estate properties for the majority of our branches with remaining lease terms typically ranging from 1 to 16 years; (2) delivery, transportation and yard equipment, typically under a five-year lease with purchase options at the end of the lease term at a stated or fair market value price; and (3) office related equipment.

At December 31, 2009, primarily in connection with the issuance of our insurance policies, we provided certain insurance carriers and others with approximately \$12.2 million in letters of credit.

We currently do not have any obligations under purchase agreements or commitments. Historically, we entered into capitalized lease obligations from time to time and as a result of the Merger, have commitments for \$4.1 million in remaining capital lease obligations.

The table below provides a summary of our contractual commitments as of December 31, 2009. The operating lease amounts include certain real estate leases that expire in 2010, but have lease renewal options that we currently anticipate to exercise in 2010 at the end of the initial lease period.

	Payments Due by Period						
	Total	Less Than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More Than 5 Years		
			(In thousands)				
Revolving credit facility	\$ 473,655	\$ —	\$ —	\$473,655	\$ —		
Scheduled interest payment obligations under our revolving credit facility(1)	31,174	13,277	17,897	_	_		
Senior Notes	348,850	_	_	198,850	150,000		
Scheduled interest payment obligations under our Senior Notes(2)	153,656	29,700	59,400	59,400	5,156		
Other long-term debt (insurance							
financing)	955	955	_	_	_		
Scheduled interest payment obligations under our long-term debt(2)	12	12	_	_	_		
Notes payable	173	163	10	_	_		
Scheduled interest payment obligations under our notes payable(2)	1	1	_	_	_		
Obligations under capital leases	4,061	1,484	2,135	442	_		
Scheduled interest payment obligations under our capital leases(3)	492	254	209	29	_		
Operating leases(4)					12 2/10		
	73,898	17,658	25,693	17,198	13,349		
Total contractual obligations	\$1,086,927	<u>\$63,504</u>	<u>\$105,344</u>	<u>\$749,574</u>	<u>\$168,505</u>		

⁽¹⁾ Scheduled interest rate obligations under our revolving credit facility were calculated using our weighted average rate of 2.8% at December 31, 2009. Our revolving credit facility is subject to a variable rate of interest. The weighted average interest rate is inclusive of our fixed rate swap agreements.

Off-Balance Sheet Transactions

Mobile Mini does not maintain any off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements, obligations or other relationships with unconsolidated entities or others that are reasonably likely to have a material current or future effect on Mobile Mini's financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

Seasonality

Demand from some of our customers is somewhat seasonal. Demand for leases of our portable storage units by large retailers is stronger from September through December because these retailers need to store more inventories

⁽²⁾ Scheduled interest rate obligations under our Senior Notes and other long-term debt were calculated using stated rates.

⁽³⁾ Scheduled interest rate obligations under capital leases were calculated using imputed rates ranging from 5.7% to 8.5%

⁽⁴⁾ Operating lease obligations include operating commitments and restructuring related commitments and are net of sub-lease income. For further discussion see Note 12 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

for the holiday season. Our retail customers usually return these leased units to us early in the following year. Other than when in a challenging economic environment, this seasonality has caused lower utilization rates for our lease fleet and a marginal decrease in cash flow during the first quarter of the year. Over the last few years, we reduced the percentage of our units we reserve for this seasonal business from the levels we allocated in earlier years, decreasing our seasonality.

Critical Accounting Policies, Estimates and Judgments

Our significant accounting policies are disclosed in Note 1 to our consolidated financial statements. The following discussion addresses our most critical accounting policies, some of which require significant judgment.

Mobile Mini's consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. The preparation of these consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates and assumptions are based upon our evaluation of historical results and anticipated future events, and these estimates may change as additional information becomes available. The SEC defines critical accounting policies as those that are, in management's view, most important to our financial condition and results of operations and those that require significant judgments and estimates. Management believes that our most critical accounting policies relate to:

Revenue Recognition. Lease and leasing ancillary revenues and related expenses generated under portable storage and mobile office units are recognized on a straight-line basis. Delivery and hauling revenues and expenses from our portable storage and mobile office units are recognized when these services are earned. We recognize revenues from sales of containers and mobile office units upon delivery when the risk of loss passes, the price is fixed and determinable and collectability is reasonably assured. We sell our products pursuant to sales contracts stating the fixed sales price with our customers.

Share-Based Compensation. We account for share-based compensation using the modified-prospectivetransition method and recognize the fair-value of share-based compensation transactions in the statement of income. The fair value of our share-based awards is estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The Black-Scholes valuation calculation requires us to estimate key assumptions such as future stock price volatility, expected terms, risk-free rates and dividend yield. Expected stock price volatility is based on the historical volatility of our stock. We use historical data to estimate option exercises and employee terminations within the valuation model. The expected term of options granted is derived from an analysis of historical exercises and remaining contractual life of stock options, and represents the period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding. The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield in effect at the time of grant. We historically have not paid cash dividends, and do not currently intend to pay cash dividends, and thus have assumed a 0% dividend rate. If our actual experience differs significantly from the assumptions used to compute our sharebased compensation cost, or if different assumptions had been used, we may have recorded too much or too little share-based compensation cost. In the past we have issued stock options and restricted stock, which we also refer to as nonvested shares. For stock options and nonvested share-awards subject solely to service conditions, we recognize expense using the straight-line method. For nonvested share-awards subject to service and performance conditions, we are required to assess the probability that such performance conditions will be met. In 2009 the share-based compensation expense was reduced by \$1.4 million to reflect anticipated shortfalls related to shareawards with vesting subject to a performance conditions. If the likelihood of the performance condition being met is deemed probable, we will recognize the expense using accelerated attribution method. In addition, for both stock options and nonvested share-awards, we are required to estimate the expected forfeiture rate of our stock grants and only recognize the expense for those shares expected to vest. If the actual forfeiture rate is materially different from our estimate, our share-based compensation expense could be materially different. We had approximately \$0.9 million of total unrecognized compensation costs related to stock options at December 31, 2009 that are expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 0.8 years and \$20.0 million of total unrecognized compensation costs related to nonvested share-awards at December 31, 2009 that are expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3.5 years. See Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for a further discussion on share-based compensation.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts. We maintain allowances for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of our customers to make required payments. We establish and maintain reserves against estimated losses based upon historical loss experience and evaluation of past due accounts agings. Management reviews the level of the allowances for doubtful accounts on a regular basis and adjusts the level of the allowances as needed. If we were to increase the factors used for our reserve estimates by 25%, it would have the following approximate effect on our net income and diluted earnings per share at December 31, as follows:

		Ended ber 31,	
	2008	2009	
	(In thousands excep per share data)		
As reported:			
Net income	\$29,041	\$27,798	
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.64	
As adjusted for hypothetical change in reserve estimates:			
Net income	\$28,245	\$27,390	
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.63	

If the financial condition of our customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required.

Impairment of Goodwill. We assess the impairment of goodwill and other identifiable intangibles on an annual basis or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Some factors we consider important which could trigger an impairment review include the following:

- significant under-performance relative to historical, expected or projected future operating results;
- significant changes in the manner of our use of the acquired assets or the strategy for our overall business;
- · our market capitalization relative to net book value; and
- significant negative industry or general economic trends.

We operate in one reportable segment, which is comprised of three operating segments that also represent our reporting units (North America, the U.K. and The Netherlands). All of our goodwill was allocated between these three reporting units. We perform an annual impairment test on goodwill at December 31 using a two-step process. The first step is a screen for potential impairment, while the second step measures the amount of the impairment, if any. In addition, we will perform impairment tests during any reporting period in which events or changes in circumstances indicate that an impairment may have incurred.

At December 31, 2009, we performed the first step of the two-step impairment test and compared the fair value of each reporting unit to its carrying value. In assessing the fair value of the reporting units, we considered both the market approach and the income approach. Under the market approach, the fair value of the reporting unit is based on quoted market prices of companies comparable to the reporting unit being valued. Under the income approach, the fair value of the reporting unit is based on the present value of estimated cash flows. The income approach is dependent on a number of significant management assumptions, including estimated future revenue growth rates, gross margins on sales, operating margins, capital expenditures, tax payments and discount rates. Each approach was given equal weight in arriving at the fair value of the reporting unit. As of December 31, 2008, we determined the fair values of the U.K. and The Netherlands reporting units were less than the carrying values of the net assets of these reporting units, thus we performed step two of the impairment test for these two reporting units. As of December 31, 2009, neither of the reporting units with goodwill had estimated fair values less than their individual net asset carrying values, therefore step two was not required at December 31, 2009.

In step two of the impairment test, we are required to determine the implied fair value of the goodwill and compare it to the carrying value of the goodwill. We allocated the fair value of the reporting units to the respective assets and liabilities of each reporting unit as if the reporting units had been acquired in separate and individual

business combinations and the fair value of the reporting units was the price paid to acquire the reporting units. The excess of the fair value of the reporting units over the amounts assigned to their respective assets and liabilities is the implied fair value of goodwill. We reconciled the fair values of our three reporting units in the aggregate to our market capitalization at December 31, 2009.

The performance of our 2009 annual impairment analyses resulted in no impairment charges to the North America or U.K. reporting units, where all of our goodwill is recorded. The fair value of the North America and U.K. reporting units exceeded the carrying value at December 31, 2009 by 13% and 26%, respectively. At December 31, 2009, \$447.2 million of our goodwill relates to the North America reporting unit and \$66.0 million relates to the U.K. reporting unit.

The discount rates utilized in the 2009 analyses ranged from 13% to 14% while the terminal growth rates used in the discounted cash flow analysis were approximately 2%.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets. We review property, plant and equipment and intangibles with finite lives (those assets resulting from acquisitions) for impairment when events or circumstances indicate these assets might be impaired. We test impairment using historical cash flows and other relevant facts and circumstances as the primary basis for its estimates of future cash flows. This process requires the use of estimates and assumptions, which are subject to a high degree of judgment. If these assumptions change in the future, whether due to new information or other factors, we may be required to record impairment charges for these assets.

Depreciation Policy. Our depreciation policy for our lease fleet uses the straight-line method over our units' estimated useful life, after the date that we put the unit in service. Our steel units are depreciated over 30 years with an estimated residual value of 55%. Wood offices units are depreciated over 20 years with an estimated residual value of 50%. Van trailers, which are a small part of our fleet, are depreciated over 7 years to a 20% residual value. We have other non-core products that have various other measures of useful lives and residual values. Van trailers and other non-core products are only added to the fleet as a result of acquisitions of portable storage businesses.

In April 2009, we evaluated our depreciation policy on our steel units and changed the estimated useful life to 30 years (from 25 years) and decreased the residual value to 55% from 62.5%. This results in continual depreciation on steel units for five additional years at the same annual rate of 1.5% of book value. This change had an immaterial impact on the consolidated financial statements at the date of the change in estimate. We made this change because some of our steel units have been in our lease fleet longer than 25 years and these units continue to be effective income producing assets that do not show signs of realizing the end of their useful life. Our historical lease fleet data on our steel units shows we have retained comparable rental rates and sales prices irrespective of the age of the steel units in our lease fleet.

We periodically review our depreciation policy against various factors, including the results of our lenders' independent appraisal of our lease fleet, practices of the larger competitors in our industry, profit margins we are achieving on sales of depreciated units and lease rates we obtain on older units. If we were to change our depreciation policy on our steel units from 55% residual value and a 30-year life to a lower or higher residual and a shorter or longer useful life, such change could have a positive, negative or neutral effect on our earnings, with the actual effect being determined by the change. For example, a change in our estimates used in our residual values and useful life on our steel units would have the following approximate effect on our net income and diluted earnings per share as reflected in the table below.

	Residual Value	Useful Life in Years	200	08	2	2009
	(In th	ousands ex	cept per	r share	data	1)
As Reported(1):	55%	30				
Net income			\$	n/a	\$2	7,798
Diluted earnings per share			\$	n/a	\$	0.64
As adjusted for change in estimates:	70%	20				
Net income			\$29,	041	\$2	7,798
Diluted earnings per share			\$ 0).75	\$	0.64
As adjusted for change in estimates(2):	62.5%	25				
Net income			\$29,	041	\$2	7,798
Diluted earnings per share			\$ 0).75	\$	0.64
As adjusted for change in estimates:	50%	20				
Net income			\$25,	038	\$2	2,190
Diluted earnings per share			\$ 0	0.64	\$	0.51
As adjusted for change in estimates:	40%	40				
Net income			\$29,	041	\$2	7,798
Diluted earnings per share			\$ 0).75	\$	0.64
As adjusted for change in estimates:	30%	25				
Net income			\$23,	837	\$2	0,508
Diluted earnings per share			\$ 0	0.61	\$	0.47
As adjusted for change in estimates:	25%	25				
Net income			\$23,	037	\$1	9,386
Diluted earnings per share			\$ 0).59	\$	0.45

⁽¹⁾ Effective April 2009

(2) Prior to April 2009

Insurance Reserves. Our worker's compensation, auto and general liability insurance are purchased under large deductible programs. Our current per incident deductibles are: worker's compensation \$250,000, auto \$500,000 and general liability \$100,000. We provide for the estimated expense relating to the deductible portion of the individual claims. However, we generally do not know the full amount of our exposure to a deductible in connection with any particular claim during the fiscal period in which the claim is incurred and for which we must make an accrual for the deductible expense. We make these accruals based on a combination of the claims development experience of our staff and our insurance companies, and, at year end, the accrual is reviewed and adjusted, in part, based on an independent actuarial review of historical loss data and using certain actuarial assumptions followed in the insurance industry. A high degree of judgment is required in developing these estimates of amounts to be accrued, as well as in connection with the underlying assumptions. In addition, our assumptions will change as our loss experience is developed. All of these factors have the potential for significantly impacting the amounts we have previously reserved in respect of anticipated deductible expenses, and we may be required in the future to increase or decrease amounts previously accrued.

Contingencies. We are a party to various claims and litigation in the normal course of business. Management's current estimated range of liability related to various claims and pending litigation is based on claims for which our management can determine that it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. Because of the uncertainties related to both the probability of incurred and possible range of loss on pending claims and litigation, management must use considerable judgment in making reasonable determination of the liability that could result from an unfavorable outcome. As additional information becomes available, we will assess the potential liability related to our pending litigation and revise our estimates. Such revisions in our estimates of the potential liability could materially impact our results of operation. We do not anticipate the resolution of such matters known at this time will have a material adverse effect on our business or consolidated financial position.

Deferred Taxes. In preparing our consolidated financial statements, we recognize income taxes in each of the jurisdictions in which we operate. For each jurisdiction, we estimate the actual amount of taxes currently payable or receivable as well as deferred tax assets and liabilities attributable to temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which these temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

A valuation allowance is provided for those deferred tax assets for which it is more likely than not that the related benefits will not be realized. In determining the amount of the valuation allowance, we consider estimated future taxable income as well as feasible tax planning strategies in each jurisdiction. If we determine that we will not realize all or a portion of our deferred tax assets, we will increase our valuation allowance with a charge to income tax expense or offset goodwill if the deferred tax asset was acquired in a business combination. Conversely, if we determine that we will ultimately be able to realize all or a portion of the related benefits for which a valuation allowance has been provided, all or a portion of the related valuation allowance will be reduced with a credit to income tax expense except if the valuation allowance was created in conjunction with a tax asset in a business combination.

At December 31, 2009, we have a \$1.1 million valuation allowance and have \$109.1 million of deferred tax assets included within the net deferred tax liability on our balance sheet. The majority of the deferred tax asset relates to federal net operating loss carryforwards that have future expiration dates. Management currently believes that adequate future taxable income will be generated through future operations and, or through available tax planning strategies to recover these assets. However, given that these federal net operating loss carryforwards that give rise to the deferred tax asset expire over 12 years beginning in 2017, there could be changes in management's judgment in future periods with respect to the recoverability of these assets. As of December 31, 2009, management believes that it is more likely than not that the unreserved portion of these deferred tax assets will be recovered.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Accounting Standards Codification. Effective July 1, 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board's (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) became the single official source of authoritative, nongovernmental generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States. The historical GAAP hierarchy was eliminated and the ASC became the only level of authoritative GAAP, other than guidance issued by the SEC. The codification was effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending after September 15, 2009, except for certain nonpublic nongovernmental entities. Our accounting policies were not affected by the conversion to ASC.

Fair Value Measurements. In September 2006, the FASB issued guidance which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. In February 2008, the FASB issued additional guidance which deferred the effective date for the Company to January 1, 2009 for all nonfinancial assets and liabilities, except for those that are recognized or disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis (that is, at least annually). We adopted the deferred provisions of this guidance on January 1, 2009. The adoption of these provisions did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

Business Combinations. On January 1, 2009, we adopted new accounting guidance for business combinations as issued by the FASB. The new accounting guidance establishes principles and requirements for how an

acquirer in a business combination recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interests in the acquiree, as well as the goodwill acquired. Significant changes from previous guidance resulting from this new guidance include the expansion of the definitions of a "business" and a "business combination." For all business combinations (whether partial, full or step acquisitions), the acquirer will record 100% of all assets and liabilities of the acquired business, including goodwill, generally at their fair values; contingent consideration will be recognized at its fair value on the acquisition date and; for certain arrangements, changes in fair value will be recognized in earnings until settlement; and acquisition-related transaction and restructuring costs will be expensed rather than treated as part of the cost of the acquisition. The new accounting guidance also establishes disclosure requirements to enable users to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business combination. Because the majority of the provisions of the new accounting guidance are applicable to future transactions, the adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

On January 1, 2009, we adopted new accounting guidance for assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination as issued by the FASB. The new guidance amends the provisions previously issued by the FASB related to the initial recognition and measurement, subsequent measurement and accounting and disclosures for assets and liabilities arising from contingencies in business combinations. The new guidance eliminates the distinction between contractual and non-contractual contingencies, including the initial recognition and measurement. The adoption of this accounting guidance did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

Determining the Useful Life of Intangible Assets. On January 1, 2009, we adopted new accounting guidance for the determination of the useful life of intangible assets as issued by the FASB. The new guidance amends the factors that should be considered in developing the renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life of a recognized intangible asset. The new guidance also requires expanded disclosure regarding the determination of intangible asset useful lives. Because this accounting guidance is applicable to future transactions, the adoption of this accounting guidance did not have an impact on our consolidated financial statements.

Subsequent Events. On April 1, 2009 we adopted new accounting guidance related to subsequent events as issued by the FASB. The new requirement establishes the accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued. The adoption of these provisions did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

Transfers of Financial Assets. In June 2009, the FASB issued guidance that changes the information a reporting entity provides in its financial statements about the transfer of financial assets and continuing interests held in transferred financial assets. The standard amends previous accounting guidance by removing the concept of qualified special purpose entities. This accounting standard is effective for the Company for transfers occurring on or after January 1, 2010. We do not expect the adoption of this accounting standard to have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

Fair Value Measurement of Liabilities. In August 2009, FASB issued guidance providing clarification that in circumstances in which a quoted price in an active market for the identical liability is not available, a reporting entity is required to measure fair value using one or more of the following techniques:

- 1. A valuation technique that uses:
 - a. The quoted price of the identical liability when traded as an asset.
 - b. Quoted prices for similar liabilities or similar liabilities when traded as assets.
- 2. Another valuation technique that is consistent with the principles in the FASB's guidance (two examples would be an income approach or a market approach).

This guidance also clarifies that (i) when estimating fair value of a liability, a reporting entity is not required to include a separate input or adjustment to other inputs relating to the existence of a restriction that prevents the

transfer of the liability and (ii) both a quoted price in an active market for the identical liability at the measurement date and the quoted price for the identical liability when traded as an asset in an active market when no adjustments to the quoted price of the asset are required are Level 1 fair value measurements. This guidance is effective for the first reporting period (including interim periods) beginning after issuance. This accounting guidance did not have a material impact on our financial statements and disclosures.

Multiple Element Arrangements. In September 2009, the FASB issued new accounting guidance related to the revenue recognition of multiple element arrangements. The new guidance states that if vendor specific objective evidence or third party evidence for deliverables in an arrangement cannot be determined, companies will be required to develop a best estimate of the selling price to separate deliverables and allocate arrangement consideration using the relative selling price method. This guidance is effective for the Company for arrangements entered into after January 1, 2010. We currently do not expect this guidance to have a material impact on our financial statements and disclosures.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

Interest Rate Swap Agreement. We seek to reduce earnings and cash flow volatility associated with changes in interest rates through a financial arrangement intended to provide a hedge against a portion of the risks associated with such volatility. We continue to have exposure to such risks to the extent they are not hedged.

Interest rate swap agreements are the only instruments we use to manage interest rate fluctuations affecting our variable rate debt. At December 31, 2009, we had eight interest rate swap agreements under which we pay a fixed rate and receive a variable interest rate on a notional amount of \$200 million of debt. In 2009, comprehensive income included \$2.3 million, net of income tax expense of \$1.5 million, related to the fair value of our interest rate swap agreements. We enter into derivative financial arrangements only to the extent that the arrangement meets the objectives described, and we do not engage in such transactions for speculative purposes.

The following table sets forth the scheduled maturities and the total fair value of our debt portfolio:

	At December 31,							
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Thereafter	December 31, 2009	at December 31, 2009
				(In thousa	nds, except p	ercentages)		
Debt:								
Fixed rate	\$ 2,602	\$ 1,298	\$ 847	\$ 289	\$199,003	\$150,000	\$354,039	\$353,743
Average interest rate							8.48%	
Floating rate(1)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$473,655	\$ —	\$ —	\$473,655	\$473,655
Average interest rate							2.80%	
Operating leases:	\$17,658	\$14,152	\$11,541	\$ 9,751	\$ 7,447	\$ 13,349	\$ 73,898	

⁽¹⁾ Included in our floating rate line of credit facility are \$200 million of fixed-rate swap agreements with a weighted average interest rate of 4.0275% that mature in 2010 and 2011.

Impact of Foreign Currency Rate Changes. We currently have branch operations outside the U.S. and we bill those customers primarily in their local currency which is subject to foreign currency rate changes. Our operations in Canada are billed in the Canadian Dollar, operations in the U.K. are billed in Pound Sterling and operations in The Netherlands are billed in the Euro. We are exposed to foreign exchange rate fluctuations as the financial results of our non-U.S. operations are translated into U.S. Dollars. The impact of foreign currency rate changes has historically been insignificant with our Canadian operations, but we have more exposure to volatility with our European operations. In order to help minimize our exchange rate gain and loss volatility, we finance our European entities through our revolving line of credit which allows us to also borrow those funds in Pound Sterling denominated debt.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders of Mobile Mini, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Mobile Mini, Inc. as of December 31, 2008 and 2009, and the related consolidated statements of income, preferred stock and stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15(a). These financial statements and schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedule 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 Mobile Mini, Inc. at December 31, 2008 and 2009, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Mobile Mini, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, 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 1, 2010 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Phoenix, Arizona March 1, 2010

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands except per share data)

December 31, 2008 2009 **ASSETS** 3,184 \$ 1,740 Cash Receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$7,193 and \$3,715, respectively 61,424 40,867 26,577 22,147 Lease fleet, net..... 1,078,156 1,055,328 88,509 84,160 9,916 13,287 35,063 26,643 492,657 513,238 Total assets..... \$1,798,857 \$1,754,039 LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY Liabilities: 21,433 14,130 86,214 64,915 Line of credit..... 554,532 473,655 Notes payable 1,380 1,128 Obligations under capital leases 5,497 4,061 Senior notes, net of discount of \$4,203 and \$3,448 at December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2009, respectively..... 345,797 345,402 134,786 155,697 1,149,639 1,058,988 Commitments and contingencies Convertible preferred stock: \$.01 par value, 20,000 shares authorized, 8,556 issued and outstanding at December 31, 2008 and 8,191 outstanding at December 31, 153,990 147,427 Stockholders' equity: Common stock: \$.01 par value, 95,000 shares authorized 37,489 issued and 35,314 outstanding at December 31, 2008 and 38,451 issued and 36,276 outstanding at December 31, 2009, respectively..... 375 385 328,696 341,597 Retained earnings..... 242,935 270,733 (37,478)(25,791)(39,300)(39,300)495,228 547,624 Total liabilities and stockholders' equity \$1,798,857 \$1,754,039

See accompanying notes.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	For the Years Ended December 31,				
	2007	2009			
D	(In thousands except per share data				
Revenues:	¢204.620	¢271 560	¢222 5 21		
Leasing	\$284,638 31,644	\$371,560	\$333,521		
Sales	2,020	41,267 2,577	38,605 2,335		
Total revenues	318,302	415,404	374,461		
Costs and expenses:					
Cost of sales	21,651	28,044	25,795		
Leasing, selling and general expenses	166,994	212,335	192,861		
Integration, merger and restructuring expenses	_	24,427	11,305		
Goodwill impairment	_	13,667	_		
Depreciation and amortization	21,149	31,767	39,082		
Total costs and expenses	209,794	310,240	269,043		
Income from operations	108,508	105,164	105,418		
Other income (expense):					
Interest income	101	135	29		
Interest expense	(24,906)	(48,146)	(59,504)		
Debt extinguishment expense	(11,224)	_	_		
Foreign currency exchange gains (loss)	107	(112)	(88)		
Income before provision for income taxes	72,586	57,041	45,855		
Provision for income taxes	28,410	28,000	18,057		
Net income	44,176	29,041	27,798		
Earnings allocable to preferred stock		(2,739)	(5,431)		
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 44,176	\$ 26,302	\$ 22,367		
Earnings per share:					
Basic	\$ 1.24	\$ 0.77	\$ 0.65		
Diluted	\$ 1.22	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.64		
Weighted average number of common and common share equivalents outstanding:					
Basic	35,489	34,155	34,597		
Diluted	36,296	38,875	43,252		

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PREFERRED STOCK AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY For the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009

	Preferi	ed Stock	Stockholders' Equity																		
	Convertible Preferred Stock		Convertible Preferred Stock		Preferred Stock		Convertible Preferred Stock		Convertible Preferred Stock		Convertible Preferred Stock		Convertible Preferred Stock			Common	Additional Paid-In		Accumulated Other Comprehensive		
	Snares	Amount	Stock	Stock	Capital n thousands	Earnings	Income (Loss)	Stock	Equity												
Balance, December 31, 2006	_	s —	35,898	\$359	\$268,456	\$169,718	\$ 3,471	s —	\$442,004												
Net income	_	_	_	_		44,176	_	_	44,176												
Fair value change in derivatives, (net of income tax benefit of \$816)	_	_	_	_	_	_	(1,293)	_	(1,293)												
Foreign currency translation, (net of income tax expense of \$724)	_	_	_	_	_	_	2,158	_	2,158												
Comprehensive income									45,041												
Exercise of stock options	_	_	519	5	5,602	_	_	_	5,607												
Tax benefit shortfall on stock option exercises	_	_	_	_	(46)	_	_	_	(46)												
Purchase of treasury stock, at cost	_	_	(2,175)	_	_	_	_	(39,300)	(39,300)												
Restricted stock grants	_	_	331	3	(3)	_	_	(37,300)	(37,300)												
Share-based compensation				_	4,584		_		4,584												
Balance, December 31, 2007			34,573	367	278,593	213,894	4,336	(39,300)	457,890												
Net income	_	_	34,373	307	210,393	29,041	4,330	(39,300)	29,041												
	_	_	_	_	_	29,041	_	_	29,041												
Fair value change in derivatives, (net of income tax benefit of \$3,982)	_	_	_	_	_	_	(6,299)	_	(6,299)												
Foreign currency translation, (net of income tax benefit of \$1,351)	_	_	_	_	_	_	(35,515)	_	(35,515)												
Comprehensive loss									(12,773)												
Exercise of stock options	_	_	134	2	1,470	_	_	_	1,472												
Tax benefit shortfall on stock option exercises	_	_	_	_	(407)	_	_	_	(407)												
Issuance of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock related to MSG Merger (net of registration and																					
issuance costs of \$85)	8,556	153,990	_	_	42,525	_	_	_	42,525												
Restricted stock grants	_	_	607	6	(6)	_	_	_	_												
Share-based compensation					6,521				6,521												
Balance, December 31, 2008	8,556	153,990	35,314	375	328,696	242,935	(37,478)	(39,300)	495,228												
Net income	_	_	_	_	_	27,798	_	_	27,798												
Fair value change in derivatives, (net of income tax expense of \$1,493)	_	_	_	_	_	_	2,335	_	2,335												
Foreign currency translation, (net of income tax expense of \$926)	_	_	_	_	_	_	9,352	_	9,352												
Comprehensive income	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	39,485												
Exercise of stock options	_	_	77	1	799	_	_	_	800												
Tax benefit shortfall on stock option exercises	_	_	_	_	(542)	_	_	_	(542)												
Preferred stock converted to common stock	(365)	(6,563)	365	4	6,559	_	_	_	6,563												
Restricted stock grants	_	_	520	5	(5)	_	_	_													
Share-based compensation	_	_	_	_	6,090	_	_	_	6,090												
Balance, December 31, 2009	8,191	\$147,427	36,276	\$385	\$341,597	\$270,733	\$(25,791)	\$(39,300)	\$547,624												

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	F	or the Yea	rs Ended Dec	ember 31,
		2007	2008	2009
		(.	In thousands)	
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:				
Net income	\$	44,176	\$ 29,041	\$ 27,798
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating				
activities: Debt extinguishment expense		2,298		
Provision for doubtful accounts		1,869	5,261	2,701
Provision for restructuring charge			5,626	(19)
Goodwill impairment			13,667	
Amortization of deferred financing costs		929	2,455	4,456
Amortization of long term liabilities		56	418	906
Share-based compensation expense		4,028 21,149	5,656	5,782
Depreciation and amortization		(5,560)	31,767 (9,849)	39,082 (11,661)
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		203	567	71
Deferred income taxes		27,356	27,923	17,201
Foreign currency (gain) loss		(107)		88
Changes in certain assets and liabilities, net of effect of businesses acquired:				
Receivables		(3,988)		
Inventories		(610)		3,691
Deposits and prepaid expenses		(1,754) 318	177 105	3,412 (845)
Accounts payable		2,691	(15,731)	
Accrued liabilities		(1,755)		
Net cash provided by operating activities	_	91,299	98,518	86,770
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:	_	71,277		
Cash paid for businesses acquired		(9,734)	(33,250)	_
Additions to lease fleet, excluding acquisitions	((126,733)		
Proceeds from sale of lease fleet units	`	16,181	28,338	33,495
Additions to property, plant and equipment		(18,522)	(16,874)	
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		126	495	1,252
Other	_			112
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	_((138,682)	(97,913)	3,048
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:				
Net borrowings under lines of credit		34,128	120,341	(80,877)
Redemption of 9.5% Senior Notes		(97,500)	_	(1.150)
Redemption of 9.75% Senior Notes		149,322	_	(1,150)
Deferred financing costs		(3,768)	(15,166)	(75)
Proceeds from issuance of notes payable		1,216	1,249	1,272
Principal payments on notes payable		(1,254)		
Principal payments on capital lease obligations		(24)		
Issuance of common stock, net		5,607	1,472	800
Purchase of treasury stock, at cost		(39,300)		
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		48,427	(6,689)	(82,999)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		1,289	5,565	(8,263)
Net increase (decrease) in cash		2,333	(519)	(1,444)
Cash at beginning of year		1,370	3,703	3,184
Cash at end of year	\$	3,703	\$ 3,184	\$ 1,740
•	=			
Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information: Cash paid during the year for interest	\$	27,896	\$ 33,032	\$ 54,817
	=			
Cash paid during the year for income and franchise taxes	\$	797	\$ 667	\$ 1,055
Interest rate swap changes in value charged to equity	\$	1,293	\$ 6,299	\$ 2,335

See accompanying notes.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) Mobile Mini, its Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

Organization and Special Considerations

Mobile Mini, Inc., a Delaware corporation, is a leading provider of portable storage solutions. In these notes, the terms "Mobile Mini" and the "Company", means Mobile Mini, Inc. At December 31, 2009, Mobile Mini has a fleet of portable storage and office units, and operates throughout the U.S., in Canada, the U.K. and The Netherlands. The Company's portable storage products offer secure, temporary storage with immediate access. The Company has a diversified customer base, including large and small retailers, construction companies, medical centers, schools, utilities, distributors, the military, hotels, restaurants, entertainment complexes and households. The Company's customers use its products for a wide variety of applications, including the storage of retail and manufacturing inventory, construction materials and equipment, documents and records and other goods.

On June 27, 2008, we acquired Mobile Storage Group, Inc. (MSG) and the discussion in this Annual Report of the Company's business includes the results of its combined operations with Mobile Storage Group since June 27, 2008.

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Mobile Mini, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries. The Company does not have any subsidiaries in which it does not own 100% of the outstanding stock. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

Revenue Recognition

Lease and leasing ancillary revenues and related expenses generated under portable storage and mobile office units are recognized on a straight-line basis. Delivery and hauling revenues and expenses from portable storage and mobile office units are recognized when these services are earned. The Company recognizes revenues from sales of containers and mobile office units upon delivery when the risk of loss passes, the price is fixed and determinable and collectability is reasonably assured. The Company sells its products pursuant to sales contracts stating the fixed sales price with its customers.

Cost of Sales

Cost of sales in the Company's consolidated statements of income includes only the costs for units it sells. Similar costs associated with the portable storage units that it leases are capitalized on its balance sheet under "Lease fleet".

Advertising Costs

All non direct-response advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Direct-response advertising costs, principally yellow page advertising, are capitalized when paid and amortized over the period in which the benefit is derived. At December 31, 2008 and 2009, prepaid advertising costs were approximately \$4.0 million and \$2.3 million, respectively. The amortization period of the prepaid balance never exceeds 12 months. The Company's direct-response advertising costs are monitored by each branch through call logs and advertising source codes in a contact enterprise resource planning system. Advertising expense was \$10.1 million, \$12.5 million and \$11.4 million in 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

Receivables and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Receivables primarily consist of amounts due from customers from the lease or sale of containers throughout the U.S., Canada, the U.K. and The Netherlands. Mobile Mini records an estimated provision for bad debts through a charge to operations in amounts of its estimated losses expected to be incurred in the collection of these accounts. The Company reviews the provision for adequacy monthly. The estimated losses are based on historical collection experience and evaluation of past-due account agings. Specific accounts are written off against the allowance when management determines the account is uncollectible. The Company requires a security deposit on most leased office units to cover the cost of damages or unpaid balances, if any.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments which potentially expose the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of receivables. Concentration of credit risk with respect to receivables is limited due to the Company's large number of customers spread over a broad geographic area in many industry segments. No single customer accounts for more than 10% of our receivables at December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2009. Receivables related to its sales operations are generally secured by the product sold to the customer. Receivables related to its leasing operations are primarily small month-to-month amounts. The Company has the right to repossess leased portable storage units, including any customer goods contained in the unit, following non-payment of rent.

Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost (principally on a standard cost basis which approximates the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method) or market. Market is the lower of replacement cost or net realizable value. Inventories primarily consist of raw materials, supplies, work-in-process and finished goods, all related to the manufacturing, remanufacturing and maintenance, primarily for the Company's lease fleet and its units held for sale. Raw materials principally consist of raw steel, wood, glass, paint, vinyl and other assembly components used in manufacturing and remanufacturing processes. Work-in-process primarily represents units being built that are either pre-sold or being built to add to its lease fleet upon completion. Finished portable storage units primarily represent ISO (International Organization for Standardization) containers held in inventory until the containers are either sold as is, remanufactured and sold, or units in the process of being remanufactured to be compliant with the Company's lease fleet standards before transferring the units to its lease fleet. There is no certainty when the Company purchases the containers whether they will ultimately be sold, remanufactured and sold, or remanufactured and moved into its lease fleet. Units that are determined to go into the Company's lease fleet undergo an extensive remanufacturing process that includes installing its proprietary locking system, signage, painting and sometimes its proprietary security doors.

Inventories at December 31, consist of the following:

	2008	2009	
	(In thousands)		
Raw materials and supplies	\$16,991	\$15,750	
Work-in-process	1,611	589	
Finished portable storage units	7,975	5,808	
	<u>\$26,577</u>	\$22,147	

In 2008, the Company wrote down inventory cost by \$4.5 million for raw materials and supplies it no longer intended to use in connection with the restructuring of its manufacturing operations.

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Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method over the assets' estimated useful lives. Residual values are determined when the property is constructed or acquired and range up to 25%, depending on the nature of the asset. In the opinion of management, estimated residual values do not cause carrying values to exceed net realizable value. The Company's depreciation expense related to property, plant and equipment for 2007, 2008 and 2009 was \$5.6 million, \$9.4 million and \$12.1 million, respectively. Normal repairs and maintenance to property, plant and equipment are expensed as incurred. When property or equipment is retired or sold, the net book value of the asset, reduced by any proceeds, is charged to gain or loss on the retirement of fixed assets and is included in leasing, selling and general expenses with consolidated statements of income.

In 2008, in connection with the Company's restructuring of its manufacturing operations, it recorded an impairment charge of \$1.2 million to write-down equipment it no longer intended to use and was included in integration, merger and restructuring expense in the consolidated statements of income.

Property, plant and equipment at December 31, consist of the following:

	Estimated Useful Life in Years	2008	2009
		(In thousands)	
Land		\$ 10,978	\$ 11,129
Vehicles and machinery	5 to 20	78,592	76,037
Buildings and improvements(1)	30	13,868	15,012
Office fixtures and equipment	5	20,948	26,404
		124,386	128,582
Less accumulated depreciation		(35,877)	(44,422)
Total property, plant and equipment		\$ 88,509	\$ 84,160

⁽¹⁾ Improvements made to leased properties are depreciated over the lesser of the estimated remaining life or the remaining term of the respective lease.

Other Assets and Intangibles

Other assets and intangibles primarily represent deferred financing costs and intangible assets from acquisitions of \$43.3 million at December 31, 2008 and \$44.8 million at December 31, 2009, excluding accumulated amortization of \$8.3 million at December 31, 2008 and \$18.2 million at December 31, 2009. Deferred financing costs are amortized over the term of the agreement, and intangible assets are amortized either on a straight-line basis, typically over a five-year period, or on an accelerated basis for intrinsic values assigned to customer relationships and trade names.

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The following table reflects balances related to other assets and intangible assets for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009 (in thousands):

	1	December 31, 200	8	December 31, 2009				
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount		
Deferred financing costs	\$21,756	\$(4,263)	\$17,493	\$21,831	\$ (7,977)	\$13,854		
Customer relationships	20,166	(3,454)	16,712	21,572	(9,266)	12,306		
Trade names/trademarks	864	(343)	521	943	(750)	193		
Non-compete agreements	330	(120)	210	273	(123)	150		
Patents and other	211	(84)	127	218	(78)	140		
Total	<u>\$43,327</u>	<u>\$(8,264)</u>	\$35,063	\$44,837	<u>\$(18,194)</u>	\$26,643		

Amortization expense for intangibles was approximately \$1.0 million, \$3.6 million and \$5.5 million in 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively. Based on the carrying value at December 31, 2009, and assuming no subsequent impairment of the underlying assets, the annual amortization expense is expected to be \$4.0 million in 2010, \$2.9 million in 2011, \$2.1 million in 2012, \$1.4 million in 2013, \$0.9 million in 2014 and \$1.4 million thereafter.

Income Taxes

Mobile Mini utilizes the liability method of accounting for income taxes where deferred taxes are determined based on the difference between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect in the years in which the differences are expected to reverse. Valuation allowances are established, when necessary, to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized. Income tax expense includes both taxes payable for the period and the change during the period in deferred tax assets and liabilities.

Earnings per Share

The Company's preferred stock participates in distributions of earnings on the same basis as shares of common stock. Earnings for the period are allocated between the common and preferred shareholders based on their respective rights to receive dividends. Basic net income per share is then calculated by dividing income allocable to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding, net of shares subject to repurchase by the Company, during the period. The Company is not required to present basic and diluted net income (loss) per share for securities other than common stock; therefore, the following net income per share amounts only pertain to the Company's common stock. The Company calculates diluted net income per share under the if-converted method unless the conversion of the preferred stock is anti-dilutive to basic net income per share under the two-class method. Potential common shares include restricted common stock and incremental shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of stock options and vesting of nonvested stock awards and convertible preferred stock using the treasury stock method.

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The following table is a reconciliation of net income and weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding for purposes of calculating basic and diluted earnings per share for the years ended December 31:

	2007	2008	2009
	(In thousands except earnings per share)		
Historical net income per share:			
Numerator:			
Net income	\$44,176	\$29,041	\$27,798
Less: Earnings allocable to preferred stock		(2,739)	(5,431)
Net income available to common stockholders	<u>\$44,176</u>	<u>\$26,302</u>	<u>\$22,367</u>
Basic EPS Denominator:			
Common stock outstanding beginning of period	35,640	34,041	34,324
Effect of weighted shares:			
Weighted shares issued during the period ended December 31,	302	114	273
Weighted shared purchased during the period ended December 31,	(453)	_	_
Denominator for basic net income per share		34,155	34,597
Diluted EPS Denominator:			
Common shares outstanding, beginning of year	35,640	34,041	34,324
Effect of weighting shares:			
Weighted common shares issued during the period ended December 31,	302	114	273
Weighted common shares purchased during the period ended December 31,	(453)	_	_
Dilutive effect of employee stock options on nonvested share-awards assumed converted during the period ended December 31,	807	372	257
Dilutive effect of convertible preferred stock assumed	007	312	257
converted during the period ended December 31,		4,348	8,398
Denominator for diluted net income per share	36,296	38,875	43,252
Basic net income per share	\$ 1.24	\$ 0.77	\$ 0.65
Diluted net income per share	<u>\$ 1.22</u>	<u>\$ 0.75</u>	<u>\$ 0.64</u>

Employee stock options to purchase 0.6 million, 0.6 million 1.4 million shares were issued or outstanding during 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively, but were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the effect would have been anti-dilutive. The anti-dilutive options could potentially dilute future earnings per share. Basic weighted average number of common shares outstanding in 2007, 2008 and 2009 does not include 0.5 million, 1.0 million and 1.2 million nonvested share-awards, respectively, as the stock is not vested. During 2007, 2008 and 2009, an immaterial amount of nonvested share-awards were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the effect would have been anti-dilutive. The nonvested stock could potentially dilute future earnings per share.

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Long-Lived Assets

Mobile Mini reviews long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of such assets may not be fully recoverable. If this review indicates the carrying value of these assets will not be recoverable, as measured based on estimated undiscounted cash flows over their remaining life, the carrying amount would be adjusted to fair value. The cash flow estimates contain management's best estimates, using appropriate and customary assumptions and projections at the time. The Company recognized impairment losses of \$1.2 million the year ended December 31, 2008 related to the restructuring of the Company's manufacturing operations for vehicles and equipment. The Company did not recognize any impairment losses in the year ended December 31, 2009.

Goodwill

Purchase prices of acquired businesses have been allocated to the assets and liabilities acquired based on the estimated fair values on the respective acquisition dates. Based on these values, the excess purchase prices over the fair value of the net assets acquired were allocated to goodwill. In 2008, the Company completed the Merger by which MSG became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mobile Mini, Inc. Three other acquisitions of businesses were asset purchases which results in the goodwill relating to business acquisitions executed under asset purchase agreements being deductible for income tax purposes over 15 years even though goodwill is not amortized for financial reporting purposes. Our other acquisition in 2008 was a stock purchase. The Company did not have any acquisitions in 2009.

The Company evaluates goodwill periodically to determine whether events or circumstances have occurred that would indicate goodwill might be impaired. The Company has assigned its goodwill to each of its three reporting units (North America, the U.K. and The Netherlands). The Company performs an annual impairment test on goodwill at December 31 using the two-step process. The first step is a screen for potential impairment, while the second step measures the amount of the impairment, if any. In addition, the Company will perform impairment tests during any reporting period in which events or changes in circumstances indicate that an impairment may have incurred. At December 31, 2009, the Company performed the first step of the two-step impairment test and compared the fair value of each reporting unit to its carrying value. In assessing the fair value of the reporting units, the Company considered both the market and income approaches. Under the market approach, the fair value of the reporting unit is based on quoted market prices of companies comparable to the reporting unit being valued. Under the income approach, the fair value of the reporting unit is based on the present value of estimated cash flows. The income approach is dependent on a number of significant management assumptions, including estimated future revenue growth rates, gross margins on sales, operating margins, capital expenditure, tax payments and discount rates. Each approach was given equal weight in arriving at the fair value of the reporting unit. As of December 31, 2008, the Company determined the fair values of the U.K. and The Netherlands reporting units were less than the carrying values of the net assets of these reporting units, thus the Company performed step two of the impairment test for these two reporting units. As of December 31, 2009, neither of the Company's reporting units with goodwill had estimated fair values less than the reporting units' individual net asset carrying values, and therefore, step two of the impairment test was not required at December 31, 2009.

In step two of the impairment test, the Company is required to determine the implied fair value of the goodwill and compare it to the carrying value of the goodwill. The Company allocated the fair value of the reporting units to the respective assets and liabilities of each reporting unit as if the reporting units had been acquired in separate and individual business combinations and the fair value of the reporting units was the price paid to acquire the reporting units. The excess of the fair value of the reporting units over the amounts assigned to their respective assets and liabilities is the implied fair value of goodwill. In 2008, the Company recognized an impairment charge of \$13.7 million. The Company reconciled the fair values of its three reporting units in the aggregate to its market capitalization at December 31, 2009. At December 31, 2009, \$447.2 million of the goodwill relates to the North

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America reporting unit, and \$66.0 million relates to the U.K. reporting unit. The fair value of the North America and U.K. reporting units exceeded the carrying value at December 31, 2009 by 13% and 26%, respectively.

The Company did not record a goodwill impairment prior to 2008.

The following table shows the activity and balances related to goodwill from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

	Gross goodwill	Impairments	Net goodwill
Balance at January 1, 2008	\$ 79,790	\$ —	\$ 79,790
Acquisitions	452,607		452,607
Impairment(1)	_	(13,667)	(13,667)
Foreign currency(2)	(26,073)		(26,073)
Balance at December 31, 2008	506,324	(13,667)	492,657
Adjustments(3)	14,735	_	14,735
Foreign currency(2)	5,846		5,846
Balance at December 31, 2009	<u>\$526,905</u>	<u>\$(13,667)</u>	<u>\$513,238</u>

⁽¹⁾ Represents goodwill impairment of approximately \$12.8 million related to the U.K. reporting unit and \$0.9 million related to The Netherlands reporting unit.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company determines the estimated fair value of financial instruments using available market information and valuation methodologies. Considerable judgment is required in estimating fair values. Accordingly, the estimates may not be indicative of the amounts it could realize in a current market exchange.

The carrying amounts of cash, receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate fair values based on the liquidity of these financial instruments or based on their short-term nature. The carrying amounts of the Company's borrowings under its credit facility and notes payable approximate fair value. The fair values of the Company's notes payable and credit facility are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, based on its current incremental borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements. Based on the borrowing rates currently available to the Company for bank loans with similar terms and average maturities, the fair value of fixed rate notes payable at December 31, 2008 and 2009, approximated the book values. The fair value of the Company's Senior Notes at December 31, 2008 (\$345.8 million principal amount outstanding) and 2009 (\$345.4 million principal amount outstanding), was approximately \$244.0 million and \$348.5 million, respectively. The determination for fair value is based on the latest sales price at the end of each fiscal year obtained from a third-party institution.

Deferred Financing Costs

Included in other assets and intangibles are deferred financing costs of approximately \$17.5 million and \$13.9 million, net of accumulated amortization of \$4.3 million and \$8.0 million, at December 31, 2008 and 2009, respectively. Costs of obtaining long-term financing, including the Company's amended credit facility, are amortized over the term of the related debt, using the straight-line method. Amortizing the deferred financing costs using the straight-line method approximates the effective interest method.

⁽²⁾ Represents foreign currency translation adjustments related to the U.K. and The Netherlands reporting units.

⁽³⁾ Represents purchase price allocation adjustments related to the North America and U.K. reporting units.

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Derivatives

In the normal course of business, the Company's operations are exposed to fluctuations in interest rates. The Company addresses a portion of these risks through a controlled program of risk management that includes the use of derivative financial instruments. The objective of controlling these risks is to limit the impact of fluctuations in interest rates on earnings.

The Company's primary interest rate risk exposure results from changes in short-term U.S. dollar interest rates. In an effort to manage interest rate exposures, the Company may enter into interest rate swap agreements, which convert its floating rate debt to a fixed-rate and which it designates as cash flow hedges. Interest expense on the notional amounts under these agreements is accrued using the fixed rates identified in the swap agreements.

Mobile Mini had interest rate swap agreements totaling \$200.0 million at December 31, 2008 and 2009. The fixed interest rate on the Company's eight swap agreements at December 31, 2009 range from 3.25% to 4.71%, averaging 4.03% plus the spread. Three swap agreements mature in 2010 and five swap agreements mature in 2011.

The following tables summarize information related to the Company's derivatives. All of the Company's derivatives are designated as effective hedging instruments.

Interest Rate Swap Agreements						
Derivatives Fair Value Hedging Relationships	Balance Sheet Locatio					
December 31, 2008	Accrued liabilities	(In thousands) \$(11,532)				
December 31, 2009	Accrued liabilities	\$ (7,703)				
Interest Rate Swap Agreements						
Derivatives Fair Value Hedging Relationships		Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in OCI on Derivative				
		(In thousands)				
December 31, 2008 (net of income tax benefit of \$4.0 million).	\$(6,299)					
December 31, 2009 (net of income taxes of \$1.5 million)	\$ 2,335					

Share-Based Compensation

At December 31, 2009, the Company had one active share-based employee compensation plan. There are two expired compensation plans, one of which still has outstanding options subject to exercise or termination. No additional options can be granted under the expired plans. Stock option awards under these plans are granted with an exercise price per share equal to the fair market value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. Each option must expire no more than 10 years from the date it is granted and historically options are granted with vesting over a 4.5 year period.

The Company uses the modified prospective method and does not recognize a deferred tax asset for an excess tax benefit that has not been realized related to stock-based compensation deductions. The Company adopted the with-and-without approach with respect to the ordering of tax benefits realized. In the with-and-without approach, the excess tax benefit related to stock-based compensation deductions will be recognized in additional paid-in capital only if an incremental tax benefit would be realized after considering all other tax benefits presently available to us. Therefore, the Company's net operating loss carryforward will offset current taxable income prior to the recognition of the tax benefit related to stock-based compensation deductions. In 2007 and 2008 there were \$3.4 million and \$0.4 million, respectively, of excess tax benefits related to stock-based compensation, which were not realized under this approach. In 2009, no excess tax benefit was generated, as instead a \$1.8 million tax deduct shortfall occurred, which was applied against previously recognized benefits. Once the Company's net operating

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loss carryforward is utilized, these excess tax benefits, totaling \$5.5 million, may be recognized in additional paid-in capital.

Foreign Currency Translation and Transactions

For Mobile Mini's non-U.S. operations, the local currency is the functional currency. All assets and liabilities are translated into dollars at period-end exchange rates and all income statement amounts are translated at the average exchange rate for each month within the year.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the accompanying consolidated financial statements and the notes to those statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The most significant estimates included within the financial statements are the allowance for doubtful accounts, the estimated useful lives and residual values on the lease fleet and property, plant and equipment and goodwill and other asset impairments.

Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Standards

Accounting Standards Codification. Effective July 1, 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board's (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) became the single official source of authoritative, nongovernmental generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States. The historical GAAP hierarchy was eliminated and the ASC became the only level of authoritative GAAP, other than guidance issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The codification was effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending after September 15, 2009, except for certain nonpublic nongovernmental entities. The Company's accounting policies were not affected by the conversion to ASC.

Fair Value Measurements. In September 2006, the FASB issued guidance which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. In February 2008, the FASB issued additional guidance which deferred the effective date for the Company to January 1, 2009 for all nonfinancial assets and liabilities, except for those that are recognized or disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis (that is, at least annually). The Company adopted the deferred provisions of this guidance on January 1, 2009. The adoption of these provisions did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Business Combinations. On January 1, 2009, the Company adopted new accounting guidance for business combinations as issued by the FASB. The new accounting guidance establishes principles and requirements for how an acquirer in a business combination recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interests in the acquiree, as well as the goodwill acquired. Significant changes from previous guidance resulting from this new guidance include the expansion of the definitions of a "business" and a "business combination." For all business combinations (whether partial, full or step acquisitions), the acquirer will record 100% of all assets and liabilities of the acquired business, including goodwill, generally at their fair values; contingent consideration will be recognized at its fair value on the acquisition date and; for certain arrangements, changes in fair value will be recognized in earnings until settlement; and acquisition-related transaction and restructuring costs will be expensed rather than treated as part of the cost of the acquisition. The new accounting guidance also establishes disclosure requirements to enable users to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business combination. Because the majority of the provisions of the new accounting guidance are applicable to future transactions, the adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

On January 1, 2009, the Company adopted new accounting guidance for assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination as issued by the FASB. The new guidance amends the provisions previously

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issued by the FASB related to the initial recognition and measurement, subsequent measurement and accounting and disclosures for assets and liabilities arising from contingencies in business combinations. The new guidance eliminates the distinction between contractual and non-contractual contingencies, including the initial recognition and measurement. The adoption of this accounting guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Determining the Useful Life of Intangible Assets. On January 1, 2009, the Company adopted new accounting guidance for the determination of the useful life of intangible assets as issued by the FASB. The new guidance amends the factors that should be considered in developing the renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life of a recognized intangible asset. The new guidance also requires expanded disclosure regarding the determination of intangible asset useful lives. Because this accounting guidance is applicable to future transactions, the adoption of this accounting guidance did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Subsequent Events. On April 1, 2009, the Company adopted new accounting guidance related to subsequent events as issued by the FASB. The new requirement establishes the accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued. The adoption of these provisions did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Transfers of Financial Assets. In June 2009, the FASB issued guidance that changes the information a reporting entity provides in its financial statements about the transfer of financial assets and continuing interests held in transferred financial assets. The standard amends previous accounting guidance by removing the concept of qualified special purpose entities. This accounting standard is effective for the Company for transfers occurring on or after January 1, 2010. The Company does not expect the adoption of this accounting standard to have a material effect on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

Fair Value Measurement of Liabilities. In August 2009, FASB issued guidance providing clarification that in circumstances in which a quoted price in an active market for the identical liability is not available, a reporting entity is required to measure fair value using one or more of the following techniques:

- 1. A valuation technique that uses:
 - a. The quoted price of the identical liability when traded as an asset.
 - b. Quoted prices for similar liabilities or similar liabilities when traded as assets.
- 2. Another valuation technique that is consistent with the principles in the FASB's guidance (two examples would be an income approach or a market approach).

This guidance also clarifies that (i) when estimating fair value of a liability, a reporting entity is not required to include a separate input or adjustment to other inputs relating to the existence of a restriction that prevents the transfer of the liability and (ii) both a quoted price in an active market for the identical liability at the measurement date and the quoted price for the identical liability when traded as an asset in an active market when no adjustments to the quoted price of the asset are required are Level 1 fair value measurements. This guidance is effective for the first reporting period (including interim periods) beginning after issuance. This accounting guidance did not have a material impact on its financial statements and disclosures.

Multiple Element Arrangements. In September 2009, the FASB issued new accounting guidance related to the revenue recognition of multiple element arrangements. The new guidance states that if vendor specific objective evidence or third party evidence for deliverables in an arrangement cannot be determined, companies will be required to develop a best estimate of the selling price to separate deliverables and allocate arrangement consideration using the relative selling price method. This guidance is effective for the Company for arrangements entered into after January 1, 2010. The Company currently does not expect this guidance to have a material impact on its financial statements and disclosures

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(2) Fair Value Measurements

The Company defines fair value as the price that would be received from selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. Fair value is a market-based measurement that should be determined based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset liability. As a basis for considering such assumptions, the Company established three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1 Observable input such as quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 Observable inputs, other than Level 1 inputs in active markets, that are observable either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3 Unobservable inputs for which there is little or no market data, which require the reporting entity to develop its own assumptions

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are as follows:

Interest Swap Agreements.	Fair Value	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) (In thousands)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Valuation Technique
December 31, 2008	\$(11,532)	\$	\$(11,532)	\$	(1)
December 31, 2009	\$ (7,703)	\$	\$ (7,703)	\$	(1)

⁽¹⁾ The Company's interest rate swap agreements are not traded on a market exchange; therefore, the fair values are determined using valuation models which include assumptions about the LIBOR yield curve at the reporting dates as well as counterparty credit risk and the Company's own non-performance risk. The Company has consistently applied these calculation techniques to all periods presented. At December 31, 2008 and 2009, the fair value of interest rate swap agreements is recorded in accrued liabilities in the Company's consolidated balance sheet.

(3) Lease Fleet

Mobile Mini's lease fleet primarily consists of remanufactured, modified and manufactured portable storage and office units that are leased to customers under short-term operating lease agreements with varying terms. Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method over the units' estimated useful life, after the date the Company put the unit in service, and are depreciated down to their estimated residual values. The Company's depreciation policy on its steel units uses an estimated useful life of 30 years with an estimated residual value of 55%. Prior to April 2009, the Company's depreciation policy on its steel units used an estimated useful life of 25 years with an estimated residual value of 62.5%. Wood mobile office units are depreciated over 20 years down to a 50% residual value. Van trailers, which are a small part of the Company's fleet, are depreciated over 7 years to a 20% residual value. Van trailers and other non-core assets are only added to the fleet in connection with acquisitions of portable storage businesses. In the opinion of management, estimated residual values do not cause carrying values to exceed net realizable value. The Company continues to evaluate these depreciation policies as more information becomes available from other comparable sources and its own historical experience. The Company's depreciation expense related to lease fleet for 2007, 2008 and 2009 was \$14.5 million, \$18.9 million and \$21.4 million, respectively. At December 31, 2008 and 2009, all of the Company's lease fleet units were pledged as collateral under the credit facility (see Note 4). Normal repairs and maintenance to the portable storage and mobile office units are expensed as incurred

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Lease fleet at December 31, consists of the following:

	2008	2009	
	(In thousands)		
Steel storage containers	\$ 616,750	\$ 621,466	
Offices	523,242	526,951	
Van trailers	15,610	5,557	
Other (chassis and ancillary products)	2,161	2,651	
	1,157,763	1,156,625	
Accumulated depreciation	(79,607)	(101,297)	
	\$1,078,156	\$1,055,328	

(4) Line of Credit:

In connection with the Merger in 2008, Mobile Mini expanded its revolving credit facility to increase its borrowing limit and to include the combined assets of both Mobile Mini and Mobile Storage Group as security for the facility.

On June 27, 2008, Mobile Mini and its subsidiaries, (including Mobile Storage Group and its subsidiaries) entered into an ABL Credit Agreement (the Credit Agreement) with Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch and other lenders party thereto. The Credit Agreement provides for a five-year, \$900.0 million revolving credit facility. Amounts borrowed under the Credit Agreement and repaid or prepaid during the term may be reborrowed. Outstanding amounts under the Credit Agreement bear interest at the Company's option at either (i) LIBOR plus a defined margin, or (ii) the Agent bank's prime rate plus a margin. The applicable margins for each type of loan will range from 2.25% to 2.75% for LIBOR loans and 0.75% to 1.25% for base rate loans depending upon the Company's debt ratio at each measurement date. All amounts outstanding under the Credit Agreement are due on June 27, 2013.

Availability of borrowings under the Credit Agreement is subject to a borrowing base calculation based upon a valuation of the Company's eligible accounts receivable, eligible container fleet (including containers held for sale, work-in-process and raw materials), machinery and equipment and real property, each multiplied by an applicable advance rate or limit. The lease fleet is appraised at least once annually by a third-party appraisal firm and up to 90% of the lesser of cost or appraised orderly liquidation value, as defined, may be included in the borrowing base to determine how much the Company may borrow under this facility.

The Credit Agreement provides for U.K. borrowings, denominated in either Pounds Sterling or Euros, by the Company's subsidiary Mobile Mini U.K. Limited based upon a U.K. borrowing base and for U.S. borrowings, which are denominated in U.S. Dollars, by Mobile Mini based upon a U.S. and Canada borrowing base.

The Company's obligations and those of its subsidiaries under the Credit Agreement are secured by a blanket lien on substantially all of the Company's assets.

The Credit Agreement also contains customary negative covenants applicable to Mobile Mini and its subsidiaries, including covenants that restrict their ability to, among other things, (i) make capital expenditures in excess of defined limits, (ii) allow certain liens to attach to the Company or its subsidiary assets, (iii) repurchase or pay dividends or make certain other restricted payments on capital stock and certain other securities, or prepay certain indebtedness, (iv) incur additional indebtedness or engage in certain other types of financing transactions, and (v) make acquisitions or other investments.

Mobile Mini also must comply with specified financial covenants and affirmative covenants. Only if the Company falls below specified borrowing availability levels are financial maintenance covenants applicable, with set maximum permitted values for its leverage ratio (as defined), fixed charge coverage ratios and its minimum

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required utilization rates. At December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2009, the Company was above the minimum borrowing availability threshold and therefore not subject to these financial maintenance covenants.

The weighted average interest rate under the line of credit, including the effect of applicable interest rate swap agreements, was approximately 5.8% in 2008 and 4.4% in 2009. The average balance outstanding during 2008 and 2009 was approximately \$416.2 million and \$531.9 million, respectively.

Mobile Mini has interest rate swap agreements under which it effectively fixed the interest rate payable on \$200.0 million of borrowings under the Company's credit facility so that the interest rate is based on a spread from a fixed rate rather than a spread from the LIBOR rate. The aggregate change in the fair value of the interest rate swap agreements resulted in comprehensive income for the year ended December 31, 2009 of \$2.3 million, net of applicable income taxes of \$1.5 million.

In 2008, when the Company evaluated the expansion of its revolving credit facility, the new borrowing capacity under the Credit Agreement exceeded that under the original revolving credit facility; therefore unamortized deferred financing costs were added to the costs incurred as part of the Credit Agreement.

(5) Notes Payable:

Notes payable at December 31, consist of the following:

	2008	2009
	(In thou	usands)
Notes payable to financial institution, interest at 2.98% payable in fixed monthly installments, maturing September 2010, unsecured	\$ —	\$ 955
Notes payable to financial institution, interest at 4.81% payable in fixed monthly installments, matured September 2009, unsecured	1,026	_
Other notes payable, maturing through 2011	354	<u>173</u>
	<u>\$1,380</u>	<u>\$1,128</u>

(6) Obligations Under Capital Leases:

At December 31, 2008 and 2009, obligations under capital leases for certain forklifts, storage containers and office related equipment were \$5.5 million and \$4.1 million, respectively. The lease agreements provide the Company with a purchase option at the end of the lease term. The leases have been capitalized using interest rates ranging from approximately 5.7% to 8.5%. The leases are secured by the equipment under lease. Assets recorded under capital lease obligations totaled approximately \$6.0 million as of December 31, 2008 and \$6.9 million as of December 31, 2009. Related accumulated amortization totaled approximately \$300,000 as of December 31, 2008 and \$700,000 as of December 31, 2009. The assets acquired under capital leases and related accumulated amortization is included in property, plant and equipment, net, and lease fleet, net, in the consolidated balance sheets. The related amortization is included in depreciation and amortization expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income.

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Future minimum capital lease payments at December 31, 2009 are as follows (in thousands):

2010	\$1,738
2011	1,432
2012	912
2013	314
2014	157
Total	4,553
Amount representing interest	_(492)
Present value of minimum lease payments	\$4,061

(7) Equity and Debt Issuances:

Mobile Mini Supplemental Indenture

In connection with the Merger, Mobile Mini entered into a Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 27, 2008 (the Mobile Mini Supplemental Indenture), with Mobile Storage Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation, A Better Mobile Storage Company, a California corporation and Mobile Storage Group (Texas), LP, a Texas limited partnership (collectively, the New Mobile Mini Guarantors), the guarantors (the Existing Mobile Mini Guarantors) party to the Mobile Mini Indenture and Law Debenture Trust Company of New York, as trustee (LDTC), pursuant to which the New Mobile Mini Guarantors became "Guarantors" for all purposes under the Mobile Mini Indenture. Mobile Mini, the Existing Mobile Mini guarantors and LDTC previously entered into an Indenture (the Mobile Mini Indenture), dated as of May 7, 2007, pursuant to which Mobile Mini issued \$150.0 million in aggregate principal amount of its 6.875% Senior Notes due 2015 (the Mobile Mini Notes).

MSG Supplemental Indenture

In connection with the Merger, Mobile Mini entered into a Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 27, 2008 (the MSG Supplemental Indenture), with Mobile Mini of Ohio LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Mobile Mini, LLC, a California limited liability company, Mobile Mini, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Mobile Mini I, Inc., an Arizona corporation, A Royal Wolf Portable Storage, Inc., a California corporation, Temporary Mobile Storage, Inc., a California corporation, Mobile Mini Dealer, Inc. (formally Delivery Design Systems, Inc.), an Arizona corporation, Mobile Mini Texas Limited Partnership, LLP, a Texas limited liability partnership (collectively, the New MSG Guarantors), A Better Mobile Storage Company, a California corporation, and Mobile Storage Group (Texas), LP, a Texas limited partnership (the Existing MSG Guarantors), Mobile Storage Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as trustee (Wells Fargo), pursuant to which Mobile Mini became an "Issuer" for all purposes under the MSG Indenture (as defined below) and the New MSG Guarantors became "Guarantors" for all purposes under the MSG Indenture.

Mobile Storage Group, Inc. and Mobile Services Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Original Issuers), the Existing MSG Guarantors and Wells Fargo previously entered into an Indenture (the MSG Indenture), dated as of August 1, 2006, pursuant to which the Original Issuers issued \$200.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 9.75% Senior Notes due 2014 (the MSG Notes). The MSG Indenture includes covenants, indemnities and events of default that are customary for indentures of this type, including restrictions on the incurrence of additional debt, sales of assets and payment of dividends.

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Future Debt Obligations

The scheduled maturity for debt obligations under Mobile Mini's revolving line of credit, notes payable, obligations under capital leases and Senior Notes for balances outstanding at December 31, 2009 are as follows (in thousands):

2010	\$ 2,602
2011	1,298
2012	847
2013	473,944
2014	199,003
Thereafter	150,000
	\$827,694

Preferred Stock

As part of the consideration for the Merger, Mobile Mini issued 8.6 million shares of its Series A Convertible Redeemable Participating Preferred Stock, to the former MSG's stockholders. The shares were determined to have an initial fair value of \$196.6 million based upon a third party valuation. The shares had a liquidation preference of \$154.0 million at December 31, 2008 and \$147.4 at December 31, 2009.

The preferred stock votes with Mobile Mini's common stock as a single class. It ranks senior to the common stock only with respect to distributions upon the occurrence of the bankruptcy, liquidation, dissolution or winding up of Mobile Mini. Holders of a majority of the shares of preferred stock, may require the Company to redeem all of the outstanding preferred stock (i) if the Company enters into a binding agreement in respect of a sale of the Company (as defined in the Certificate of Designation for the preferred stock) at a sale price of less than \$23.00 per share or (ii) at any time after the tenth anniversary of the preferred stock issuance date. If such majority holders do not exercise their redemption rights following either of these events, the Company at its option may redeem the preferred stock. The preferred stock is convertible into 8.6 million shares of the Company's common stock at any time at the option of the holders, representing an initial conversion price of \$18.00 per common share. The preferred stock will be mandatorily convertible into the Company's common stock if, after the first anniversary of the issuance of the preferred stock, its common stock trades above \$23.00 per share for a period of 30 consecutive days. In 2009, 364,587 shares of preferred stock were converted to an equal number of shares of common stock. The preferred stock will not have any cash or payment-in-kind dividends (unless and until a dividend is paid with respect to the common stock, in which case dividends will be paid on an equal basis with the common stock, on an asconverted basis) and does not impose any financial covenants upon the Company.

Under a Stockholders Agreement entered into with the sellers of MSG, Mobile Mini filed a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on April 28, 2009, as amended on June 19, 2009, covering all of the shares of Mobile Mini common stock issuable upon conversion of the preferred stock and any shares of its common stock received in respect of the preferred stock (called the registrable securities) then held by any Mobile Storage Group stockholders party to the Stockholders Agreement to enable the resale of such registrable securities after June 27, 2009.

The registration rights granted in the Stockholders Agreement are subject to customary restrictions such as blackout periods and limitations on the number of shares to be included in any underwritten offering imposed by the managing underwriter. In addition, the Stockholders Agreement contains other limitations on the timing and ability of the holders of registrable securities to exercise demands.

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(8) Income Taxes:

Income (loss) before taxes for the years ended December 31 consisted of the following:

	2007	2008	2009
		(In thousands)	
U.S	\$75,355	\$ 70,534	\$44,362
Other Nations	(2,769)	(13,493)	1,493
	<u>\$72,586</u>	\$ 57,041	<u>\$45,855</u>

The provision (benefit) for income taxes for the years ended December 31, consisted of the following:

	2007	2008	2009
Current:		(In thousands)	
U.S. Federal	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (262)
State	413	210	333
Other Nations			
	413	210	71
Deferred:			
U.S. Federal	24,845	26,549	16,574
State	3,978	2,662	1,661
Other Nations	(826)	(1,421)	(249)
	27,997	27,790	17,986
	<u>\$28,410</u>	\$28,000	\$18,057

The components of the net deferred tax liability at December 31, are approximately as follows:

	2008	2009
	(In thou	ısands)
Deferred tax assets:		
Net operating loss carryforwards	\$ 88,178	\$ 92,588
Deferred revenue and expenses	7,950	5,941
Accrued compensation and other benefits	4,454	2,861
Allowance for doubtful accounts	2,185	1,116
Other	4,542	6,545
Total deferred tax assets	107,309	109,051
Valuation allowance	(1,126)	(1,126)
Net deferred tax assets	106,183	107,925
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Accelerated tax depreciation	(239,794)	(254,977)
Accelerated tax amortization	(1,067)	(3,253)
Other	(108)	(5,392)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(240,969)	(263,622)
Net deferred tax liabilities	<u>\$(134,786)</u>	<u>\$(155,697)</u>

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A deferred U.S. tax liability has not been provided on the undistributed earnings of certain foreign subsidiaries because it is Mobile Mini's intent to permanently reinvest such earnings. Undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries, which have been, or are intended to be, permanently invested, aggregated approximately \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million as of December 31, 2008 and 2009, respectively. A net deferred tax liability of approximately \$11.1 million related to the Company's U.K. and The Netherlands operations have been combined with the net deferred tax liabilities of its U.S. operations in its consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2009.

A reconciliation of the U.S. federal statutory rate to Mobile Mini's effective tax rate for the years ended December 31, is as follows:

	2007	2008	2009
U.S. federal statutory rate	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%
State taxes, net of federal benefit	3.5	3.5	3.5
Non deductible expenses-other	0.6	1.6	0.5
Goodwill impairments	_	6.7	_
Foreign loss rate differential		2.3	0.4
	<u>39.1</u> %	<u>49.1</u> %	<u>39.4</u> %

At December 31, 2009, Mobile Mini had a U.S. federal net operating loss carryforward of approximately \$216.8 million, which expires if unused from 2017 to 2029. At December 31, 2009, the Company had net operating loss carryforwards in the various states in which it operates totaling \$155.9 million, which expire if unused from 2009 to 2029. At December 31, 2008 and 2009, the Company's deferred tax assets do not include \$7.4 million and \$5.5 million of excess tax benefits from employee stock option exercises that are a component of its net operating loss carryforward. Additional paid in capital will be increased by \$5.5 million if and when such excess tax benefits are realized. Management evaluates the ability to realize its deferred tax assets on a quarterly basis and adjusts the amount of its valuation allowance if necessary. There has been no change recorded in 2009 on the \$1.1 million valuation allowance relating to Royal Wolf tax attribute carryforwards. Accelerated tax amortization primarily relates to amortization of goodwill for income tax purposes.

On January 1, 2007, Mobile Mini adopted a two-step approach to recognizing and measuring uncertain tax positions. The first step is to evaluate the tax position for recognition by determining if the weight of available evidence indicates that it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained on audit, including resolution of related appeals or litigation process, if any. The second step is to measure the tax benefit as the largest amount that is more than 50% likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement.

The Company files U.S. federal tax returns, U.S. state tax returns, and foreign tax returns. The Company has identified its U.S. Federal tax return as its "major" tax jurisdiction. For the U.S. Federal return, the year 2008 is subject to tax examination by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. During 2009 the IRS concluded the audit of the Company's consolidated U.S. Federal return for 2006 and 2007. There were no adjustments which resulted in a material change to the Company's financial position. No reserves for uncertain income tax positions have been recorded and the Company did not record a cumulative effect adjustment. The Company does not anticipate that the total amount of unrecognized tax benefit related to any particular tax position will change significantly within the next 12 months.

The Company's policy for recording interest and penalties associated with audits is to record such items as a component of income before taxes. Penalties and associated interest costs are recorded in leasing, selling and general expenses in its consolidated statements of income.

As a result of stock ownership changes during the years presented, it is possible that the Company has undergone a change in ownership for federal income tax purposes, which can limit the amount of net operating loss

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currently available as a deduction. Management has determined that even if such an ownership change has occurred, it would not impair the realization of the deferred tax asset resulting from the federal net operating loss carryover.

Mobile Mini paid income taxes of approximately \$0.8 million, \$0.7 million and \$0.9 million in 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively. These amounts are lower than the recorded expense in the years due to net operating loss carryforwards and general business credit utilization.

(9) Transactions with Related Persons:

When Mobile Mini was a private company prior to 1994, it leased some of its properties from entities originally controlled by its founder, Richard E. Bunger, and his family members. These related party leases remain in effect. The Company leases a portion of the property comprising its Phoenix location and the property comprising its Tucson location from entities owned by Steven G. Bunger and his siblings. Steven G. Bunger is Mobile Mini's President and Chief Executive Officer and has served as its Chairman of the Board since February 2001. Annual lease payments under these leases totaled approximately \$94,000, \$98,000 and \$178,000 in 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively. The term of each of these leases expire on December 31, 2013. Mobile Mini leases its Rialto, California facility from Mobile Mini Systems, Inc., a corporation wholly owned by Barbara M. Bunger, the mother of Steven G. Bunger. Annual lease payments in 2007, 2008 and 2009 under this lease were approximately \$282,000, \$295,000 and \$307,000, respectively. The Rialto lease expires on April 1, 2016. Management believes that the rental rates reflect the fair market rental value of these properties or were less than the fair market rental value. The terms of these related persons lease agreements have been reviewed and approved by the independent directors who comprise a majority of the members of the Company's Board of Directors.

It is Mobile Mini's intention not to enter into any additional related person transactions other than extensions of these lease agreements.

(10) Share-Based Compensation:

Prior to January 1, 2006, the Company accounted for share-based employee compensation, where no compensation cost was recognized, and a disclosure was made regarding the pro forma effect on net earnings assuming compensation cost had been recognized. Effective January 1, 2006, the Company started using the modified prospective method for recognizing share-based compensation expense.

In 2005, the Company began awarding nonvested shares under the existing share-based compensation plans. The majority of the Company's nonvested share-awards vest in equal annual installments over a five year period. The total value of these awards is expensed on a straight-line basis over the service period of the employees receiving the grants. The "service period" is the time during which the employees receiving grants must remain employees for the shares granted to fully vest. In December 2007, the Company began granting its executive officers nonvested share-awards with vesting subject to a performance conditions. Vesting for these share-awards is dependent upon the officers fulfilling the service period requirements, as well as the Company meeting certain EBITDA targets in each of the next four years. The Company is required to assess the probability that such performance conditions will be met. If the likelihood of the performance condition being met is deemed probable, the Company will recognize the expense using accelerated attribution method. The accelerated attribution method could result in as much as 50% of the total value of the shares being recognized in the first year of the service period if each of the four future targets is assessed as probable of being met. In 2009, the share-based compensation expense was reduced by \$1.4 million to reflect anticipated shortfalls related to share-awards with vesting subject to a performance conditions. Share-based payment expense related to the vesting of share-awards during the year ended December 31, 2008, was approximately \$3.5 million, and approximately \$4.3 million during the year ended December 31, 2009. As of December 31, 2009, the unrecognized compensation cost related to share-awards was approximately \$20.0 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 3.5 years.

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The total value of the stock option awards is expensed on a straight-line basis over the service period of the employees receiving the awards. As of December 31, 2009, total unrecognized compensation cost related to stock option awards was approximately \$0.9 million and the related weighted-average period over which it is expected to be recognized is approximately 0.8 years.

The cash flows resulting from the tax benefits arising from tax deductions in excess of the compensation cost recognized from the exercise of stock options (excess tax benefits) are classified as financing cash flows. As of December 31, 2009, the Company had no tax benefits arising from tax deductions in excess of the compensation cost recognized because the benefit has not been "realized" given that the Company currently has net operating loss carryforwards and follow the with-and-without approach with respect to the ordering of tax benefits realized.

The following table summarizes the share-based compensation expense and capitalized amounts for the years ending December 31:

	2007	2008	2009
	(1	In thousands)
Gross share-based compensation	\$4,584	\$6,521	\$6,090
Capitalized share-based compensation	(556)	(865)	(308)
Share-based compensation expense	\$4,028	\$5,656	\$5,782

The following table summarizes the activities under the Company's stock option plans for the years ended December 31 (number of shares in thousands):

	2007		200	2008		2008 200		2008 2009	
	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price			
Options outstanding, beginning of									
year	2,609	\$ 15.86	2,028	\$ 17.03	1,750	\$ 17.51			
Granted	9	30.47	_	_	_	_			
Canceled/Expired	(71)	(21.67)	(144)	(17.46)	(114)	(25.74)			
Exercised	(519)	(10.80)	(134)	(10.98)	(77)	(10.98)			
Options outstanding, end of year	<u>2,028</u>	\$ 17.02	1,750	\$ 17.45	1,559	\$ 17.20			
Options exercisable, end of year	1,344	\$ 15.63	1,426	\$ 16.39	<u>1,467</u>	\$ 16.62			
Options and awards available for grant, end of year	958		399		<u>2,788</u>				

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A summary of nonvested share-awards activity within the Company's share-based compensation plans and changes is as follows (share amounts in thousands):

	Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Nonvested at January 1, 2007	259	\$27.61
Awarded	339	19.47
Released	(58)	27.26
Forfeited	<u>(8)</u>	27.67
Nonvested at December 31, 2007	_532	\$22.46
Awarded	673	15.78
Released	(149)	22.16
Forfeited	(66)	21.49
Nonvested at December 31, 2008	990	\$18.03
Awarded	607	14.21
Released	(297)	18.76
Forfeited	<u>(87</u>)	18.29
Nonvested at December 31, 2009	1,213	<u>\$16.05</u>

The total fair value of share-awards vested in 2008 and 2009 were \$3.3 million and \$5.6 million, respectively.

Options outstanding and exercisable by price range as of December 31, 2009 are as follows, (number of shares in thousands):

	Options Outstanding		Options Exercisable		
Range of Exercise Prices	Options Outstanding	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Options Exercisable	Weighted Average Exercise Price
\$ 7.33	60	2.90	\$ 7.33	60	\$ 7.33
9.93	188	3.87	9.93	188	9.93
10.51	24	0.95	10.51	24	10.51
14.11	344	4.83	14.11	344	14.11
16.46	533	1.95	16.46	533	16.46
16.82 - 20.55	35	5.27	20.18	35	20.18
24.65	237	5.77	24.65	184	24.65
27.56 - 30.44	116	6.71	28.89	82	29.01
31.10	1	6.63	31.10	1	31.10
33.98	21	6.34	33.98	<u>16</u>	33.98
	1,559			1,467	

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A summary of stock option activity, as of December 31, 2009, is as follows:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Average Remaining Contractual Term (In Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
	(In thousands)			(In thousands)
Outstanding	1,559	\$17.20	3.91	\$1,276
Vested and expected to vest	1,501	\$16.85	3.82	\$1,276
Exercisable	1,467	\$16.62	3.75	\$1,276

The aggregate intrinsic value of options exercised during the period ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009 was \$10.0 million, \$1.3 million and \$0.4 million, respectively.

The fair value of each stock option award is estimated on the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The following are the weighted average assumptions used for the periods noted:

	December 31,		
	2007	2008	2009
Risk-free interest rate	4.59%	n/a	n/a
Expected holding period (years)	3.0	n/a	n/a
Expected stock volatility	33.2%	n/a	n/a
Expected dividend rate	0.0%	n/a	n/a

The Black-Scholes option valuation model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of short-traded options that have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, option valuation models require the input of assumptions including expected stock price volatility. The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. treasury security rate in effect at the time of the grant. The expected holding period of options and volatility rates are based on the Company's historical data. The Company did not anticipate paying a dividend, and therefore no expected dividend yield was used.

The weighted average fair value of stock options granted was \$8.56 for 2007. There were no stock options granted in 2008 or 2009.

(11) Benefit Plans:

Stock Option and Equity Incentive Plans

In August 1994, Mobile Mini's Board of Directors adopted the Mobile Mini, Inc. 1994 Stock Option Plan, which was amended in 1998 and expired (with respect to granting additional options) in 2003. At December 31, 2009, there were no outstanding options to acquire shares under the 1994 Plan. In August 1999, the Company's Board of Directors approved the Mobile Mini, Inc. 1999 Stock Option Plan, which expired (with respect to granting additional options) in August 2009. As of December 31, 2009, there were outstanding options to acquire 1.53 million shares under the 1999 Plan. Both plans and amendments were approved by the stockholders at annual meetings. Awards granted under the 1999 Plan may be incentive stock options, which are intended to meet the requirements of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code, nonstatutory stock options or shares of restricted stock awards. Incentive stock options may be granted to the Company's officers and other employees. Nonstatutory stock options may be granted to directors and employees, and to non-employee service providers and share-awards may be made to officers and other employees.

In February 2006, Mobile Mini's Board of Directors approved the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan that was subsequently approved by the stockholders at the Company's 2006 Annual Meeting. At the Annual Stockholders' Meeting in June 2009, the stockholders approved an amendment to the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan to increase the

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maximum number of shares that could be issued by an additional 3.0 million shares. The 2006 Plan is an "omnibus" stock plan permitting a variety of equity programs designed to provide flexibility in implementing equity and cash awards, including incentive stock options, nonqualified stock options, nonvested share-awards, restricted stock units, stock appreciation rights, performance stock, performance units and other stock-based awards. Participants in the 2006 Plan may be granted any one of the equity awards or any combination of them, as determined by the Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee. The 2006 Plan, as amended, has reserved 4.2 million shares of common stock for issuance. As of December 31, 2009, there were outstanding options to acquire 29,000 shares under the 2006 Plan.

The purpose of these plans is to attract and retain the best available personnel for positions of substantial responsibility and to provide incentives to, and to encourage ownership of stock by, Mobile Mini's management and other employees. The Board of Directors believes that stock options and other share-based awards are important to attract and to encourage the continued employment and service of officers and other employees and encourage them to devote their best efforts to the Company's business, thereby advancing the interest of its stockholders.

The option exercise price for all options granted under these plans may not be less than 100% of the fair market value of the common stock on the date of grant of the option (or 110% in the case of an incentive stock option granted to an optionee beneficially owning more than 10% of the outstanding common stock). The maximum option term is ten years (or five years in the case of an incentive stock option granted to an optionee beneficially owning more than 10% of the outstanding common stock). Payment for shares purchased under these plans is made in cash. Options may, if permitted by the particular option agreement, be exercised by directing that certificates for the shares purchased be delivered to a licensed broker as agent for the optionee, provided that the broker tenders to Mobile Mini, cash or cash equivalents equal to the option exercise price.

The plans are administered by the Compensation Committee of Mobile Mini's Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee is comprised of independent directors. They determine whether options will be granted, whether options will be incentive stock options, nonstatutory option, restricted stock, or performance stock, which officers, employees and service providers will be granted options, the vesting schedule for options and the number of options to be granted. Each option granted must expire no more than 10 years from the date it is granted and historically have vested over a 4.5 year period. Each non-employee director serving on the Company's Board of Directors receives an automatic award of shares of Mobile Mini's common stock equivalent to \$82,500 based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on August 1 of that year, or the following trading day if August 1 is not a trading day. These awards vest 100% when granted.

The Board of Directors may amend the plans at any time, except that approval by Mobile Mini's stockholders may be required for an amendment that increases the aggregate number of shares which may be issued pursuant to each plan, changes the class of persons eligible to receive incentive stock options, modifies the period within which options may be granted, modifies the period within which options may be exercised or the terms upon which options may be exercised, or increases the material benefits accruing to the participants under each plan. The Board of Directors may terminate or suspend the plans at any time. Unless previously terminated, the 2006 Plan will expire in February 2016. Any option granted under a plan will continue until the option expiration date, notwithstanding earlier termination of the plan under which the option was granted.

In 2005, the Company began awarding nonvested shares under the existing share-based compensation plans. These nonvested shares vest in equal annual installments on each of the first four or five annual anniversaries of the award date, unless the person to whom the award was made is not then employed by Mobile Mini (or one of its subsidiaries). In 2006, 2007 and 2009, certain officers of the Company received performance based nonvested shares. The Company did not grant performance based shares in 2008. If employment terminates, the nonvested shares are forfeited by the former employee.

In June 2008, in conjunction with the Merger and the hiring of Mobile Storage Group's employees, the Company awarded nonvested share-awards for an aggregate of 157,535 shares with an aggregate fair value of

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\$3.2 million. These awards vest over a period of between one and five years. The total value of these awards is expensed on a straight-line basis over the service period.

401(k) and Retirement Plans

In 1995, the Company established a contributory retirement plan in the U.S., the 401(k) Plan, covering eligible employees with at least one year of service. The 401(k) Plan is designed to provide tax-deferred retirement benefits to employees in accordance with the provisions of Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The 401(k) Plan provides that each participant may annually contribute a fixed amount or a percentage of his or her salary, not to exceed the statutory limit. Mobile Mini may make a qualified non-elective contribution in an amount it determines. Under the terms of the 401(k) Plan, Mobile Mini may also make discretionary profit sharing contributions. Profit sharing contributions are allocated among participants based on their annual compensation. Each participant has the right to direct the investment of their funds among certain named plans. Mobile Mini contributes 25% of its employees' first 4% of contributions up to a maximum of \$2 thousand per employee. The Company has a similar plan as governed and regulated by Canadian law, where the Company makes matching contributions with the same limitations as its 401(k) plan, to its Canadian employees.

In the U.K., the Company's employees are covered by a defined contribution program. The employees become eligible to participate three months after they begin employment. The plan is designed as a retirement benefit program into which the Company pays a fixed 7% of the annual employees' salary into the plan. Each employee has the election to make further contributions if they so elect. The participants have the right to direct the investment of their funds among certain named plans. A charge of 1% is deducted annually from each employee's fund to cover the administrative costs of this program.

In The Netherlands, the Company's employees are covered by a defined contribution program. All employees become eligible after one month of employment. Contributions are based on a pre-defined percentage of the employee's earnings. The percentage contribution is based on the employee's age, with two-thirds of the contribution made by the Company and one-third made by the employee. The Company does not incur any administrative costs for this plan in 2008.

Mobile Mini made contributions to these plans of approximately \$0.4 million, \$0.7 million and \$0.5 million in 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively. Additionally, the Company incurred \$5,000 in each of those three years for administrative costs for these programs.

(12) Commitments and Contingencies:

Leases

As discussed more fully in Note 9, Mobile Mini is obligated under four noncancelable operating leases with related parties. The Company also leases its corporate offices and other properties and operating equipment from third parties under noncancelable operating leases. Rent expense under these agreements was approximately \$10.2 million, \$12.3 million and \$16.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively.

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As of December 31, 2009, contractual commitments associated with indebtedness, lease obligations and restructuring are as follows (in thousands).

		Lease Commitments	Restructuring Related Lease Commitments	Restructuring Sub-lease Income	Total
			(In thousa	ands)	
20	010	\$15,314	\$ 3,138	\$ (794)	\$17,658
20	011	12,532	2,276	(656)	14,152
20	012	10,339	1,782	(580)	11,541
20	013	8,929	1,365	(543)	9,751
20	014	6,883	1,076	(512)	7,447
T	hereafter	12,150	1,199		13,349
To	otal	\$66,147	\$10,836	<u>\$(3,085)</u>	\$73,898

Future minimum lease payments under restructured non-cancelable operating leases as of December 31, 2009, are included in accrued liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet. See Note 15 for a further discussion on restructuring related commitments.

Insurance

The Company maintains insurance coverage for its operations and employees with appropriate aggregate, per occurrence and deductible limits as the Company reasonably determines is necessary or prudent with current operations and historical experience. The majority of these coverages have large deductible programs which allow for potential improved cash flow benefits based on its loss control efforts.

The Company's employee group health insurance program is a self-insured program with an aggregate stop loss limit. The insurance provider is responsible for funding all claims in excess of the calculated monthly maximum liability. This calculation is based on a variety of factors including the number of employees enrolled in the plan. This plan allows for some cash flow benefits while guarantying a maximum premium liability. Actual results may vary from estimates based on the Company's actual experience at the end of the plan policy periods based on the carrier's loss predictions and its historical claims data.

The Company's worker's compensation, auto and general liability insurance are purchased under large deductible programs. The Company's current per incident deductibles are: worker's compensation \$250,000, auto \$500,000 and general liability \$100,000. The Company expenses the deductible portion of the individual claims. However, the Company generally does not know the full amount of its exposure to a deductible in connection with any particular claim during the fiscal period in which the claim is incurred and for which it must make an accrual for the deductible expense. The Company makes these accruals based on a combination of the claims development experience of its staff and its insurance companies, and, at year end, the accrual is reviewed and adjusted, in part, based on an independent actuarial review of historical loss data and using certain actuarial assumptions followed in the insurance industry. A high degree of judgment is required in developing these estimates of amounts to be accrued, as well as in connection with the underlying assumptions. In addition, the Company's assumptions will change as its loss experience is developed. All of these factors have the potential for significantly impacting the amounts the Company has previously reserved in respect of anticipated deductible expenses and the Company may be required in the future to increase or decrease amounts previously accrued. Under the Company's various insurance programs, it has collective reserves recorded in accrued liabilities of \$11.6 million and \$10.7 million at December 31, 2008 and 2009, respectively.

As of December 31, 2009, in connection with the issuance of our insurance policies, Mobile Mini has provided its various insurance carriers approximately \$12.0 million in letters of credit.

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General Litigation

The Company is a party to routine claims incidental to its business. Most of these routine claims involve alleged damage to customers' property while stored in units leased from Mobile Mini and damage alleged to have occurred during delivery and pick-up of containers. The Company carries insurance to protect it against loss from these types of claims, subject to deductibles under the policy. The Company does not believe that any of these incidental claims, individually or in the aggregate, is likely to have a material adverse effect on its business or results of operations.

(13) Stockholders' Equity:

On August 8, 2007, Mobile Mini's Board of Directors approved a common stock repurchase program authorizing up to \$50.0 million of its outstanding shares to be repurchased over a six-month period. As of December 31, 2007, the Company had repurchased 2.2 million shares for approximately \$39.3 million under this authorization, and it did not repurchase any additional shares prior to the expiration of this authorization in February 2008.

(14) Mergers and Acquisitions:

The Company enters new markets in one of two ways, either by a new branch start-up or through acquiring a business consisting of the portable storage assets and related leases of other companies. An acquisition generally provides the Company with cash flow which enables the Company to immediately cover the overhead cost at a new branch. On occasion, the Company also purchases portable storage businesses in areas where the Company has existing small branches either as part of multi-market acquisitions or in order to increase the Company's operating margins at those branches.

On June 27, 2008, the Company completed the Merger by which MSG became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mobile Mini, Inc.

The results of operations for MSG are included herein from the effective date of the Merger, June 27, 2008. The Company's consolidated statements of income were impacted by the estimated expenses accrued or incurred related to integration, merger and restructuring costs recorded for the periods ended December 31, 2008 and 2009. This expense primarily relates to costs, incurred or estimated to be incurred, for the closing of overlapping Mobile Mini lease properties and the repositioning of assets between the two entities' locations and personnel relocation costs. Also in 2008, as a result of the Merger, the Company recorded a restructuring expense relating to its manufacturing operations. Certain other continuing costs, primarily related to Mobile Mini's personnel closing bonuses and severance agreements and certain corporate costs incurred during the integration are expensed as integration, merger and restructuring expense as incurred.

In 2008, the Company also acquired four other portable storage businesses, three through asset purchase agreements and one as a stock purchase: (1) International Equipment Services, Inc., operating in Oakland and Los Angeles, California, (2) Advantage Container Corporation, operating in Dallas, Texas, (3) J. Staal Enterprises, LLC, operating in Santa Barbara, California, and (4) Kelly Containers, Inc., operating in Hartford, Connecticut.

The Merger and other acquisitions were accounted for as the purchase of a business with the purchased assets and assumed liabilities recorded at their estimated fair values at the date of each acquisition.

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The aggregate purchase price of the assets and operations acquired consists of the following for the year ended December 31, 2008:

	MSG	Other Acquisitions (In thousands)	Total
Cash	\$ 17,927	\$15,323	\$ 33,250
Assumption of debt	540,887	_	540,887
Issuance of convertible preferred stock, As initially valued	196,600		196,600
	<u>\$755,414</u>	\$15,323	<u>\$770,737</u>

Cash of \$33.3 million represents cash paid of \$38.8 million, net of cash acquired of \$5.5 million, and includes \$19.3 million of costs. In 2009, cash acquired was adjusted by \$112,000, resulting in a net cash paid for acquisition of \$33.2 million.

The Company did not enter into any mergers or acquisitions in 2009.

The fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in 2008 has been adjusted as follows for the year ended December 31, 2009:

	O	n	2009	
	MSG	Other Acquisitions	Total	Adjustments
		(In tho	usands)	
Receivables	\$ 31,942	\$ 65	\$ 32,007	\$ (619)
Inventories	9,164	886	10,050	(189)
Lease fleet, net	268,259	5,396	273,655	(13,178)
Property, plant and equipment, net	34,045	538	34,583	(2,386)
Deposits, prepaid expenses and other assets	2,581	_	2,581	(74)
Intangible assets:				
Customer relationships	17,587	1,094	18,681	_
Trade names	943	_	943	_
Non-compete agreements	_	100	100	_
Goodwill	445,150	7,457	452,607	14,735
Liabilities and other	(62,145)	(250)	(62,395)	1,599
Deferred taxes	7,888	37	7,925	
	<u>\$755,414</u>	<u>\$15,323</u>	\$770,737	<u>\$ (112)</u>

The applicable purchase price for the Merger and the acquisitions was initially allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed, based upon estimated fair values as of the acquisition date. The allocation is finalized and amounts are not subject to change. Adjustments to the allocation of the purchase prices and the reserves did not have a material effect on the Company's results of operations or financial position.

In connection with the MSG Merger, the Company identified additional remaining costs expected to be incurred to exit overlapping Mobile Storage Group's lease properties, property shut down costs, costs of Mobile Storage Group's severance agreements, costs for asset verifications and for damaged assets and initially recorded accrued liabilities and reserves. The reserve related to any leased property that is subsequently sub-leased or negotiated to terminate will be adjusted as each such agreement is consummated. See Note 15 below for additional information on restructuring accruals.

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Included in other assets and intangibles are: (1) non-compete agreements that are amortized over the life of the agreement, typically over 5 years, using the straight-line method with no residual value, (2) values associated with trade names are amortized on a straight-line basis over 2 years with no residual value and (3) values associated with customer relationships are amortized on an accelerated basis over 14 to 15 years with no residual value.

(15) Integration, Merger and Restructuring Costs:

In connection with the Merger, the Company recorded accruals for costs to be incurred to exit overlapping Mobile Storage Group lease properties, property shut down costs, costs of Mobile Storage Group's severance agreements, costs for asset verification and for damaged assets.

In connection with the Merger, the Company leveraged the combined fleet and restructured the manufacturing operations and reduced overhead and capital expenditures for the lease fleet. In connection with these activities, the Company recorded costs for severance agreements and recorded impairment charges to write down to certain assets previously used in conjunction with the manufacturing operations and inventories.

The following table details accrued integration, merger and restructuring obligations (included in accrued liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheet) and related activity for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009:

	Severance and Benefits	Lease Abandonment Costs	Acquisition Integration	Total
		(In thousan	nds)	
Accrued obligations as of December 31, 2007	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Restructuring costs accrued in purchase price allocation	1,811	5,328	_	7,139
Integration, merger and restructuring expenses	7,705	5,788	5,307	18,800
Cash paid	(7,507)	(2,705)	(4,164)	(14,376)
Accrued obligations as of December 31, 2008	2,009	8,411	1,143	11,563
Integration, merger and restructuring expense	4,612	33	6,781	11,426
Cash paid	(6,156)	(2,702)	(7,921)	(16,779)
Accrued obligations as of December 31, 2009	<u>\$ 465</u>	\$ 5,742	\$ 3	\$ 6,210

The following amounts are included in integration, merger and restructuring expense for the year ended December 31:

	2008	2009	
	(In thousands)		
Severance and benefits	\$ 7,705	\$ 4,612	
Lease abandonment costs	5,788	33	
Acquisition integration	5,307	6,781	
Long-lived asset and inventory impairment charges	5,627	(121)	
Integration, merger and restructuring expenses	<u>\$24,427</u>	<u>\$11,305</u>	

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(16) Other Comprehensive Income:

The components of accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax, were as follows at December 31:

	2008	2009
	(In thou	ısands)
Accumulated net unrealized holding loss on derivatives	\$ (7,068)	\$ (4,733)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(30,410)	(21,058)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	<u>\$(37,478)</u>	<u>\$(25,791)</u>

(17) Segment Reporting:

The Company has operations in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and The Netherlands. All of the Company's branches operate in their local currency and although the Company is exposed to foreign exchange rate fluctuation in other foreign markets where the Company leases and sells the Company's products, the Company does not believe this will have a significant impact on the Company's results of operations. Currently, the Company's branch operation is the only segment that concentrates on the Company's core business of leasing. Financial results of geographic regions are aggregated into one reportable segment since their operations have similar economic characteristics. Each branch has similar economic characteristics covering all products leased or sold, including similar products and services, processes for delivering these services, customer base, sales personnel, advertising, yard facilities, general and administrative costs and the method of branch management. Management's allocation of resources, performance evaluations and operating decisions are not dependent on the mix of a branch's products. The Company does not attempt to allocate shared revenue nor general, selling and leasing expenses to the different configurations of portable storage and office products for lease and sale. The branch operations include the leasing and sales of portable storage units, portable offices and combination units configured for both storage and office space. The Company leases to businesses and consumers in the general geographic area surrounding each branch. Historically, the operation included the Company's manufacturing facilities, which was responsible for the purchase, manufacturing and refurbishment of products for leasing and sale, as well as for manufacturing certain delivery equipment.

In managing the Company's business, management focuses on growing leasing revenues, particularly in existing markets where it can take advantage of the operating leverage inherent in its business model, EBITDA and earnings per share.

Discrete financial data on each of the Company's products is not available and it would be impractical to collect and maintain financial data in such a manner; therefore, reportable segment information is the same as contained in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

The tables below represent the Company's revenue and long-lived assets, consisting of lease fleet and property, plant and equipment, as attributed to geographic locations.

Revenue from external customers:

	2007	2008	2009
		(In thousands)	
North America(1)	\$292,964	\$356,303	\$316,177
United Kingdom	19,109	53,126	55,024
The Netherlands	6,229	5,975	3,260
Total revenues	\$318,302	<u>\$415,404</u>	<u>\$374,461</u>

⁽¹⁾ Includes revenues in the United States of \$290.2 million, \$352.2 million and \$313.0 million for the fiscal years 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively.

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Long-lived assets:

	2007	2008	2009
		(In thousands	
North America(1)	\$810,573	\$1,041,540	\$1,002,675
United Kingdom	43,984	120,914	132,356
The Netherlands	3,729	4,211	4,457
Total long-lived assets	<u>\$858,286</u>	\$1,166,665	\$1,139,488

⁽¹⁾ Includes long-lived assets of \$798.2 million, \$1,028.2 million and \$988.9 million in the United States for the fiscal years 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively.

(18) Selected Consolidated Quarterly Financial Data (unaudited):

The following table sets forth certain unaudited selected consolidated financial information for each of the four quarters in the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009. In management's opinion, this unaudited consolidated quarterly selected information has been prepared on the same basis as the audited consolidated financial statements and includes all necessary adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, which management considers necessary for a fair presentation when read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and notes. The Company believes these comparisons of consolidated quarterly selected financial data are not necessarily indicative of future performance.

Quarterly earnings per share may not total to the fiscal year earnings per share due to the weighted average number of shares outstanding at the end of each period reported and rounding.

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	
		(In thousands except earnings per share)			
2008					
Leasing revenues	\$ 70,036	\$72,849	\$119,323	\$109,352	
Total revenues	78,541	81,085	132,752	123,026	
Gross profit margin on sales	2,465	2,467	3,957	4,334	
Income from operations(1)	23,769	14,575	39,951	26,869	
Net income(1)	10,658	4,861	13,276	246	
Earnings per share:					
Basic	\$ 0.31	<u>\$ 0.14</u>	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.01	
Diluted(1)	\$ 0.31	<u>\$ 0.14</u>	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.01	
2009					
Leasing revenues	\$ 89,516	\$84,397	\$ 82,098	\$ 77,510	
Total revenues	100,164	94,924	92,086	87,287	
Gross profit margin on sales	3,191	3,238	3,273	3,108	
Income from operations(2)	29,256	23,166	27,752	25,244	
Net income(2)	8,466	5,227	8,120	5,985	
Earnings per share:					
Basic	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.19	<u>\$ 0.14</u>	
Diluted(2)	\$ 0.20	<u>\$ 0.12</u>	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.14	

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- (1) Includes integration, merger and restructuring expense of \$24.4 million (\$15.3 million after tax), or \$0.39 per diluted share during the fiscal year 2008 and a non-cash goodwill impairment charge of \$13.7 million, both pretax and after tax, or \$0.35 per diluted share for fiscal year 2008.
- (2) Includes integration, merger and restructuring expense of \$11.3 million (\$7.0 after tax), or \$0.17 per diluted share during the fiscal year 2009 and non-core leasing expense of \$0.8 million (\$0.5 million after tax), or \$0.01 per diluted share during the fiscal year 2009.

(19) Condensed Consolidating Financial Information

Mobile Mini Supplemental Indenture

In connection with the Merger, Mobile Mini entered into the Mobile Mini Supplemental Indenture described in Note 7 pursuant to which the New Mobile Mini Guarantors became "Guarantors" under the Mobile Mini Indenture relating to the Senior Notes.

In connection with the Merger, Mobile Mini also entered into the MSG Supplemental Indenture described in Note 7 pursuant to which Mobile Mini became an "Issuer" under the MSG Indenture and the New MSG Guarantors became "Guarantors" under the MSG Indenture.

As a result of the Supplemental Indentures described above, the same subsidiaries of the Company are guarantors under each of the MSG Notes and the Senior Notes.

The following tables present the condensed consolidating financial information of Mobile Mini, Inc., representing the subsidiaries of the Guarantors of the Senior Notes and MSG Notes and the Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries. Separate financial statements of the subsidiary guarantors are not presented because the guarantee by each 100% owned subsidiary guarantor is full and unconditional, joint and several, and management has determined that such information is not material to investors.

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MOBILE MINI, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS As of December 31, 2008

	Non- Guarantors Guarantors Eliminations			Consolidated
	(In thousands)			
ASSE	ETS			
Cash	\$ 2,208	\$ 976	\$ —	\$ 3,184
Receivables	45,827	15,597	_	61,424
Inventories	23,644	2,982	(49)	26,577
Lease fleet, net	969,432	108,724	_	1,078,156
Property, plant and equipment, net	72,108	16,401	_	88,509
Deposits and prepaid expenses	12,130	1,157	_	13,287
Other assets and intangibles, net	28,144	6,919		35,063
Goodwill	435,450	57,207		492,657
Intercompany	131,257	35,782	(167,039)	
Total assets	\$1,720,200	\$245,745	<u>\$(167,088)</u>	\$1,798,857
LIABILITIES AND STOO	CKHOLDERS	s' EQUITY		
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 12,361	\$ 9,072	\$ —	\$ 21,433
Accrued liabilities	81,146	5,068		86,214
Lines of credit	450,053	104,479		554,532
Notes payable	1,306	74	_	1,380
Obligations under capital leases	5,495	2	_	5,497
Senior notes	345,797	_	_	345,797
Deferred income taxes	124,858	10,363	(435)	134,786
Intercompany	23	29,626	(29,649)	
Total liabilities	1,021,039	158,684	(30,084)	1,149,639
Commitments and contingencies				
Convertible preferred stock	153,990	_	_	153,990
Stockholders' equity:				
Common stock	375	18,433	(18,433)	375
Additional paid-in capital	328,696	119,165	(119,165)	328,696
Retained earnings	263,498	(21,157)	594	242,935
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(8,098)	(29,380)	_	(37,478)
Treasury stock, at cost	(39,300)	_	_	(39,300)
Total stockholders' equity	545,171	87,061	(137,004)	495,228
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$1,720,200	\$245,745	<u>\$(167,088)</u>	\$1,798,857

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MOBILE MINI, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS As of December 31, 2009

	Guarantors	Non- Guarantors (In the	Eliminations ousands)	Consolidated
ASSE	ETS	(III till)	asamas)	
Cash	\$ 582	\$ 1,158	\$ —	\$ 1,740
Receivables	29,152	11,715	_	40,867
Inventories	20,169	2,027	(49)	22,147
Lease fleet, net	936,366	118,962		1,055,328
Property, plant and equipment, net	66,309	17,851	_	84,160
Deposits and prepaid expenses	8,593	1,323	_	9,916
Other assets and intangibles, net	21,288	5,355	_	26,643
Goodwill	447,196	66,042	_	513,238
Intercompany	140,692	36,365	(177,057)	
Total assets	\$1,670,347	\$260,798	<u>\$(177,106)</u>	\$1,754,039
LIABILITIES AND STOO	CKHOLDERS	s' EQUITY		
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 8,605	\$ 5,525	\$ —	\$ 14,130
Accrued liabilities	61,410	3,505	_	64,915
Lines of credit	366,150	107,505	_	473,655
Notes payable	1,100	28		1,128
Obligations under capital leases	4,060	1		4,061
Senior notes, net of discount	345,402	_	_	345,402
Deferred income taxes	145,157	11,144	(604)	155,697
Intercompany	23	39,425	(39,448)	
Total liabilities	931,907	167,133	(40,052)	1,058,988
Commitments and contingencies				
Convertible preferred stock	147,427	_	_	147,427
Stockholders' equity:				
Common stock	385	18,434	(18,434)	385
Additional paid-in capital	341,597	119,175	(119,175)	341,597
Retained earnings	292,408	(22,230)	555	270,733
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(4,077)	(21,714)		(25,791)
Treasury stock, at cost	(39,300)			(39,300)
Total stockholders' equity	591,013	93,665	(137,054)	547,624
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$1,670,347	\$260,798	<u>\$(177,106)</u>	\$1,754,039

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MOBILE MINI, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2007

	Guarantors	Non- Guarantors (In the	Eliminations ousands)	Consolidated
Revenues:				
Leasing	\$267,718	\$16,920	\$ —	\$284,638
Sales	23,648	8,055	(59)	31,644
Other	1,598	422		2,020
Total revenues	292,964	25,397	(59)	318,302
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of sales	15,242	6,460	(51)	21,651
Leasing, selling and general expenses	148,876	18,118	_	166,994
Depreciation and amortization	19,034	2,115		21,149
Total costs and expenses	183,152	26,693	(51)	209,794
Income (loss) from operations	109,812	(1,296)	(8)	108,508
Other income (expense):				
Interest income	2,391	64	(2,354)	101
Interest expense	(23,066)	(4,195)	2,355	(24,906)
Debt extinguishment expense	(11,224)	_	_	(11,224)
Foreign currency exchange		107		107
Income (loss) before provision for (benefit from)				
income taxes	77,913	(5,320)	(7)	72,586
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	30,125	_(1,463)	(252)	28,410
Net income (loss)	\$ 47,788	<u>\$ (3,857)</u>	<u>\$ 245</u>	<u>\$ 44,176</u>

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MOBILE MINI, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2008

	Guarantors	Non- Guarantors (In the	Eliminations ousands)	Consolidated
Revenues:				
Leasing	\$322,473	\$ 49,087	\$ —	\$371,560
Sales	32,159	9,128	(20)	41,267
Other	1,671	906		2,577
Total revenues.	356,303	_59,121	(20)	415,404
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of sales	20,765	7,295	(16)	28,044
Leasing, selling and general expenses	171,712	40,623	_	212,335
Integration, merger and restructuring expenses	21,676	2,751	_	24,427
Goodwill impairment	_	13,667	_	13,667
Depreciation and amortization	26,402	5,365		31,767
Total costs and expenses	240,555	69,701	(16)	310,240
Income (loss) from operations	115,748	(10,580)	(4)	105,164
Other income (expense):				
Interest income	1,743	62	(1,670)	135
Interest expense	(41,977)	(7,839)	1,670	(48,146)
Foreign currency exchange		(112)		(112)
Income (loss) before provision for (benefit from)				
income taxes	75,514	(18,469)	(4)	57,041
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	29,421	(1,250)	(171)	28,000
Net income (loss)	\$ 46,093	<u>\$(17,219)</u>	<u>\$ 167</u>	\$ 29,041

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MOBILE MINI, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2009

	Guarantors	Non- Guarantors (In the	Eliminations ousands)	Consolidated
Revenues:				
Leasing	\$283,106	\$50,415	\$ —	\$333,521
Sales	31,329	7,297	(21)	38,605
Other	1,742	593		2,335
Total revenues	316,177	58,305	(21)	374,461
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of sales	20,163	5,653	(21)	25,795
Leasing, selling and general expenses	154,261	38,600	_	192,861
Integration, merger and restructuring expenses	10,457	848	_	11,305
Depreciation and amortization	31,562	7,520		39,082
Total costs and expenses	216,443	52,621	(21)	269,043
Income from operations	99,734	5,684	_	105,418
Other income (expense):				
Interest income	1,808	7	(1,786)	29
Interest expense	(55,394)	(5,896)	1,786	(59,504)
Dividend income	1,255	_	(1,255)	_
Foreign currency exchange		(88)		(88)
Income (loss) before provision for (benefit from)				
income taxes	47,403	(293)	(1,255)	45,855
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	18,491	(266)	(168)	18,057
Net income (loss)	\$ 28,912	<u>\$ (27)</u>	<u>\$(1,087)</u>	\$ 27,798

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MOBILE MINI, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2007

	Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
		(In the	ousands)	
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:				
Net income (loss)	\$ 47,788	\$ (3,857)	\$ 245	\$ 44,176
operating activities:				
Debt extinguishment expense	2,298	_	_	2,298
Provision for doubtful accounts	1,478	391		1,869
Amortization of deferred financing costs	985	_	_	985
Share-based compensation expense	3,616	405	7	4,028
Depreciation and amortization	19,034	2,115	_	21,149
Gain on sale of lease fleet units	(4,929)	(631)	_	(5,560)
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	203			203
Deferred income taxes	28,885	(1,459)	(70)	27,356
Foreign currency gain	_	(107)	_	(107)
Changes in certain assets and liabilities, net of effect of				
businesses acquired:	(1.255)	(2.722)		(2.000)
Receivables	(1,255)	(2,733) 141	_	(3,988)
Inventories	(751) (1,618)	(136)	_	(610) (1,754)
Other assets and intangibles	318	(130)	_	318
Accounts payable	1.192	1,499	_	2.691
Accrued liabilities	(2,910)	1,155	_	(1,755)
Intercompany	(2,252)	2,037	215	(1,755)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	92,082	$\frac{2,687}{(1,180)}$	397	91,299
	92,082	(1,180)		91,299
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:	(0.724)			(0.724)
Cash paid for businesses acquired	(9,734) (107,329)	(19,404)	_	(9,734) (126,733)
Proceeds from sale of lease fleet units	13,593	2,586		16,181
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(11,638)	(6,884)		(18,522)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	126	(0,004)	_	126
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(114,982)	(23,702)		(138,682)
	(114,962)	(23,702)		(136,062)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:	9.420	25 (10	90	24 120
Net borrowings under lines of credit	8,429	25,619	80	34,128
Redemption of 9.5% Senior Notes	(97,500) 149,322	_	_	(97,500) 149,322
Deferred financing costs	(3,768)		_	(3,768)
Proceeds from issuance of notes payable	1,216		_	1,216
Principal payments of notes payable	(1,254)		_	(1,254)
Principal payments on capital lease obligations	(23)	(1)		(24)
Issuance of common stock, net.	5,607	-	_	5,607
Purchase of treasury stock, at cost	(39,300)		_	(39,300)
Net cash provided by financing activities	22,729	25,618	80	48,427
				1,289
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	1,549	219	<u>(479)</u>	
Net increase in cash	1,378	955 715	_	2,333
Cash at beginning of year	655	715		1,370
Cash at end of year	\$ 2,033	\$ 1,670	<u>\$ —</u>	\$ 3,703

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MOBILE MINI, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2008

	Guarantors	Non- Guarantors (In the	Eliminations ousands)	Consolidated
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:				
Net income (loss)	\$ 46,093	\$(17,219)	\$ 167	\$ 29,041
Adjustments to reconcile income to net cash provided by				
(used in) operating activities:				
Provision for doubtful accounts	4,351	912	(2)	5,261
Provision for restructuring charge	5,626			5,626
Goodwill impairment		13,667		13,667
Amortization of deferred financing costs	2,455	_		2,455
Amortization of long-term liabilities	418	_	_	418
Share-based compensation expense	4,627	512	5	5,656
Depreciation and amortization	26,402	5,365	-	31,767
Gain on sale of lease fleet units	(8,977)	(888)	16	(9,849)
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	566	1	_	567
Deferred income taxes	29,273	(1,381)	31	27,923
Foreign currency loss	_	112	_	112
Changes in certain assets and liabilities, net of effect of				
businesses acquired:	(2.021)	(1.020)		(2.0(0)
Receivables	(2,031)	(1,029)	_	(3,060)
Inventories	7,655			7,655
Deposits and prepaid expenses	(698)	875		177
Other assets and intangibles	105	(4.262)	_	105
Accounts payable	(11,469) (1,432)	(4,262) (1,840)	_	(15,731) (3,272)
Accrued liabilities	(2,502)	4,025	(1,523)	(3,272)
Intercompany				
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	100,974	(1,150)	(1,306)	98,518
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:				
Cash paid for businesses acquired	(36,448)	3,198		(33,250)
Additions to lease fleet units, excluding acquisitions	(58,016)	(18,606)		(76,622)
Proceeds from sale of lease fleet units	24,652	3,758	(72)	28,338
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(11,614)	(5,260)	_	(16,874)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	492	3		495
Net cash used in investing activities	(80,934)	(16,907)	(72)	(97,913)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:				
Net borrowings under lines of credit	109,975	19,376	(9,010)	120,341
Deferred financing costs	(15,166)	´ <u>—</u>		(15,166)
Proceeds from notes payable	1,249	_		1,249
Principal payments on notes payable	(113,851)	_		(113,881)
Principal payments on capital lease obligations	(702)	(2)	_	(704)
Issuance of common stock, net	1,472	<u> </u>	_	1,472
Intercompany	209	(253)	44	
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(16,814)	19,091	(8,966)	(6,689)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(3,051)	(1,728)	10,344	5,565
Net increase (decrease) in cash	175	(694)		(519)
Cash at beginning of year	2,033	1,670	_	3,703
			<u> </u>	
Cash at end of year	\$ 2,208	<u>\$ 976</u>	<u>\$</u>	\$ 3,184

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

MOBILE MINI, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2009

	Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
		(In the	ousands)	
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:				
Net income (loss)	\$ 28,912	\$ (27)	\$ (1,087)	\$ 27,798
Adjustments to reconcile income to net cash provided by				
operating activities:				
Provision for doubtful accounts	2,189	497	15	2,701
Provision for restructuring charge	(19)	_	_	(19)
Amortization of deferred financing costs	4,456	_	_	4,456
Amortization of long-term liabilities	906	506		906
Share-based compensation expense	5,263	526	(7)	5,782
Depreciation and amortization	31,562	7,520		39,082
Gain on sale of lease fleet units	(10,586)	(1,065)	(10)	(11,661) 71
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	66 17,460	(247)	(12)	17,201
Deferred income taxes	17,400	88	(12)	88
Changes in certain assets and liabilities, net of effect of		00		00
businesses acquired:				
Receivables	13,503	5,123	_	18,626
Inventories	2,545	1.146		3,691
Deposits and prepaid expenses	3,528	(116)		3,412
Other assets and intangibles	(845)	(110) —		(845)
Accounts payable	(1,850)	(4,443)	_	(6,293)
Accrued liabilities	(16,127)	(2,099)	_	(18,226)
Intercompany	(8,652)	8,310	342	_
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	72,311	15,218	(759)	86,770
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:				
Additions to lease fleet, excluding acquisitions	(13,140)	(8,377)	_	(21,517)
Proceeds from sale of lease fleet units	29,135	4,353	7	33,495
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(7,059)	(3,235)	_	(10,294)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	941	311	_	1,252
Other	112			112
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	9,989	(6,948)	7	3,048
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:				
Net repayments under lines of credit	(83,903)	(7,305)	10,331	(80,877)
Redemption of 9.75% Senior Notes	(1,150)		´ —	(1,150)
Deferred financing costs	(75)	_	_	(75)
Proceeds from issuance of notes payable	1,272	_	_	1,272
Principal payments on notes payable	(1,478)	(55)		(1,533)
Principal payments on capital lease obligations	(1,435)	1	(2)	(1,436)
Issuance of common stock, net	800	_	_	800
Intercompany	(209)	(1,076)	1,285	
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(86,178)	(8,435)	11,614	(82,999)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	2,252	347	(10,862)	(8,263)
6 6		182	(10,002)	
Net (decrease) increase in cash	(1,626)		_	(1,444)
	2,208	976		3,184
Cash at end of year	\$ 582	\$ 1,158	<u> </u>	<u>\$ 1,740</u>

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.

There were no disagreements with accountants on accounting and financial disclosure matters during the periods reported herein.

ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

Disclosure Controls

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined under Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in Exchange Act reports filed is communicated to management (including the CEO and CFO) in a timely manner.

Report of Management on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting for the company. Internal control over financial reporting is a process to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of our financial reporting for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Internal control over financial reporting includes maintaining records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect our transactions; providing reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary for preparation of our financial statements; providing reasonable assurance that receipts and expenditures of company assets are made in accordance with management authorization; and providing reasonable assurance that unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of company assets that could have a material effect on our financial statements would be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting is not intended to provide absolute assurance that a misstatement of our financial statements would be prevented or detected.

Management conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this evaluation, management concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2009.

Our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009 has been audited by Ernst & Young, LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which is included herein.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders of Mobile Mini, Inc.

We have audited Mobile Mini, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, based on criteria established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria). Mobile Mini, 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 Report of Management 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, Mobile Mini, Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, 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 Mobile Mini, Inc. (and subsidiaries) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related consolidated statements of income, preferred stock and stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009 of Mobile Mini, Inc. and our report dated March 1, 2010 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

Ernst & Young LLP

Phoenix, Arizona March 1, 2010

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during our last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION.

None

PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF MOBILE MINI, INC.

Set forth below is information respecting the name, age and position with Mobile Mini of our executive officers. Information with respect to our directors and the nomination process is incorporated herein by reference to information included in the Proxy Statement for our 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission no later than 120 days following our fiscal year end (the 2010 Proxy Statement).

Steven G. Bunger has served as our Chief Executive Officer, President and a director since April 1997, and as our Chairman of the Board since February 2001. Mr. Bunger joined Mobile Mini in 1983 and initially worked in our drafting and design department. He served in a variety of positions including dispatcher, salesperson and advertising coordinator before joining management. He served as sales manager of our Phoenix branch and our operations manager and Vice President of Operations and Marketing before becoming our Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer in November 1995. He is also a director of Cavco Industries, Inc., one of the nation's largest producers of manufactured housing. Mr. Bunger graduated from Arizona State University with a B.A. in Business Administration. Age 48.

Mark E. Funk has served as our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since November 2008. Prior to joining us, he was with Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. from September 1988 to November 2008, most recently as Managing Director in its Structured Debt Group, where he had worked on numerous high profile transactions. During his tenure at Deutsche Bank, Mr. Funk worked in their New York, London, Chicago and Los Angeles offices. Prior to joining Deutsche Bank, Mr. Funk passed the certified public accountant examination and was a senior auditor with KPMG. Mr. Funk earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from California State University Long Beach and an MBA from University of California, Los Angeles. Age 47.

Jody E. Miller has served as our Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer since January 2009. Mr. Miller joined us in June 2008 as Senior Vice President, Southeastern Division from Mobile Storage Group. He had been a Regional Vice President-Southeast Region and North Region since March 2004 with Mobile Storage Group. Prior to that he had served as Regional Vice President of Rental Service Corporation, working there from October 1988 to February 2004. Mr. Miller graduated from Central Missouri State University with a degree in construction engineering. He has worked in the equipment leasing and portable storage industry for 21 years. Age 42.

Kyle G. Blackwell joined Mobile Mini in 1988 and has served in numerous capacities, currently as our Senior Vice President, Eastern Division, since 2002 and as our Vice President, Operations from 1999 to 2000. He also served as a Regional Manager from 1995 to 1999 and was engaged with the start up of our Texas locations. Age 46.

Ronald Halchishak joined Mobile Mini after the combination with Mobile Storage Group in June 2008 as our Senior Vice President and Managing Director-Europe. He had been a Managing Director of Ravenstock MSG since July 2007. Prior to that, from June 2003 to January 2007, he served as the Vice President of the Mid-Atlantic for Nations Rent. From June 1991 to March 2001, Mr. Halchishak was Division President at Rental Service Corporation. He graduated from Humboldt State University with a B.A. in political science and psychology. Age 62.

Jon D. Keating has served as our Senior Vice President, Operations since January 2008. He joined Mobile Mini in 1996 and also served as Vice President, Manufacturing from April 2005 to December 2007, a Regional Manager from March of 2000 to April 2005 and from November of 1996 to March of 2000 as Branch Manager at our Phoenix sales branch. Age 40.

Deborah K. Keeley has served as our Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer since November 2005. From September 2005 to November 2005, she served as Senior Vice President. From June 2005 to September 2005, she served as Senior Vice President and Controller. From August 1996 to June 2005 she served as Vice President and Controller and from August 1995 as Controller. Prior to joining us, she was Corporate Accounting Manager for Evans Withycombe Residential, an apartment developer, for six years. Ms. Keeley has an Associates degree in Computer Science and received her Bachelors degree in Accounting from Arizona State University. Age 45.

Russell C. Lemley served as our Senior Vice President, Western Division from 1999 to February 2010, except from December 2007 to December 2008, when he served as our Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Prior to 1999, he served as our Vice President, Operations from June 1998 to November 1999. He joined us in August 1988 as Construction Superintendent to build our ten-acre facility in Los Angeles, California and served as Plant Manager of that facility from 1989 to 1994 and as General Manager from 1994 to 1998. Prior to joining us, Mr. Lemley was the Project Manager from 1984 through 1987 for the largest automated pallet rack high rise in the United Sates for Ralph's Grocery in San Fernando, California and managed the construction of the first automated parts pallet rack facility for Suzuki in Brea, California. Age 52.

Ronald E. Marshall has served as our Senior Vice President, Central Division since October of 2003. From June of 1999 to September of 2003 he was a Regional Manager for three of our regions beginning with the Colorado/ Utah and ending with the California/Arizona market. He was our Director-Acquisitions from February of 1998 to May of 1999. He joined Mobile Mini, Inc. in February of 1997 as Branch Manager of Tucson, Arizona. Prior to joining us, he was the General Manager of Pearce Distributing, a beverage distributorship in Phoenix, Arizona. Age 59.

Christopher J. Miner has served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel since December 2008. He joined Mobile Mini in June 2008 as Vice President and General Counsel. He was previously a partner at DLA Piper from 2007 to 2008 and advised numerous corporate and financial institution clients on merger, acquisition and capital markets transactions. Prior to that, he was a partner at Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, which he joined in 2004. He was an attorney in New York and Europe with Davis Polk & Wardwell from 1999 to 2004 where he specialized in corporate and securities law. Mr. Miner received a B.A. and a J.D. from Brigham Young University. Age 38.

Information regarding our audit committee and our audit committee financial experts is incorporated herein by reference to information included in the 2010 Proxy Statement.

Information required by Item 405 of Regulation S-K is incorporated herein by reference to information included in the 2010 Proxy Statement.

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to our employees generally, and a Supplemental Code of Ethics for Chief Financial Officer and Senior Financial Officers in compliance with applicable rules of the SEC that applies to our principal executive officer, our principal financial officer, and our principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions. A copy of these Codes is available free of charge on the "Investors" section of our web site at www.mobilemini.com. We intend to satisfy any disclosure requirement under Item 5.05 of Form 8-K regarding an amendment to, or waiver from, a provision of the Supplemental Code of Ethics by posting such information on our web site at the address and location specified above.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.

Information with respect to executive compensation is incorporated herein by reference to information included in the 2010 Proxy Statement.

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

We maintain the 1994 Stock Option Plan (the 1994 Plan), the 1999 Stock Option Plan (the 1999 Plan) and the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan (the 2006 Plan), pursuant to which we may grant equity awards to eligible persons. The 1994 Plan expired in 2003 and no additional options may be granted hereunder and there are no outstanding options subject to exercise at the end of 2009. The 1999 Plan expired in 2009 and no additional options maybe granted hereunder, outstanding options continue to be subject to the terms of the 1999 Plan until their exercise or termination. The following table summarizes our equity compensation plan information as of December 31, 2009. Information is included for both equity compensation plans approved by our stockholders and equity plans not approved by our stockholders.

<u>Plan Category</u>	Common Shares to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (a) (In thousands)	Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (b)	Common Shares Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Shares Reflected in Column (a) (c) (In thousands)
Equity compensation plans approved by Mobile Mini stockholders(1)	1,559	\$17.20	2,788
Equity compensation plans not approved by Mobile Mini stockholders	0	0	0
Totals	<u>1,559</u>	<u>\$17.20</u>	2,788

⁽¹⁾ Of these shares, options to purchase 1.53 million shares were outstanding under the 1999 Plan and options to purchase 29,000 shares were outstanding under the 2006 Plan.

On December 31, 2009, the closing price of Mobile Mini's common stock as reported by The Nasdaq Stock Market was \$14.09.

The information set forth in our 2010 Proxy Statement under the headings "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE.

The information set forth in our 2010 Proxy Statement under the caption "Related Person Transactions" and information relating to director independence is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES.

The information set forth in our 2010 Proxy Statement under the caption "Audit Committee Disclosure" is incorporated herein by reference.

PART IV

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES.

- (a) Financial Statements:
- (1) The financial statements required to be included in this Report are included in Item 8 of this Report.
- (2) The following financial statement schedule for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009 is filed with our annual report on Form 10-K for fiscal year ended December 31, 2009:

Schedule II — Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

All other schedules have been omitted because they are not applicable or not required.

Exhibit Number Description

- 2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 22, 2008, among Mobile Mini, Inc., Cactus Merger Sub, Inc., MSG WC Holdings Corp., and Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe X, L.P. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Registrant's Report on Form 8-K filed on February 28, 2008).
- 3.1 Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Mobile Mini, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997).
- 3.2 Certificate of Amendment, dated July 20, 2000, to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1A to the Registrant's Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2000).
- 3.3 Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights of Series C Junior Participating Preferred Stock of Mobile Mini, Inc., dated December 17, 1999 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to Exhibit 1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on December 13, 1999).
- 3.4 Certificate of Amendment of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Mobile Mini, Inc., dated June 26, 2008 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Report on Form 8-K filed on July 1, 2008).
- 3.5 Certificate of Designation of Mobile Mini, Inc. Series A Convertible Redeemable Participating Preferred Stock, dated June 27, 2008 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Report on Form 8-K filed on July 1, 2008).
- 3.6 Amended and Restated By-laws of Mobile Mini, Inc., as amended and restated through May 2, 2007 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007).
- 4.1 Form of Common Stock Certificate. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Registrant's Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003).
- 4.2 Rights Agreement, dated as of December 9, 1999, between Mobile Mini, Inc. and Norwest Bank Minnesota, NA, as Rights Agent. (Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on December 13, 1999).
- 4.3 Indenture dated as of May 7, 2007 among the Registrant, Law Debenture Trust Company of New York, as Trustee, and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Paying Agent and Registrar (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed on June 26, 2007) (the "Mobile Mini Indenture").
- 4.4 Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 27, 2008, among Mobile Mini, Inc., Mobile Storage Group, Inc., A Better Mobile Storage Company, Mobile Storage Group (Texas), LP, the guarantors party to the Mobile Mini Indenture and Law Debenture Trust Company of New York, as trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Registrant's Report on Form 8-K filed on July 1, 2008).
- 4.5 Indenture, dated as of August 1, 2006, by and among Mobile Services Group, Inc., Mobile Storage Group, Inc., the subsidiary guarantors named therein and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Mobile Storage Group, Inc.'s Form S-4 filed on September 18, 2007) (the "MSG Indenture").
- 4.6 Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 27, 2008, among Mobile Mini, Inc., Mobile Mini of Ohio, LLC, Mobile Mini, LLC, Mobile Mini I, Inc., A Royal Wolf Portable Storage, Inc., Temporary Mobile Storage, Inc., Delivery Design Systems, Inc., Mobile Mini Texas Limited Partnership, LLP, Mobile Storage Group, Inc., the guarantors party to the MSG Indenture and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Report on Form 8-K filed on July 1, 2008).

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- 10.1 Mobile Mini, Inc. Amended and Restated 1994 Stock Option Plan. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the Registrant's Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997).
- Mobile Mini, Inc. Amended and Restated 1999 Stock Option Plan (as amended through March 25, 2003). (Incorporated by reference to Appendix B of the Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement for its 2003 annual meeting of shareholders, filed on April 11, 2003 under cover of Schedule 14A).
- Form of Stock Option Grant Agreement (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2.1 of the Registrant's Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004).
- Mobile Mini, Inc. 2006 Equity Incentive Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit A of the Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement for its 2009 annual meeting of shareholders filed on April 30, 2009 under cover of Schedule 14A).
- 10.5 ABL Credit Agreement, dated June 27, 2008, between Mobile Mini, Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch and other lenders party thereto (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Report on Form 8-K filed on July 1, 2008).
- 10.6 First Amendment to ABL Credit Agreement, dated August 31, 2008, between Mobile Mini, certain of its subsidiaries, Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch and the other lenders party thereto (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Report on Form 8-K filed on September 4, 2008).
- 10.7 Amended and Restated Employment Agreement dated as of May 28, 2008 by and between Mobile Mini, Inc. and Steven G. Bunger. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Registrant's Report on Form 8-K dated June 2, 2008).
- 10.8 2009 Amendment to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement effective as of January 1, 2009 by and between Mobile Mini, Inc. and Steven G. Bunger. (Filed herewith).
- Employment Agreement dated September 30, 2008 between Mobile Mini, Inc. and Lawrence Trachtenberg. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Report on Form 8-K filed on September 30, 2008).
- 10.10 Employment Agreement dated October 15, 2008 between Mobile Mini, Inc. and Mark E. Funk. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Report on Form 8-K filed on October 17, 2008).
- 10.11 2009 Amendment to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement effective as of January 1, 2009 by and between Mobile Mini, Inc. and Mark E. Funk. (Filed herewith).
- 10.12 Employment Agreement dated as of December 18, 2008 by and between Mobile Mini, Inc. and Jody Miller. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Registrant's Report on Form 8-K filed on December 23, 2008).
- 10.13 2009 Amendment to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement effective as of January 1, 2009 by and between Mobile Mini, Inc. and Jody Miller. (Filed herewith).
- 10.14 Employment Agreement dated as of December 22, 2009 by and between Mobile Mini, Inc. and Christopher J. Miner. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Registrant's Report on Form 8-K filed on December 24, 2009).
- 10.15 Form of Indemnification Agreement between the Registrant and its Directors and Executive Officers. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20 to the Registrant's Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004).
- 10.16 Escrow Agreement dated as of June 27, 2008, between Mobile Mini, Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe X, L.P. and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Report on Form 8-K filed on July 1, 2008).
- 10.17 Stockholders Agreement dated as of June 27, 2008, between Mobile Mini and the certain stockholders. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Report on Form 8-K filed on July 1, 2008).
- 21 Subsidiaries of Mobile Mini, Inc. (Filed herewith)
- 23.1 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm. (Filed herewith).
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Item 601(b)(31) of Regulation S-K. (Filed herewith).
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Item 601(b)(31) of Regulation S-K. (Filed herewith).
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Item 601(b)(32) of Regulation S-K. (Filed herewith).

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.

MOBILE MINI, INC.

Date: March 1, 2010

By: /s/ Steven G. Bunger
Steven G. Bunger, President

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

Date: March 1, 2010	By:	/s/ Steven G. Bunger Steven G. Bunger President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)
Date: March 1, 2010	By:	/s/ Mark E. Funk Mark E. Funk Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)
Date: March 1, 2010	By:	/s/ Deborah K. Keeley Deborah K. Keeley Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)
Date: March 1, 2010	By:	/s/ James J. Martell James J. Martell, Director
Date: March 1, 2010	By:	/s/ Jeffrey S. Goble Jeffrey S. Goble, Director
Date: March 1, 2010	By:	/s/ Stephen A McConnell Stephen A McConnell, Director
Date: March 1, 2010	By:	/s/ Frederick G. McNamee Frederick G. McNamee, Director
Date: March 1, 2010	By:	/s/ Sanjay Swani Sanjay Swani, Director
Date: March 1, 2010	By:	/s/ Lawrence Trachtenberg Lawrence Trachtenberg, Director
Date: March 1, 2010	By:	/s/ Michael L. Watts Michael L. Watts, Director

SCHEDULE II

MOBILE MINI, INC. VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2007	2008	2009
	·	(In thousands))
Allowance for doubtful accounts:			
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 5,008	\$ 3,993	\$ 7,193
Provision charged to expense	1,869	5,261	2,701
Acquired through business acquisitions	_	2,873	623
Write-offs	(2,884)	(4,934)	(6,802)
Balance at end of year	\$ 3,993	<u>\$ 7,193</u>	<u>\$ 3,715</u>

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Free Cash Flow

Non-GAAP reconciliation to nearest comparable GAAP measure

Free cash flow is defined as net cash provided by operating activities, less net cash used in investing activities, excluding acquisitions. Free cash flow is a non-GAAP financial measure and is not intended to replace net cash provided by operating activities, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure. We present free cash flow because we believe it provides useful information regarding our liquidity and ability to meet our short-term obligations. In particular, free cash flow indicates the amount of cash available after capital expenditures for, among other things, investments in the Company's existing businesses, debt service obligations and strategic acquisitions.

Below is a reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to free cash flow:

Years Ended December 31,				
2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
(\$ in millions)				
\$ 69.2	\$ 76.9	\$ 91.3	\$ 98.5	\$ 86.8
(109.5)	(135.9)	(126.7)	(76.6)	(21.5)
9.5	13.3	16.2	28.3	33.4
(6.4)	(10.9)	(18.5)	(16.9)	(10.3)
-	0.2	0.1	0.5	1.3
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(106.2)	(133.3)	(128.9)	(64.7)	2.9
\$ (37.0)	\$ (56.4)	\$ (37.6)	\$ 33.8	\$ 89.7
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Corporate Information

Directors and Officers

Board of Directors

Steven G. Bunger

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Jeffrey S. Goble

President - Medegen, Inc.

A developer and manufacturer of specialty infusion therapy medical devices

James J. Martel

Chairman – Express-1 Expedited Solutions A transportation services organization

Stephen A McConnell

President - Solano Ventures

A private capital investment company

Frederick G. (Rick) McNamee

Principal - Quadrus Consulting

A strategy and technology operations consulting company

Sanjay Swani

General Partner – Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe A private equity firm

Lawrence Trachtenberg

Private Investor

Michael L. Watts

Chairman and CEO – Sunstate Equipment Co., LLC A construction equipment rental company

Corporate Officers

Mark E. Funk

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Jody E. Miller

Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

Kyle G. Blackwell

Senior Vice President - East Division

Ron Halchishak

Senior Vice President & Managing Director - European Division

Jon D. Keating

Senior Vice President - Operations

Deborah K. Keeley

Senior Vice President & Chief Accounting Officer

Ronald E. Marshall

Senior Vice President - West Division

Christopher J. Miner

Senior Vice President & General Counsel

Robert T. Olson

Senior Vice President - National Sales Center

Scott V. Buller

Vice President - National Accounts

Michael J. Bunger

Vice President - Mobile Offices

Katherine H. Callaway

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