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#### FORM 10-K

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

For the fiscal year ended January 29, 2011

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_

1-37917 (Commission File Number)

BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY INVESTMENTS HOLDINGS, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) 20-4663833 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1830 Route 130 North Burlington, New Jersey (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 08016

(Zip Code)

(609) 387-7800 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities

Act. Yes" No T

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes

No T

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes "No"

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

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

Large accelerated filer "

Accelerated filer "

Non-Accelerated filer T (Do not check if a smaller

Smaller reporting company "

reporting company)

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

The aggregate market value of the registrant's voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant is zero. The registrant is a privately held corporation.

As of April 14, 2011, the registrant has 1,000 shares of common stock outstanding, all of which are owned by Burlington Coat Factory Holdings, Inc., registrant's parent holding company, and are not publicly traded.

Documents Incorporated By Reference

None

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#### PART I

Item 1. Business

#### Overview

Burlington Coat Factory Investments Holdings, Inc. (the Company or Holdings) owns Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corporation (BCFWC), which is a nationally recognized retailer of high-quality, branded apparel at everyday low prices. We opened our first store in Burlington, New Jersey in 1972, selling primarily coats and outerwear. Since then, and as of January 29, 2011, we have expanded our store base to 460 stores in 44 states and Puerto Rico and diversified our product categories by offering an extensive selection of in-season better and moderate brands, fashion-focused merchandise, including: ladies sportswear, menswear, coats, family footwear, baby furniture and accessories, as well as home decor and gifts. We continue to emphasize our rich heritage of coats and outerwear and we believe that we are viewed as the destination for coat shoppers. We employ a hybrid business model, offering the low prices of off-price retailers as well as the branded merchandise and product diversity traditionally associated with department stores. We acquire desirable, first-quality, branded merchandise primarily from nationally-recognized manufacturers. For the fiscal year ended January 29, 2011, we generated total revenue of \$3,701.1 million, net sales of \$3,669.6 million, net income of \$31.0 million, and Adjusted EBITDA (as defined later in this Form 10-K) of \$338.1 million.

As used in this Annual Report, the terms "Company," "we," "us," or "our" refer to Holdings and all its subsidiaries. Holdings has no operations and its only asset is all of the stock of BCFWC. BCFWC was initially organized in 1972 as a New Jersey corporation. In 1983, BCFWC was reincorporated in Delaware and currently exists as a Delaware corporation. Holdings was organized in 2006 (and currently exists) as a Delaware corporation. BCFWC became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Holdings in connection with our acquisition on April 13, 2006 by affiliates of Bain Capital in a take private transaction (Merger Transaction). Holdings is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Burlington Coat Factory Holdings, Inc. (Parent).

#### Change in Fiscal Year End

In order to conform to the predominant fiscal calendar used within the retail industry, on February 25, 2010 our Board of Directors approved a change in our fiscal year from a fiscal year comprised of the twelve consecutive fiscal months ending on the Saturday closest to May 31 to a fiscal year comprised of the twelve consecutive fiscal months ending on the Saturday closest to January 31. This change commenced with the transition period beginning on May 31, 2009 and ending on January 30, 2010 (Transition Period). This Form 10-K is an annual report for the fiscal year ended January 29, 2011 (Fiscal 2010). The Company's last three complete fiscal years prior to Fiscal 2010 ended on May 30, 2009 (Fiscal 2009), May 31, 2008 (Fiscal 2008), and June 2, 2007 (Fiscal 2007), and each of those years contained 52 weeks.

#### Debt Refinancing and Dividend

In the first quarter of Fiscal 2011, we completed the refinancing of our Term Loan, Senior Notes, and Senior Discount Notes. As a result of these transactions, the Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes, with carrying values at January 29, 2011 of \$302.0 million and \$99.3 million, respectively, have been repurchased. In addition, BCFWC completed the sale of \$450 million aggregate principal amount of 10% Senior Notes due 2019 (the Notes) at an issue price of 100%. Additionally, the Term Loan with a carrying value of \$777.6 million as of January 29, 2011 has been replaced with a \$1,000.0 million senior secured term loan facility (New Term Loan). Borrowings on the ABL Line of Credit related to the transaction were \$101.6 million. As a result of these transactions, we incurred various fees and charges

of approximately \$73 million. In connection with the offering of the Notes and the refinancing of the Term Loan facility, a cash dividend of approximately \$300.0 million in the aggregate was paid to the equity holders of Parent on a pro rata basis.

#### The Stores

As of January 29, 2011, we operated 460 stores under the names: "Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse" (443 stores), "MJM Designer Shoes" (14 stores), "Cohoes Fashions" (two stores), and "Super Baby Depot" (one store). Our store base is geographically diversified with stores located in 44 states and Puerto Rico. We believe that our customers are attracted to our stores principally by the availability of a large assortment of first-quality current brand-name merchandise at everyday low prices.

Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse stores (BCF stores) offer customers a complete line of value-priced apparel, including: ladies sportswear, menswear, coats, and family footwear, as well as baby furniture, accessories, home decor and gifts. We continue to emphasize our rich heritage of coats and outerwear and we believe that we are viewed as the destination for coat shoppers. BCF's broad selection provides a wide range of apparel, accessories and furnishing for all ages. We purchase both pre-season and in-season merchandise, allowing us to respond timely to changing market conditions and consumer fashion preferences. Furthermore, we believe BCF stores' substantial selection of staple, destination products such as coats and products in our Baby Depot departments, as well as men's and boys' suits, attracts customers from beyond our local trade areas. These products drive incremental store-traffic and differentiate us from our competitors. Over 98% of our net sales are derived from our BCF stores.

We opened our first MJM Designer Shoe store in 2002. MJM Designer Shoe stores offer an extensive collection of men's, women's and children's moderate-to higher-priced designer and fashion shoes, sandals, boots and sneakers. MJM Designer Shoe stores also carry accessories such as handbags, wallets, belts, socks, hosiery and novelty gifts. MJM Designer Shoes stores provide a superior shoe shopping experience for the value conscious consumer by offering a broad selection of quality goods at discounted prices in stores with a convenient self-service layout.

In some of our stores, we grant unaffiliated third parties the right to use designated store space solely for the purpose of selling such third parties' goods, including items such as fragrances, and jewelry (Leased Departments). During Fiscal 2010, our rental income from all such arrangements aggregated less than 1% of our total revenues. We do not own or have any rights to any trademarks, licenses or other intellectual property used in connection with the brands sold by such unaffiliated third parties.

## Store Expansion

Since 1972 when our first store was opened in Burlington, New Jersey, we have expanded to 443 BCF stores, two Cohoes Fashions stores, 14 MJM Designer Shoes stores, and one stand-alone Super Baby Depot store.

We believe the size of our typical BCF store represents a competitive advantage. Most of our stores are approximately 80,000 square feet, occupying significantly more selling square footage than most off-price or specialty store competitors. Major landlords frequently seek us as a tenant because the appeal of our apparel merchandise profile attracts a desired customer base and because we can take on larger facilities than most of our competitors. In addition, we have built long-standing relationships with major shopping center developers. As of January 29, 2011, we operated stores in 44 states and Puerto Rico, and we are exploring expansion opportunities both within our current market areas and in other regions.

We believe that our ability to find satisfactory locations for our stores is essential for the continued growth of our business. The opening of stores generally is contingent upon a number of factors including, but not limited to, the availability of desirable locations with suitable structures and the negotiation of acceptable lease terms. There can be no assurance, however, that we will be able to find suitable locations for new stores or that even if such locations are found and acceptable lease terms are obtained, we will be able to open the number of new stores presently planned.

### Real Estate Strategy

As of January 29, 2011, we owned the land and/or buildings for 40 of our 460 stores. Generally, however, our policy has been to lease our stores, with average rents per square foot that are below the rents of our off-price competitors. Our large average store size (generally twice that of our off-price competitors), ability to attract foot traffic and our disciplined real estate strategy enable us to secure these lower rents. Most of our stores are located in malls, strip shopping centers, regional power centers or are freestanding.

Our current lease model generally provides for a ten year initial term with a number of five year options thereafter. Typically, our lease strategy includes landlord allowances for leasehold improvements and tenant fixtures. We believe our lease model keeps us competitive with other retailers for desirable locations.

We have a proven track record of new store expansion. Our store base has grown from 13 stores in 1980 to 460 stores as of January 29, 2011. Assuming that appropriate locations are identified, we believe that we will be able to execute our growth strategy without significantly impacting our current stores. The table below shows our store openings and

closings since the beginning of our fiscal year ended June 3, 2006.

Fiscal Years				J	35 weeks ended anuary 30,	
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010
Stores (Beginning of Period)	362	368	379	397	433	442
Stores Opened	12	19	20	37	9	25
Stores Closed	(6)	(8)	(2)	(1)	0	(7)
Stores (End of Period)	368	379*	397	433	442	460

<sup>\*</sup> Inclusive of three stores that closed because of hurricane damage, which reopened in 2007.

#### Distribution

We have two primary distribution centers that ship approximately 84% of merchandise units to our stores. The remaining 16% of merchandise units are drop shipped directly to our stores. The two distribution centers, located in Edgewater Park, New Jersey and San Bernardino, California, occupy an aggregate of 1,088,000 square feet and each includes processing and storage capacity. In addition to our two primary distribution facilities, we recently reopened our distribution facility in Burlington, New Jersey. This 402,000 square foot facility is being used primarily for storage of product that has been purchased well in advance of the selling season. The vast majority of product stored at this facility will be processed and shipped through our Edgewater Park, New Jersey facility.

We continue to work on several logistics initiatives to improve supply chain efficiencies and service levels. We have implemented a new warehouse management system within our Edgewater Park, New Jersey and San Bernardino, California distribution centers. We believe that this new system will allow for further improvements in productivity by providing functionality not previously available. Accordingly, both facilities can process all receipts in a more efficient manner, further reducing the amount of transportation miles required to service our stores. We are also planning to make incremental investments during Fiscal 2011 that will allow these facilities to handle increased volume and provide value added services to our stores, such as breaking up units into smaller quantities to allow the right volumes to be placed in the right stores. Additionally, we have implemented a performance management program designed to drive productivity improvements within the four walls of our distribution centers.

	Calendar Year		Leased or
Location	Operational	Size (sq. feet)	Owned
Edgewater Park, New Jersey	2004	648,000	Owned
San Bernardino, California	2006	440,000	Leased
Burlington, New Jersey	1987	402,000	Owned

### Customer Demographic

Our core customer is the 25–49 year-old woman. The core customer is educated, resides in mid- to large-sized metropolitan areas and has an annual household income of \$35,000 to \$60,000. This customer shops for herself, her family and her home. We appeal to value seeking and fashion conscious customers who are price-driven but enjoy the style and fit of high-quality, branded merchandise. These core customers are drawn to us not only by our value proposition, but also by our broad selection of styles, our brands and our highly appealing product selection for families.

#### **Customer Service**

We are committed to providing our customers with an enjoyable shopping experience and strive to make continuous efforts to improve customer service. In training our employees, our goal is to emphasize knowledgeable, friendly customer service and a sense of professional pride. We offer our customers special services to enhance the convenience of their shopping experience, such as professional tailors, a baby gift registry, and layaways.

We have empowered our store teams to provide an outstanding customer experience for every customer in every store, every day. We have streamlined processes and will continue to strive to create opportunities for fast and effective customer interactions. Our stores must reflect clean, organized merchandise presentations that highlight the brands,

value and diversity of our selection within our assortments.

#### Marketing and Advertising

We use a variety of broad-based and targeted marketing and advertising strategies to efficiently deliver the right message to the targeted audience at the right time. These strategies include national television and local radio advertising, direct mail, email marketing and targeted digital and magazine advertisements. Broadcast communication and reach is balanced with relevant customer contacts to increase frequency of store visits.

#### **Employees**

As of January 29, 2011, we employed 31,399 people, including part-time and seasonal employees. Our staffing requirements fluctuate during the year as a result of the seasonality of the apparel industry. We hire additional employees and increase the hours of part-time employees during seasonal peak selling periods. As of January 29, 2011, employees at two of our stores were subject to collective bargaining agreements.

#### Competition

The retail business is highly competitive. Competitors include off-price retailers, department stores, mass merchants and specialty apparel stores. At various times throughout the year, traditional full-price department store chains and specialty shops offer brand-name merchandise at substantial markdowns, which can result in prices approximating those offered by us at our BCF stores.

#### Merchandise Vendors

We purchase merchandise from many suppliers, each of which accounted for less than 3% of our net purchases during Fiscal 2010. We have no long-term purchase commitments or arrangements with any of our suppliers, and believe that we are not dependent on any one supplier. We continue to have good working relationships with our suppliers.

#### Seasonality

Our business, like that of most retailers, is subject to seasonal influences, with the major portion of sales and income typically realized during the back-to-school and holiday seasons (September through January). Weather, however, continues to be an important contributing factor to the sale of our clothing. Generally, our sales are higher if the weather is cold during the Fall and warm during the early Spring.

#### Tradenames

We have tradename assets such as Burlington Coat Factory, Baby Depot, Luxury Linens and MJM Designs. We consider these tradenames and the accompanying name recognition to be valuable to our business. We believe that our rights to these properties are adequately protected. Our rights in these tradenames endure for as long as they are used.

#### **AVAILABLE INFORMATION**

Our website address is www.burlingtoncoatfactory.com. We will provide to any person, upon request, copies of our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports, free of charge as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Such requests should be made in writing to the attention of our Corporate Counsel at the following address: Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corporation, 1830 Route 130 North, Burlington, New Jersey 08016.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

#### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains forward-looking statements that are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about us, the industry in which we operate and other matters, as well as management's beliefs and assumptions and other statements regarding matters that are not historical facts. These statements include, in particular, statements about our plans, strategies and prospects. For example, when we use words such as "projects," "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," "should," "would," "could," "will," "opportunity "may," variations of such words or other words that convey uncertainty of future events or outcomes, we are making forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 (Securities Act) and

Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act). Our forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties. Actual events or results may differ materially from the results anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of factors. While it is impossible to identify all such factors, factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those estimated by us include: competition in the retail industry, seasonality of our business, adverse weather conditions, changes in consumer preferences and consumer spending patterns, import risks, general economic conditions in the United States (U.S.) and in states where we conduct our business, our ability to implement our strategy, our substantial level of indebtedness and related debt-service obligations, restrictions imposed by covenants in our debt agreements, availability of adequate financing, our dependence on vendors for our merchandise, domestic events affecting the delivery of merchandise to our stores, existence of adverse litigation and risks, and each of the factors discussed in this Item 1A, Risk Factors as well as risks discussed elsewhere in this report.

Many of these factors are beyond our ability to predict or control. In addition, as a result of these and other factors, our past financial performance should not be relied on as an indication of future performance. The cautionary statements referred to in this section also should be considered in connection with any subsequent written or oral forward-looking statements that may be issued by us or persons acting on our behalf. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law. In light of these risks and uncertainties, the forward-looking events and circumstances discussed in this report might not occur. Furthermore, we cannot guarantee future results, events, levels of activity, performance or achievements.

Set forth below are certain important risks and uncertainties that could adversely affect our results of operations or financial condition and cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements made by us. Although we believe that we have identified and discussed below the key risk factors affecting our business, there may be additional risks and uncertainties that are not presently known or that are not currently believed to be significant that may adversely affect our performance or financial condition. More detailed information regarding certain risk factors described below is contained in other sections of this report.

Our growth strategy includes the addition of a significant number of new stores each year. We may not be able to implement this strategy successfully, on a timely basis, or at all.

Our growth will largely depend on our ability to successfully open and operate new stores. We intend to continue to open new stores in future years, while remodeling a portion of our existing store base annually. The success of this strategy is dependent upon, among other things, the current retail environment, the identification of suitable markets and sites for store locations, the negotiation of acceptable lease terms, the hiring, training and retention of competent sales personnel, and the effective management of inventory to meet the needs of new and existing stores on a timely basis. Our proposed expansion also will place increased demands on our operational, managerial and administrative resources. These increased demands could cause us to operate our business less effectively, which in turn could cause deterioration in the financial performance of our existing stores. In addition, to the extent that our new store openings are in existing markets, we may experience reduced net sales volumes in existing stores in those markets. We expect to fund our expansion through cash flow from operations and, if necessary, by borrowings under our Available Business Line Senior Secured Revolving Facility (ABL Line of Credit); however, if we experience a decline in performance, we may slow or discontinue store openings. We may not be able to execute any of these strategies successfully, on a timely basis, or at all. If we fail to implement these strategies successfully, our financial condition and results of operations would be adversely affected.

If we are unable to renew or replace our store leases or enter into leases for new stores on favorable terms, or if one or more of our current leases are terminated prior to the expiration of their stated term and we cannot find suitable alternate locations, our growth and profitability could be negatively impacted.

We currently lease approximately 91% of our store locations. Most of our current leases expire at various dates after five-year terms, or ten-year terms in the case of our newer leases, the majority of which are subject to our option to renew such leases for several additional five-year periods. Our ability to renew any expiring lease or, if such lease cannot be renewed, our ability to lease a suitable alternative location, and our ability to enter into leases for new stores on favorable terms will depend on many factors which are not within our control, such as conditions in the local real estate market, competition for desirable properties and our relationships with current and prospective landlords. If we are unable to renew existing leases or lease suitable alternative locations, or enter into leases for new stores on favorable terms, our growth and our profitability may be negatively impacted.

Our net sales, operating income and inventory levels fluctuate on a seasonal basis and decreases in sales or margins during our peak seasons could have a disproportionate effect on our overall financial condition and results of operations.

Our net sales and operating income fluctuate seasonally, with a significant portion of our operating income typically realized during the five-month period from September through January. Any decrease in sales or margins during this period could have a disproportionate effect on our financial condition and results of operations. Seasonal fluctuations also affect our inventory levels. We must carry a significant amount of inventory, especially before the holiday season selling period. If we are not successful in selling our inventory, we may have to write down our inventory or sell it at significantly reduced prices or we may not be able to sell such inventory at all, which could have a material adverse

effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Fluctuations in comparative store sales and results of operations could cause our business performance to decline substantially.

Our results of operations for our individual stores have fluctuated in the past and can be expected to continue to fluctuate in the future. Since the beginning of the fiscal year ended May 29, 2005, our quarterly comparative store sales rates have ranged from 8.9% to negative 8.0%.

Our comparative store sales and results of operations are affected by a variety of factors, including:

fashion trends;

- calendar shifts of holiday or seasonal periods;
- the effectiveness of our inventory management;
  - changes in our merchandise mix;
- weather patterns, including, among other things, changes in year-over-year temperatures;

- availability of suitable real estate locations at desirable prices and our ability to locate them;
  - our ability to effectively manage pricing and markdowns;
  - changes in general economic conditions and consumer spending patterns;
  - our ability to anticipate, understand and meet consumer trends and preferences;
    - actions of competitors; and
    - the attractiveness of our inventory and stores to customers.

If our future comparative store sales fail to meet expectations, then our cash flow and profitability could decline substantially. For further information, please refer to Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Because inventory is both fashion and season sensitive, extreme and/or unseasonable weather conditions could have a disproportionately large effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations because we would be forced to mark down inventory.

Extreme weather conditions in the areas in which our stores are located could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. For example, heavy snowfall or other extreme weather conditions over a prolonged period might make it difficult for our customers to travel to our stores. In addition, natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornados and earthquakes, or a combination of these or other factors, could severely damage or destroy one or more of our stores or facilities located in the affected areas, thereby disrupting our business operations. Our business is also susceptible to unseasonable weather conditions. For example, extended periods of unseasonably warm temperatures during the fall or winter season or cool weather during the spring or summer season could render a portion of our inventory incompatible with those unseasonable conditions. These prolonged unseasonable weather conditions could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. Historically, a majority of our net sales have occurred during the five-month period from September through January. Unseasonably warm weather during these months could adversely affect our business.

We do not have long-term contracts with any of our vendors and if we are unable to purchase suitable merchandise in sufficient quantities at competitive prices, we may be unable to offer a merchandise mix that is attractive to our customers and our sales may be harmed.

The products that we offer are manufactured by third party vendors. Many of our key vendors limit the number of retail channels they use to sell their merchandise resulting in intense competition among retailers to obtain and sell these goods. In addition, nearly all of the brands of our top vendors are sold by competing retailers and some of our top vendors also have their own dedicated retail stores. Moreover, we typically buy products from our vendors on a purchase order basis. We have no long term purchase contracts with any of our vendors and, therefore, have no contractual assurances of continued supply, pricing or access to products, and any vendor could change the terms upon which they sell to us or discontinue selling to us at any time. If our relationships with our vendors are disrupted, we may not be able to acquire the merchandise we require in sufficient quantities or on terms acceptable to us. Any inability to acquire suitable merchandise would have a negative effect on our business and operating results because we would be missing products from our merchandise mix unless and until alternative supply arrangements were made, resulting in deferred or lost sales.

Our results may be adversely affected by fluctuations in energy prices.

Increases in energy costs may result in an increase in our transportation costs for distribution, utility costs for our stores and costs to purchase our products from suppliers. A sustained rise in energy costs could adversely affect consumer spending and demand for our products and increase our operating costs, both of which could have an adverse effect on our performance.

General economic conditions affect our business.

Consumer spending habits, including spending for the merchandise that we sell, are affected by, among other things, prevailing economic conditions, inflation, levels of employment, salaries and wage rates, prevailing interest rates, housing costs, energy costs, commodities pricing, income tax rates and policies, consumer confidence and consumer perception of economic conditions. In addition, consumer purchasing patterns may be influenced by consumers' disposable income, credit availability and debt levels. A continued or incremental slowdown in the U.S. economy, an uncertain economic outlook or an expanded credit crisis could continue to adversely affect consumer spending habits resulting in lower net sales and profits than expected on a quarterly or annual basis. Consumer confidence is also affected by the domestic and international political situation. Our financial condition and operations could be impacted by changes in government regulations such as taxes, healthcare reform, and other areas. The outbreak or escalation of war, or the occurrence of terrorist acts or other hostilities in or affecting the U.S., could lead to a decrease in spending by consumers. In addition, natural disasters, industrial accidents and acts of war in various parts of the world could have the effect of disrupting supplies and raising prices globally which, in turn, may have adverse effects on the world and U.S. economies and lead to a downturn in consumer confidence and spending.

The financial crisis which began in 2008, combined with already weakened economic conditions due to high energy costs, deterioration of the mortgage lending market and rising costs of food, led to a global recession affecting all industries and businesses. The resultant loss of jobs and decrease in consumer spending has caused businesses to reduce spending and scale down their profit and performance projections. More specifically, these conditions have led to unprecedented promotional activity among retailers. In order to increase traffic and drive consumer spending in the current economic environment, competitors, including department stores, mass merchants and specialty apparel stores, have been offering brand-name merchandise at substantial markdowns. If we are unable to continue to positively differentiate ourselves from our competitors, our results of operations could be adversely affected. More recently, the unprecedented 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear accident in Japan, combined with the outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East, could have the effect of slowing or curtailing the nascent recovery from the financial crisis.

Parties with whom we do business may be subject to insolvency risks which could negatively impact our liquidity.

Many economic and other factors are outside of our control, including but not limited to commercial credit availability. Also affected are our vendors who, in many cases depend upon commercial credit to finance their operations. If they are unable to secure commercial financing, our vendors could seek to change the terms on which they sell to us, which could negatively affect our liquidity. In addition, the inability of vendors to access liquidity, or the insolvency of vendors, could lead to their failure to deliver merchandise to us.

Although we purchase most of our inventory from vendors domestically, apparel production is located primarily overseas.

Factors which affect overseas production could affect our suppliers and vendors and, in turn, our ability to obtain inventory and the price levels at which they may be obtained. Although such factors apply equally to our competitors, factors that cause an increase in merchandise costs or a decrease in supply could lead to generally lower sales and gross margins in the retail industry.

#### Such factors include:

- political or labor instability in countries where suppliers are located or at foreign and domestic ports which could result in lengthy shipment delays, which if timed ahead of the Fall and Winter peak selling periods could materially and adversely affect our ability to stock inventory on a timely basis;
- political or military conflict involving the apparel producing countries, which could cause a delay in the transportation of our products to us and an increase in transportation costs;
- heightened terrorism security concerns, which could subject imported goods to additional, more frequent or more thorough inspections, leading to delays in deliveries or impoundment of goods for extended periods;
- disease epidemics and health related concerns, such as the outbreaks of SARS, bird flu, swine flu and other diseases, which could result in closed factories, reduced workforces, scarcity of raw materials and scrutiny or embargoing of goods produced in infected areas;
- natural disasters and industrial accidents, which could have the effect of curtailing production and disrupting supplies;
- •the migration and development of manufacturers, which can affect where our products are or will be produced;

• fluctuation in our suppliers' local currency against the dollar, which may increase our cost of goods sold; and

changes in import duties, taxes, charges, quotas, loss of "most favored nation" trading status with the United States for a particular foreign country and trade restrictions (including the United States imposing antidumping or countervailing duty orders, safeguards, remedies or compensation and retaliation due to illegal foreign trade practices).

Any of the foregoing factors, or a combination thereof could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Our business would be disrupted severely if either of our primary distribution centers were to shut down.

During Fiscal 2010, central distribution services were extended to approximately 84% of our merchandise units through our distribution facilities. Our two primary distribution centers are currently located in Edgewater Park, New Jersey and San Bernardino, California. Most of the merchandise we purchase is shipped directly to our distribution centers, where it is prepared for shipment to the appropriate stores. If either of our current primary distribution centers were to shut down or lose significant capacity for any reason, our operations would likely be disrupted. Although in such circumstances our stores are capable of receiving inventory directly from suppliers via drop shipment, we would incur significantly higher costs and a reduced ability to control inventory levels during the time it takes for us to reopen or replace either of our primary distribution centers.

Software used for our management information systems may become obsolete or conflict with the requirements of newer hardware and may cause disruptions in our business.

We rely on our existing management information systems, including some software programs that were developed in-house by our employees, in operating and monitoring all major aspects of our business, including sales, distribution, purchasing, inventory control, merchandising planning and replenishment, as well as various financial systems. If we fail to update such software to meet the demands of changing business requirements or if we decide to modify or change our hardware and/or operating systems and the software programs that were developed in-house are not compatible with the new hardware or operating systems, disruption to our business may result.

Unauthorized disclosure of sensitive or confidential customer information, whether through a breach of our computer system or otherwise, could severely hurt our business.

As part of our normal course of business we collect, process and retain sensitive and confidential customer information in accordance with industry standards. Despite the security measures we have in place, our facilities and systems, and those of our third party service providers may be vulnerable to security breaches, acts of vandalism and theft, computer viruses, misplaced or lost data, programming and/or human errors, or other similar events. Any security breach involving misappropriation, loss or other unauthorized disclosure of confidential information, whether by us or our vendors, could severely damage our reputation, expose us to litigation and liability risks, disrupt our operations and harm our business.

Disruptions in our information systems could adversely affect our operating results.

The efficient operation of our business is dependent on our information systems. If an act of God or other event caused our information systems to not function properly, major business disruptions could occur. In particular, we rely on our information systems to effectively manage sales, distribution, merchandise planning and allocation functions. Our disaster recovery site is located within 15 miles of our Burlington, New Jersey headquarters. If a disaster impacts either location, while it most likely would not fully incapacitate us, our operations could be significantly affected. The failure of our information systems to perform as designed could disrupt our business and harm sales and profitability.

Changes in product safety laws may adversely impact our operations.

We are subject to regulations by a variety of state and federal regulatory authorities, including the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) imposes new limitations on the permissible amounts of lead and phthalates allowed in children's products. These regulations relate principally to product labeling, licensing requirements, flammability testing, and product safety particularly with respect to products used by children. In the event that we are unable to timely comply with regulatory changes, including those pursuant to the CPSIA, significant fines or penalties could result, and could adversely affect our operations.

Our future growth and profitability could be adversely affected if our advertising and marketing programs are not effective in generating sufficient levels of customer awareness and traffic.

We rely on print and television advertising to increase consumer awareness of our product offerings and pricing to drive store traffic. In addition, we rely and will increasingly rely on other forms of media advertising. Our future growth and profitability will depend in large part upon the effectiveness and efficiency of our advertising and marketing programs. In order for our advertising and marketing programs to be successful, we must:

manage advertising and marketing costs effectively in order to maintain acceptable operating margins and return on our marketing investment; and

convert customer awareness into actual store visits and product purchases.

Our planned advertising and marketing expenditures may not result in increased total or comparative net sales or generate sufficient levels of product awareness. Further, we may not be able to manage our advertising and marketing expenditures on a cost-effective basis. Additionally, some of our competitors may have substantially larger marketing budgets, which may provide them with a competitive advantage.

The loss of key personnel may disrupt our business and adversely affect our financial results.

We depend on the contributions of key personnel for our future success. Although we have entered into employment agreements with certain executives, we may not be able to retain all of our executive and key employees. These executives and other key employees may be hired by our competitors, some of which have considerably more financial resources than we do. The loss of key personnel, or the inability to hire and retain qualified employees, could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The interests of our controlling stockholders may conflict with the interests of our noteholders or us.

As of April 1, 2011, funds associated with Bain Capital owned approximately 97.9% of the common stock of Burlington Coat Factory Holdings, Inc. (Parent), with the remainder held by existing and former members of management. Additionally, management held options to purchase 8.7% of the outstanding shares of Parent's common stock as of April 1, 2011. Our controlling stockholders may have an incentive to increase the value of their investment or cause us to distribute funds at the expense of our financial condition and impact our ability to make payments on our outstanding notes. In addition, funds associated with Bain Capital have the power to elect a majority of our board of directors and appoint new officers and management and, therefore, effectively control many major decisions regarding our operations.

For further information regarding the ownership interest of, and related party transactions involving, Bain Capital and its associated funds, please see Item 12, Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters, and Item 13, Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.

Changes in legal and accounting rules and regulations may adversely affect our results of operations.

We are subject to numerous legal and accounting requirements. New accounting rules or regulations and varying interpretations of existing accounting rules or regulations have occurred and may occur in the future, including those related to the convergence of GAAP and IFRS. For example, accounting regulatory authorities have indicated that they may begin to require lessees to capitalize operating leases in their financial statements in future periods. If adopted, such a change would require us to record a significant amount of lease related assets and liabilities on our balance sheet and make other changes related to the recording and classification of lease related expenses on our statement of operations and cash flows. Future changes to accounting rules or regulations and failure to comply with laws and regulations could adversely affect our operations and financial results, involve significant expense and divert management's attention and resources from other matters, which in turn could impact our business.

#### Risk Factors Related to Our Substantial Indebtedness

Our substantial indebtedness requires a significant amount of cash. Our ability to generate sufficient cash depends on numerous factors beyond our control, and we may be unable to generate sufficient cash flow to service our debt obligations, including making payments on our outstanding notes.

As of January 29, 2011, our total indebtedness was \$1,372.3 million, including \$302.0 million of 11.1% senior notes due 2014, \$99.3 million of 14.5% senior discount notes due 2014, \$777.6 million under our Senior Secured Term Loan Facility (Term Loan), and \$168.6 million under the ABL Line of Credit. Estimated cash required to make minimum debt service payments (including principal and interest) for these debt obligations amounts to \$81.6 million for the fiscal year ending January 28, 2012, inclusive of minimum interest payments related to the ABL Line of Credit. The ABL Line of Credit has no annual minimum principal payment requirement.

On February 24, 2011, we completed certain refinancing transactions, described in further detail in Item 7 of this report entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financing Condition and Results of Operations" and Note 23 to our Consolidated Financial Statements entitled "Subsequent Events." Following these transactions our total indebtedness was \$1,610.4 million, including \$1.0 billion under our new senior secured term loan facility, \$450.0 million of 10% senior notes due 2019, and \$101.6 million of additional borrowings under our ABL Line of Credit related specifically to the refinancing transaction. Estimated cash required to make minimum debt service payments (including principal and interest) for these debt obligations amounts to \$87.6 million for the fiscal year ended January 28, 2012, inclusive of minimum interest payments related to the ABL Line of Credit. The ABL Line of Credit has no annual minimum principal payment requirement.

Our ability to make payments on and to refinance our debt and to fund planned capital expenditures will depend on our ability to generate cash in the future, which is to some extent, subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory and other factors that are beyond our control. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow to service our debt and meet our other commitments, we will be required to adopt one or more alternatives, such as refinancing all or a portion of our debt, including the notes, selling material assets or operations or raising additional debt or equity capital. We may not be able to successfully carryout any of these actions on a timely basis, on commercially reasonable terms or at all, or be assured that these actions would be sufficient to meet our capital requirements. In addition, the terms of our existing or future debt agreements, including the credit agreements governing our senior secured credit facilities and the indenture governing the notes, may restrict us from affecting any of these alternatives.

If we fail to make scheduled payments on our debt or otherwise fail to comply with our covenants, we will be in default and, as a result:

• our debt holders could declare all outstanding principal and interest to be due and payable,

our secured debt lenders could terminate their commitments and commence foreclosure proceedings against our assets, and

• we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation.

The indenture governing our senior notes and the credit agreements governing our senior secured credit facilities impose significant operating and financial restrictions on us and our subsidiaries, which may prevent us from capitalizing on business opportunities.

The indenture governing our senior notes and the credit agreements governing our senior secured credit facilities contain covenants that place significant operating and financial restrictions on us. These covenants limit our ability to, among other things:

- incur additional indebtedness or enter into sale and leaseback obligations;
- pay certain dividends or make certain distributions on capital stock or repurchase capital stock;
  - make certain capital expenditures;
  - make certain investments or other restricted payments;
  - have our subsidiaries pay dividends or make other payments to us;
    - engage in certain transactions with stockholders or affiliates;
      - sell certain assets or merge with or into other companies;
        - guarantee indebtedness; and
          - create liens.

As a result of these covenants, we are limited in how we conduct our business and we may be unable to raise additional debt or equity financing to compete effectively or to take advantage of new business opportunities. The terms of any future indebtedness we may incur could include more restrictive covenants. If we fail to maintain compliance with these covenants in the future, we may not be able to obtain waivers from the lenders and/or amend the covenants.

Our failure to comply with the restrictive covenants described above, as well as others that may be contained in the indenture governing our senior notes and the credit agreements governing our senior secured credit facilities, could result in an event of default, which, if not cured or waived, could result in us being required to repay these borrowings before their due date. If we are unable to refinance these borrowings or are forced to refinance these borrowings on less favorable terms, our results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected.

Our failure to comply with the agreements relating to our outstanding indebtedness, including as a result of events beyond our control, could result in an event of default that could materially and adversely affect our results of operations and our financial condition.

If there were an event of default under any of the agreements relating to our outstanding indebtedness, the holders of the defaulted debt could cause all amounts outstanding, with respect to that debt, to be due and payable immediately. Our assets or cash flow may not be sufficient to fully repay borrowings under our outstanding debt instruments if accelerated upon an event of default. Further, if we are unable to repay, refinance or restructure our secured indebtedness, the holders of such debt could proceed against the collateral securing that indebtedness. In addition, any event of default or declaration of acceleration under one debt instrument could also result in an event of default under one or more of our other debt instruments.

Item	1R	Unreso	lved Staff	Comments

Not applicable.

#### Item 2. Properties

As of January 29, 2011, we operated 460 stores in 44 states throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico. We own the land and/or building for 40 of our stores and lease the other 420 stores. Store leases generally provide for fixed monthly rental payments, plus the payment, in most cases, of real estate taxes and other charges with escalation clauses. In many locations, our store leases contain formulas providing for the payment of additional rent based on sales.

We own five buildings in Burlington, New Jersey and approximately 47 acres of land on which we have constructed our corporate headquarters. In addition, we own approximately 50 acres of undeveloped land in Florence, New Jersey. We also own approximately 43 acres of land in Edgewater Park, New Jersey on which we have constructed a distribution center and office facility of approximately 648,000 square feet. We lease an additional 440,000 square foot distribution facility in San Bernardino, California. We lease approximately 35,000 square feet of office space in New York City. Refer to Note 12 to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements entitled "Long-Term Debt."

The following table identifies the years in which leases, existing at January 29, 2011, expire (exclusive of distribution and corporate leased location), showing both expiring leases for which we have no renewal options available and expiring leases for which we have renewal options available. For purposes of this table, only the expiration dates of the current lease term (exclusive of any available options) are identified. Historically, we have been able to renew a large number of our expiring leases each year.

	Number of	Number of
	Leases	Leases
	Expiring	Expiring
	with No	with
	Additional	Additional
Fiscal Years	Renewal	Renewal
Ending	Options	Options
2011-2012	13	43
2013-2014	13	100
2015-2016	5	91
2017-2018	5	63
2019-2020	3	50
Thereafter to		
2038	14	22
Total	53	369

Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

A putative class action lawsuit, entitled May Vang, and all others similarly situated, v. Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corporation, Case No. 09-CV-08061-CAS, was filed in the Superior Court of the State of California on September 17, 2009 and was amended and refiled on November 16, 2009 in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California – Western Division. The named plaintiff purports to assert claims on behalf of all current, former, and future employees in the United States and the State of California for the relevant statutory time period. The amended complaint asserts claims for failure to pay all earned hourly wages in violation of the Fair Labor Standards

Act (FLSA), failure to pay all earned hourly wages in violation of the California Labor Code, providing compensatory time off in lieu of overtime pay, forfeiture of vacation pay, failure to provide meal and rest periods, secret payment of lower wages than that required by statute or contract, failure to provide accurate, written wage statements, and unfair competition. The complaint seeks certification as a class with respect to the FLSA claims, certification of a class with respect to California law claims, appointment of class counsel and class representative, civil penalties, statutory penalties, declaratory relief, injunctive relief, actual damages, liquidated damages, restitution, pre-judgment interest, costs of suit and attorney's fees. On March 7, 2011, the United States District Court for the Central District of California – Western Division granted preliminary approval to a settlement agreement pursuant to which the Company will pay class members an immaterial amount in settlement of claims on a class basis. The court rescheduled a hearing for final approval on June 27, 2011.

In addition to the litigation discussed above we are party to various other litigation matters, in most cases involving ordinary and routine claims incidental to our business. We cannot estimate with certainty our ultimate legal and financial liability with respect to such pending litigation matters. However, we believe, based on our examination of such matters, that our ultimate liability will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Item 4. (Removed and Reserved)

#### PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity
Securities

No established trading market currently exists for our common stock. As of April 1, 2011, Parent was the only holder of record of our common stock and 97.9% of Parent's common stock was held by various Bain Capital funds. Payment of dividends is prohibited under our credit agreements, except for certain limited circumstances. Dividends equal to \$0.3 million, \$0.2 million, \$3.0 million and \$0.7 million were paid in accordance with our credit agreements during Fiscal 2010, the Transition Period, Fiscal 2009 and Fiscal 2008, respectively, to Parent in order to repurchase capital stock of the Parent. Refer to Note 23 to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements entitled "Subsequent Events" for further discussions related to the \$300.0 million dividend paid in the aggregate to the equity holders of Parent on a pro rata basis, in connection with our February 24, 2011 debt refinancing.

#### Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The following table presents selected historical Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss), Balance Sheets and other data for the periods presented and should only be read in conjunction with our audited Consolidated Financial Statements (and the related notes thereto) and Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, each of which are included elsewhere in this Form 10-K. The historical financial data for Fiscal 2010, the Transition Period, and the fiscal years ended May 30, 2009, May 31, 2008 and June 2, 2007, and the periods April 13, 2006 to June 3, 2006 and May 29, 2005 to April 12, 2006 have been derived from our historical audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

Predecessor/Successor Presentation. Although Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corporation continued as the same legal entity after the Merger Transaction, the Selected Financial Data for Fiscal 2006 provided below is presented for two periods: Predecessor and Successor, which relate to the period preceding the Merger Transaction, May 29, 2005 to April 12, 2006, and the period following the Merger Transaction, April 13, 2006 to June 3, 2006. The financial data provided refers to our operations and that of our subsidiaries for both the Predecessor and Successor periods.

	Predecesso	or		•	millions) accessor		
						Transition	
	Period					Period	
	from	Period	Twelve	Twelve	Twelve	from	Twelve
	5/29/05	from	Months	Months	Months	5/31/09	Months
	to	4/13/06	Ended	Ended	Ended	to	Ended
	4/12/06	to 6/3/06	6/2/07	5/31/08	5/30/09	1/30/10	1/29/11
Revenues	\$ 3,045.3	\$425.2	\$ 3,441.6	\$ 3,424.0	\$ 3,571.4	\$ 2,479.3	\$ 3,701.1

Net Income (Loss)	94.3	(27.2)	(47.2	)(2)	(49.0	)(2)	(191.6)(2)	18.7	(2) 31.0	(2)
Total Comprehensive										
Income (Loss)	94.3	(27.2)	(47.2	)	(49.0	)	(191.6)	18.7	31.0	
Balance Sheet Data	As of 4/12/06	As of 6/3/06	As of 6/2/07		As of 5/31/08		As of 5/30/09	As of 1/30/10	As of 1/29/11	
Data	4/12/00	0/3/00	0/2/07		3/31/00		3130107	1/30/10	1/2//11	
Total Assets	(1)	\$3,213.5	\$ 3,036.5	í	\$ 2,964.5	í	\$ 2,533.4	\$ 2,394.0	\$ 2,458.0	)
Working Capital	(1)	219.3	280.6		284.4		312.3	349.7	386.2	
Long-Term Debt	(1)	1,508.1	1,456.3	}	1,480.2	<u>.</u>	1,438.8	1,399.2	1,358.0	)
Pro Forma										
Long-Term Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A	N/A	1,724.2	2 (3)
Stockholder's										
Equity	(1)	419.5	380.5		323.5		135.1	154.5	187.5	

#### Notes:

- (1) Information not required for interim period.
- (2) Net Income (Loss) during Fiscal 2007, Fiscal 2008, Fiscal 2009, the Transition Period, and Fiscal 2010 reflects impairment charges of \$24.4 million, \$25.3 million, \$332.0 million, \$46.8 million, and \$2.1 million, respectively. The impairment charges in Fiscal 2007, Fiscal 2008, the Transition period and Fiscal 2010 relate entirely to our long-lived assets while the impairment charge in Fiscal 2009 relate to both our tradenames and our long-lived assets (refer to Note 7 entitled "Intangible Assets" and Note 9 entitled "Impairment of Long-Lived Assets" to our Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion regarding our impairment charges).
- (3) In the first quarter of Fiscal 2011, we completed the refinancing of our Term Loan, Senior Notes, and Senior Discount Notes. As a result of these transactions, the Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes, with carrying values at January 29, 2011 of \$302.0 million and \$99.3 million, respectively, have been repurchased. In addition, BCFWC completed the sale of \$450 million aggregate principal amount of 10% Senior Notes due 2019 (the Notes) at an issue price of 100%. Additionally, the Term Loan with a carrying value of \$777.6 million as of January 29, 2011 has been replaced with a \$1,000.0 million senior secured term loan facility (New Term Loan). Borrowings on the ABL Line of Credit related to the transaction were \$101.6 million. As a result of these transactions, we incurred various fees and charges of approximately \$73 million. In connection with the offering of the Notes and the refinancing of the Term Loan facility, a cash dividend of approximately \$300.0 million in the aggregate was paid to the equity holders of Parent on a pro rata basis.

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

For purposes of the following "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," unless indicated otherwise or the context requires, "we," "us," "our," and "Company" refers to the operations of Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries, and the financial statements of Burlington Coat Factory Investments Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries. With the exception of the 35 week period ended January 30, 2010, we maintain our records on the basis of a 52 or 53 week fiscal year ending on the Saturday closest to January 31. The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the "Selected Financial Data" and our Consolidated Financial Statements, including the notes thereto, appearing elsewhere herein.

In addition to historical information, this discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements based on current expectations that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions, such as our plans, objectives, expectations, and intentions set forth under the caption entitled "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements," which can be found in Item 1A, Risk Factors. Our actual results and the timing of events may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including those set forth in the Item 1A, Risk Factors and elsewhere in this report.

#### Change in Fiscal Year

In order to conform to the predominant fiscal calendar used within the retail industry, on February 25, 2010 our Board of Directors approved a change in our fiscal year from a fiscal year comprised of the twelve consecutive fiscal months ending on the Saturday closest to May 31 to a fiscal year comprised of the twelve consecutive fiscal months ending on the Saturday closest to January 31. This change commenced with the transition period beginning on May 31, 2009 and ending on January 30, 2010 (Transition Period). This Form 10-K is an annual report for the fiscal year ended January 29, 2011 (Fiscal 2010). The Company's last three complete fiscal years prior to Fiscal 2010 ended on May 30, 2009 (Fiscal 2009), May 31, 2008 (Fiscal 2008), and June 2, 2007 (Fiscal 2007), and each of those years contained 52 weeks. Our Management's Discussion and Analysis discusses Fiscal 2010 compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 for comparative purposes because we believe that such comparative information is important to understand the results of our operations and cash flows.

#### General

We are a nationally recognized retailer of high-quality, branded apparel at everyday low prices. We opened our first store in Burlington, New Jersey in 1972, selling primarily coats and outerwear. Since then, we have expanded our store base to 460 stores in 44 states and Puerto Rico, and diversified our product categories by offering an extensive selection of in-season, fashion-focused merchandise, including: ladies sportswear, menswear, coats, family footwear, baby furniture and accessories, as well as home decor and gifts. We employ a hybrid business model which enables us to offer the low prices of off-price retailers and the branded merchandise and product diversity of department stores. We acquire desirable, first-quality, current-brand, labeled merchandise directly from nationally-recognized manufacturers.

As of January 29, 2011, we operated 460 stores under the names "Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse" (443 stores), "MJM Designer Shoes" (14 stores), "Cohoes Fashions" (two stores), and "Super Baby Depot" (one store) in 44 states and Puerto Rico. For Fiscal 2010, we generated total revenues of approximately \$3,701.1 million.

## **Executive Summary**

## Overview of Fiscal 2010 Operating Results

We experienced an increase in net sales for Fiscal 2010 compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010. Consolidated net sales increased \$146.7 million, or 4.2%, to \$3,669.6 million for Fiscal 2010 from \$3,522.9 million for the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010. This increase was primarily attributable to an increase in net sales from new stores and previously opened stores in non comparative sales periods (non comparative stores) of \$145.3 million. Comparative store sales decreased 0.2% during the year. We believe that the comparative store sales decrease was primarily due to warmer weather in September and October of 2010 as compared with the same period in the prior year (refer to section below entitled "Performance for the Fiscal Year (52 Weeks) Ended January 29, 2011 Compared With the 52 Weeks Ended January 30, 2010" for further explanation).

Gross margin as a percentage of net sales increased from 38.1% during the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 to 38.6% during Fiscal 2010. The improvement in gross margin as a percentage of net sales was due to fewer markdowns during Fiscal 2010 compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010, decreased freight expense, as well as a slight improvement in inventory shrinkage expense during Fiscal 2010 compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010.

Selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales improved slightly from 31.6% during the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 to 31.5% during Fiscal 2010. Total selling and administrative expenses increased \$42.6 million from \$1,114.0 million during the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 to \$1,156.6 million, during Fiscal 2010, which includes the opening of 18 net new stores during Fiscal 2010. The increase in selling and administrative expenses during Fiscal 2010 was primarily due to increases in payroll and payroll related and occupancy expenses due to new stores opened during the year and stores that were opened in the prior year, but did not operate for a full 12 months. The improvement in selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales during Fiscal 2010 compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 was due to our ongoing initiatives to reduce our cost structure.

We recorded net income of \$31.0 million for Fiscal 2010 compared with a net loss of \$15.2 million for the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010. The loss recorded during the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 was primarily the result of impairment charges recorded during the period.

Store Openings, Closings, and Relocations.

During Fiscal 2010, we opened 25 new BCF stores and closed seven BCF stores. Six of the closed stores were in locations within the same trading market as new stores that were opened in previous years. As of January 29, 2011, we operated 460 stores under the names "Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse" (443 stores), "Cohoes Fashions" (two stores), "MJM Designer Shoes" (14 stores) and "Super Baby Depot" (one store).

We continue to pursue our growth plans and invest in capital projects that meet our required financial hurdles. During the fiscal year ending January 28, 2012 (Fiscal 2011), we plan to open between 18 and 23 new stores (exclusive of one relocation).

#### Ongoing Initiatives for Fiscal 2011

We continue to focus on a number of ongoing initiatives aimed at increasing our overall profitability by improving our comparative store sales trends, total sales growth and reducing expenses. These initiatives include, but are not limited to:

- I. Offering a Leading Selection of Branded Apparel at Every Day Low Prices (EDLP): We offer a merchandise selection substantially broader than that of our off-price competitors and similar to the selection found at a department store. In contrast to merchandise at department and specialty stores, our merchandise is offered at EDLP, allowing customers to obtain the best value at our stores without waiting for sales or promotions. We focus on delivering exceptional values that fit within a good, better, and best pricing strategy.
- II. Transition our Open to Buy Model and Improve Merchandising: Our "open to buy" paradigm, in which we purchase both pre-season and in-season merchandise, improves our receipt-to-reduction ratio and enables more flexibility for buying "wear-now" products. From Fiscal 2006 to Fiscal 2009, the majority of our purchasing was pre-season with the balance in-season and opportunistic. With our new model, we have moved towards purchasing less pre-season, with the majority in-season and opportunistically. This enables us to determine and stock for trends with better consumer data as well as drive better terms with our suppliers. By maximizing our in-season buys, we believe that we are able to take advantage of known trends and emerging businesses. We are also able to better focus on our core female customer by enhancing our merchandise content as well as keeping inventory fresh.
  - III. Refining Our Store Experience Through the Eyes of the Customer: We have empowered our store teams to provide an outstanding customer experience for every customer in every store, every day. We will

continue to streamline processes to create opportunities for fast and effective customer interactions. Our mission is to have stores that reflect clean, organized merchandise presentations that highlight the brands, value and diversity of our selection within our assortments. Through proper staffing flexibility we provide sales floor coverage during peak shopping hours to better serve the customer on the sales floor and at the check-out.

We plan to execute this initiative during Fiscal 2011 by:

- a) Continuing with our in-store customer satisfaction program that measures 13 different aspects of customer satisfaction. Examples include: friendliness of associates, interior cleanliness and selection of merchandise.
- b) Continuing the implementation of a store refresh program with respect to stores that we have identified as having certain needs such as new flooring, painting, fitting room improvements and various other improvements. We have completed store refreshes at 53 stores over the past two fiscal years and we expect to continue an aggressive refresh program going forward.
- c) Continuing the implementation of upgraded lighting retrofits in our stores which will make them more energy efficient and easier for customers to navigate. We have completed upgraded lighting retrofits at 144 stores over the last two fiscal years and expect to continue an aggressive lighting retrofit program through Fiscal 2011.

IV. Deliver Consistent Gross Margin: We continue to focus on having stable gross margin as a percentage of net sales.

We plan to execute this initiative during Fiscal 2011 by:

- a) Continuing to manage our inventory receipt to reduction ratio. By matching receipt dollars to sales dollars we will continue to be able to take advantage of in season buying opportunities and to capitalize on those businesses that are trending well.
- b) Continuing to ensure adequate open to buy and buying more opportunistically in season. By staying liquid, we put ourselves in a position to be able to take advantage of opportunistic in-season buys that will maximize our sales.
  - c) Continuing to improve the amount of current inventory as a percentage of our total inventory. By having more current inventory in our merchandise mix, we will be afforded more pricing flexibility to provide additional value to our customers without reducing our overall margins.
- d) Reducing our shrink as a percentage of net sales. We have added additional resources to help improve existing controls and processes to reduce our shrink as a percentage of net sales without negatively impacting the store experience. We expect improved results to occur over time, becoming apparent in Fiscal 2011.

#### V. The Continued Reduction of Our Cost Structure:

- a) Reduce store payroll costs. We are planning to implement an automated workforce scheduling system in our stores which will be piloted in early 2011 and completed prior to the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2011. This new system will provide numerous efficiencies including, but not limited to, better forecasting of volume and workload, and improved allocation of manpower to meet customer demand, and will support our store experience and service initiatives. The majority of these efficiencies are expected to be fully recognized in Fiscal 2012. We believe that these actions will allow us to operate our business more efficiently without sacrificing our ability to serve our customers.
- b) Supply chain efficiencies. We continue to work on several logistics initiatives to improve supply chain efficiencies and service levels. We have implemented a new warehouse management system within our Edgewater Park, New Jersey and San Bernardino, California distribution centers. We believe that this new system will allow for further improvements in productivity by providing functionality not previously available. Accordingly, both facilities can process all receipts in a more efficient manner, further reducing the amount of transportation miles required to service our stores. We are also planning to make incremental investments during Fiscal 2011 that will allow these facilities to handle increased volume and provide value added services to our stores, such as breaking up units into smaller quantities to allow the right volumes to be placed in the right stores. Additionally, we have implemented a performance management program designed to drive productivity improvements within the four walls of our distribution centers.

#### **Uncertainties and Challenges**

As management strives to increase profitability through achieving positive comparative store sales and leveraging productivity initiatives focused on improving the in-store experience, more efficient movement of products from the vendors to the selling floors, and modifying our marketing plans to increase our core customer base and increase our share of our current customer's spending, there are uncertainties and challenges that we face as a value department

store of apparel and accessories for men, women and children and home furnishings that could have a material impact on our revenues or income.

General Economic Conditions. Consumer spending habits, including spending for the merchandise that we sell, are affected by, among other things, prevailing economic conditions, inflation, levels of employment, salaries and wage rates, prevailing interest rates, housing costs, energy costs, commodities pricing, income tax rates and policies, consumer confidence and consumer perception of economic conditions. In addition, consumer purchasing patterns may be influenced by consumers' disposable income, credit availability and debt levels. A continued or incremental slowdown in the U.S. economy, an uncertain economic outlook or an expanded credit crisis could continue to adversely affect consumer spending habits resulting in lower net sales and profits than expected on a quarterly or annual basis. Consumer confidence is also affected by the domestic and international political situation. Our financial condition and operations could be impacted by changes in government regulations such as taxes, healthcare reform, and other areas. The outbreak or escalation of war, or the occurrence of terrorist acts or other hostilities in or affecting the U.S., could lead to a decrease in spending by consumers.

The financial crisis which began in 2008, combined with already weakened economic conditions due to high energy costs, deterioration of the mortgage lending market and rising costs of food, has led to a global recession affecting all industries and businesses. The resultant loss of jobs and decrease in consumer spending has caused businesses to reduce spending and scale down their profit and performance projections. More specifically, these conditions have led to unprecedented promotional activity among retailers. In order to increase traffic and drive consumer spending during the current economic crisis, competitors, including department stores, mass merchants and specialty apparel stores, have been offering branded merchandise at substantial markdowns. If we are unable to continue to positively differentiate ourselves from our competitors, our results of operations could be adversely affected. For further discussion of the risks to us regarding general economic conditions, please refer to the section below entitled "Liquidity and Capital Resources" and Item 1A, Risk Factors.

Competition and Margin Pressure. We believe that in order to remain competitive with off-price retailers and discount stores, we must continue to offer brand-name merchandise at a discount from traditional department stores as well as an assortment of merchandise that is appealing to our customers.

The U.S. retail apparel and home furnishings markets are highly fragmented and competitive. We compete for business with department stores, off-price retailers, specialty stores, discount stores, wholesale clubs, and outlet stores. We anticipate that competition will increase in the future. Therefore, we will continue to look for ways to differentiate our stores from those of our competitors.

The U.S retail industry continues to face increased pressure on margins as commodity prices increase and the overall challenging retail conditions have led consumers to be more value conscious. Despite a plentiful supply of goods in the market, which historically created downward pricing pressure for wholesale purchases, we expect to see rising costs. Our "open to buy" paradigm, in which we purchase both pre-season and in-season merchandise, allows us the flexibility to purchase less pre-season with the balance purchased in-season and opportunistically. It also provides us the flexibility to shift purchases between suppliers and categories. This enables us to obtain better terms with our suppliers, which we expect to help offset the expected rising costs of goods.

Changes to import and export laws could have a direct impact on our operating expenses and an indirect impact on consumer prices and we cannot predict any future changes in such laws.

Seasonality of Sales and Weather Conditions. Our sales, like most other retailers, are subject to seasonal influences, with the majority of our sales and net income derived during the months of September through January, which includes the back-to-school and holiday seasons.

Additionally, our sales continue to be significantly affected by weather. Generally, our sales are higher if the weather is cold during the Fall and warm during the early Spring. Sales of cold weather clothing are increased by early cold weather during the Fall, while sales of warm weather clothing are improved by early warm weather conditions in the Spring. Although we have diversified our product offerings, we believe traffic to our stores is still heavily driven by weather patterns.

## **Key Performance Measures**

We consider numerous factors in assessing our performance. Key performance measures used by management include comparative store sales, gross margin and inventory levels, receipt-to-reduction ratio, liquidity and store payroll as a percentage of net sales.

Comparative Store Sales. Comparative store sales measure performance of a store during the current reporting period against the performance of the same store in the corresponding period of the previous year. The method of calculating comparative store sales varies across the retail industry. As a result, our definition of comparative store sales may differ from other retailers.

We define comparative store sales as sales of those stores commencing on the first day of the fiscal month one year after the end of their grand opening activities, which normally conclude within the first two months of operations. The table below depicts our comparative store sales during Fiscal 2010, the Transition Period, Fiscal 2009, and Fiscal 2008.

	Comparative
	Store Sales
Fiscal 2010	(0.2)%
Transition Period	(4.8)%
Fiscal 2009	(2.5)%
Fiscal 2008	(5.1)%

Various factors affect comparative store sales, including, but not limited to, current economic conditions, weather conditions, the timing of our releases of new merchandise and promotional events, the general retail sales environment, consumer preferences and buying trends, changes in sales mix among distribution channels, competition, and the success of marketing programs. While any and all of these factors can impact comparative store sales, we believe that the decrease in comparative store sales during Fiscal 2010 was primarily driven by weather conditions. The decrease in comparative store sales during the Transition Period and Fiscal 2009 was primarily attributable to weakened consumer demand as a result of the overall challenging retail conditions. The decrease in comparative store sales during Fiscal 2008 was due to a combination of unfavorable weather, weakened consumer demand, and temporarily low or out of stock issues in certain limited divisions.

Gross Margin. Gross margin is a measure used by management to indicate whether we are selling merchandise at an appropriate gross profit. Gross margin is the difference between net sales and the cost of sales. Our cost of sales and gross margin may not be comparable to those of other entities, since some entities include all of the costs related to their buying and distribution functions in cost of sales. We include certain of these costs in the "Selling and Administrative Expenses" and "Depreciation and Amortization" line items in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss). We include in our "Cost of Sales" line item all costs of merchandise (net of purchase discounts and certain vendor allowances), inbound freight, distribution center outbound freight and certain merchandise acquisition costs, primarily commissions and import fees. Gross margin as a percentage of net sales improved from 38.1% during the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 to 38.6% during Fiscal 2010.

Inventory Levels. Inventory at January 29, 2011 increased \$30.9 million to \$644.2 million at January 29, 2011 from \$613.3 million at January 30, 2010. This increase was the result of 18 net new stores opened during Fiscal 2010. Average store inventory at January 29, 2011 increased approximately 0.9% to \$1.4 million per store compared with average store inventory at January 30, 2010. Average inventory per comparative store decreased 1.9%. This decrease in average inventory per comparative store was the result of our ongoing initiatives to enhance our supply chain efficiencies and our merchandise content.

In order to better serve our customers, and maximize sales, we continue to refine our merchandising mix and inventory levels within our stores. By managing our inventories conservatively we believe we will be better able to deliver a continual flow of fresh merchandise to our customers. We continue to move toward more productive inventories by increasing the amount of current inventory as a percent of total inventory.

Receipt-to-Reduction Ratio. We are in the process of refining a more consistent merchandise flow based on a receipt-to-reduction ratio. We are attempting to better match forecasted levels of receipts to forecasted inventory outflows (inclusive of sales, markdowns, and inventory shrinkage) on a monthly basis. We believe this will result in a more normalized receipt cadence to support sales and will ultimately lead to an improved inventory turnover ratio.

Inventory turnover is a measure that indicates how efficiently inventory is bought and sold. It measures the length of time that we own our inventory. This is significant because the longer the inventory is owned, the more likely markdowns may be required to sell the inventory. Inventory turnover is calculated by dividing retail sales before sales discounts by the average retail value of the inventory for the period being measured. Our annualized inventory turnover rate for Fiscal 2010 has increased from 2.7 turns per year at January 30, 2010 to 2.8 turns per year at January 29, 2011. The inventory turnover calculation is based on a rolling 13 month average of inventory and the last 12 months sales.

Liquidity. Liquidity measures our ability to generate cash. Management measures liquidity through cash flow and working capital position. Cash flow is the measure of cash generated from operating, financing, and investing activities. We experienced an increase in cash flow of \$22.4 million during Fiscal 2010 compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 primarily due to accelerated vendor payments of \$237.7 million made in January 2011 compared with \$274.8 million of accelerated vendor payments, made in January 2010, as part of our working capital management strategy. Because the fiscal year had not yet changed at the time, there was no working capital management strategy employed at January 31, 2009. The impact of the working capital management strategy resulted in a significant amount of cash outflows during the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 as the result of paying accounts payable in the normal course during the period and then accelerating payments at the end of the period that typically would not have been paid until after January 30, 2010. The repeat of the working capital management strategy at the end of Fiscal 2010 which accelerated Fiscal 2011 payments into Fiscal 2010 did not have as great an impact on cash flow in Fiscal 2010 as it did in the prior fiscal year because there were fewer accounts payables paid during Fiscal 2010 due to the fact that the working capital management strategy employed during the 52 weeks ended January 31, 2009 had advanced payment of approximately the first two months of the accounts payable for Fiscal 2010.

Cash and cash equivalents increased \$5.5 million from January 30, 2010 to \$30.2 million at January 29, 2011 (discussed in more detail under the caption below entitled "Liquidity and Capital Resources"). The acceleration of payments which increased cash flow from operating activities during Fiscal 2010 as compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 was almost entirely offset by increased uses of cash in investing and financing activities. The increase in cash used in investing activities was primarily due to increased capital expenditures as a result of more store openings during Fiscal 2010 compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 as well as an increase in restricted cash and cash equivalents. The increase in cash used in financing activities was primarily due to a payment made on our Term Loan during Fiscal 2010 and borrowings, net of repayments on our ABL Line of Credit. During Fiscal 2010 and the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010, we made net repayments on our Term Loan of \$87.2 million and \$8.1 million, respectively. Borrowings, net of repayments on our ABL Line of Credit were \$47.4 million during Fiscal 2010 as compared with \$91.2 million during the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010.

Changes in working capital also impact our cash flows. Working capital equals current assets (exclusive of restricted cash and cash equivalents) minus current liabilities. Working capital at January 29, 2011 was \$386.2 million compared with \$349.7 million at January 30, 2010. The increase in working capital from January 30, 2010 is primarily attributable to increased inventory and accounts receivable balances at January 29, 2011, as a result of new stores opened during the period.

Store Payroll as a Percentage of Net Sales. Store payroll as a percentage of net sales measures our ability to manage our payroll in accordance with increases or decreases in net sales. The method of calculating store payroll varies across the retail industry. As a result, our store payroll as a percentage of net sales may differ from other retailers. We define store payroll as regular and overtime payroll for all store personnel as well as regional and territory personnel, exclusive of payroll charges to corporate and warehouse employees. Store payroll as a percentage of net sales was 10.3% and 10.4% during Fiscal 2010 and the 52 week period ended January 30, 2010, respectively.

## Results of Operations – Fiscal 2010 and the Transition Period

The following tables set forth certain items in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) in both actual dollars and as a percentage of net sales for Fiscal 2010, the comparable 52 week period ended January 30, 2010, the Transition Period and the comparable 35 week period ended January 31, 2009 used in connection with the subsequent discussion. Financial information for Fiscal 2010 and the Transition Period were derived from audited financial statements. Financial information for the 52 week period ended January 30, 2010 and the 35 week period ended January 31, 2009, were derived from unaudited financial statements.

	(in thousands)				
	52 Weel	ks Ended	35 Weel	ks Ended	
REVENUES:	January 29, 2011	January 30, 2010 (Unaudited)	January 30, 2010	January 31, 2009 (Unaudited)	
Net Sales	\$ 3,669,602	\$ 3,522,914	\$ 2,457,567	\$ 2,476,635	
Other Revenue	31,487	30,840	21,730	20,277	
Total Revenue	3,701,089	3,553,754	2,479,297	2,496,912	
COSTS AND EXPENSES:					
Cost of Sales (Exclusive of Depreciation and					
Amortization as Shown Below)	2,252,346	2,181,707	1,492,349	1,510,409	
Selling and Administrative Expenses	1,156,613	1,113,960	759,774	761,062	

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Restructuring and Separation Costs	2,200	7,452	2,429	1,929
Depreciation and Amortization	146,759	156,388	103,605	106,823
Interest Expense (Inclusive of Gain/Loss on Interest Rate				
Cap Agreements)	99,309	84,423	59,476	74,263
Impairment Charges – Long-Lived Assets	2,080	56,141	46,776	28,134
Impairment Charges – Tradenames	-	15,250	-	279,300
Other Income, Net	(11,346)	(16,635)	(15,335)	(4,698)
Total Costs and Expenses	3,647,961	3,598,686	2,449,074	2,757,222
Income (Loss) Before Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	53,128	(44,932)	30,223	(260,310)
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	22,130	(29,753)	11,570	(104,667)
Net Income (Loss)	30,998	(15,179)	18,653	(155,643)
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$30,998	\$(15,179)	\$18,653	\$(155,643)

	52 Weeks	Ended	35 Week	s Ended
	January 29,		January	
	2011	January 30, 2010	30, 2010	January 31, 2009
			2010	
Statement of Operations Date:		(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)
Statement of Operations Data: Net Sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Other Revenue	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Total Revenue	100.9	100.9	100.9	100.8
Total Revenue	100.9	100.9	100.9	100.8
Cost of Solos (Evolucive of				
Cost of Sales (Exclusive of				
Depreciation and Amortization, As	61.4	61.0	60.7	61.0
Shown Below)	61.4	61.9	60.7	61.0
Selling and Administrative Expenses	31.5	31.6	30.9	30.7
Restructuring and Separation Costs	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Depreciation and Amortization	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.3
Interest Expense (Inclusive of				
Gain/Loss on Interest Rate Cap				
Agreements)	2.7	2.4	2.4	3.0
Impairment Charges – Long Lived				
Assets	0.1	1.6	1.9	1.1
Impairment Charges - Trademark	0.0	0.4	0.0	11.3
Other Income, Net	(0.3)	(0.5)	(0.6)	(0.2)
Total Expense	99.5	102.0	99.6	111.3
Income (Loss) Before Income Tax				
Expense (Benefit)	1.4	(1.1)	1.3	(10.5)
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	0.6	(0.8)	0.5	4.2
Net Income (Loss)	0.8%	(0.3)%	0.8%	(6.3)%

Performance for the Fiscal Year (52 weeks) Ended January 29, 2011 Compared with the 52 weeks Ended January 30, 2010

### Net Sales

We experienced an increase in net sales for Fiscal 2010 compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010. Consolidated net sales increased \$146.7 million, or 4.2%, to \$3,669.6 million for Fiscal 2010 from \$3,522.9 million for the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010. This increase was primarily attributable to:

- an increase in net sales of \$145.3 million related to 25 new stores opened during Fiscal 2010,
  - an increase in net sales of \$29.0 million for our non comparative stores, and
    - an increase in other sales of \$3.0 million, partially offset by
- a decrease in net sales of \$24.3 million from seven stores closed since January 31, 2010 and
  - a comparative store sales decrease of \$6.3 million, or 0.2%, to \$3,460.1 million.

We believe the comparative store sales decrease was primarily due to warmer weather in September and October of 2010 as compared with the same period in the prior year.

### Other Revenue

Other revenue (consisting of rental income from Leased Departments, subleased rental income, layaway, alterations, other service charges, and miscellaneous revenue items) increased \$0.7 million to \$31.5 million for Fiscal 2010 compared with \$30.8 million for the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010. This increase was primarily related to an increase in layaway fees of \$1.4 million, partially offset by a \$0.8 million decrease in rental income.

#### Cost of Sales

Cost of sales increased \$70.6 million, or 3.2%, for Fiscal 2010 compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010. Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales improved to 61.4% during Fiscal 2010 compared with 61.9% during the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010. The dollar increase of \$70.6 million in cost of sales between Fiscal 2010 and the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 was primarily related to the increase in our net sales during the same periods.

During Fiscal 2010 as compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010, we experienced an increase in gross margin as a percent of net sales to 38.6% from 38.1%. The improvement in our gross margin as a percent of net sales was primarily the result of fewer markdowns, decreased freight expense incurred during Fiscal 2010 as compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010, and a slight improvement in shrink expense.

### Selling and Administrative Expenses

Selling and administrative expenses increased \$42.6 million, or 3.8% to \$1,156.6 million for Fiscal 2010 from \$1,114.0 million for the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010. The increase in selling and administrative expenses is summarized in the table below:

	(in thousands)						
		52 Wee	eks End	led			
	Ja	anuary 29,	J	anuary 30,			%
		2011		2010	\$ 1	Variance	Change
Payroll and							
Payroll Related	\$	524,120	\$	497,234	\$	26,886	5.4%
Occupancy		373,166		362,103		11,063	3.1
Benefit Costs		15,326		9,927		5,399	54.4
Advertising		70,422		67,283		3,139	4.7
Other		141,430		139,012		2,418	1.7
Business							
Insurance		32,149		38,401		(6,252)	(16.3)
Selling & Administrative							
Expenses	\$	1,156,613	\$	1,113,960	\$	42,653	3.8%

The increase in selling and administrative expense during Fiscal 2010 compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 was primarily caused by increases in payroll and payroll related costs and occupancy costs. The increase in payroll and payroll related costs of approximately \$26.9 million was primarily related to the addition of 18 net new stores as well as stores that opened during the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 that did not operate for a full 52 weeks. Amounts related to these stores resulted in an increase in payroll and payroll related expenses of \$23.3 million. Also contributing to the increase in payroll and payroll related costs was an increase in bonus expense of \$6.1 million and an increase in state unemployment tax expense of \$4.1 million. As we exceeded our bonus target for the June 2009 through May 2010 bonus period, our bonus expense increased and was recognized during the final quarter of the bonus year, which coincided with the first and second quarters of Fiscal 2010. Additionally, we had an increase in recruiting bonuses as we continued to enhance the talent of our organization during Fiscal 2010. The increase in state unemployment tax was due to rate increases in many of the states where we conduct business.

These increases were partially offset by a decrease in Fiscal 2010 of \$4.2 million in payroll and payroll tax expense related to stores that were opened for the full 52 week periods ended January 29, 2011 and January 30, 2010 and a decrease in vacation expense of \$2.2 million. The decrease in payroll and payroll tax expense related to stores that were opened for the full 52 week periods ended January 29, 2011 and January 30, 2010 was due to our ongoing initiative to reduce store payroll costs.

The increase in occupancy related costs of \$11.1 million in Fiscal 2010 as compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 was primarily related to new store openings during Fiscal 2010. New BCF stores opened during Fiscal 2010 accounted for \$16.3 million of the total increase. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in utilities expense of \$3.3 million as a result of our ongoing initiative to reduce costs as well as a \$1.2 million decrease in real estate taxes.

The increase in benefit costs of \$5.4 million during Fiscal 2010 compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 was primarily the result of increased 401(k) Plan Match expense of \$6.2 million and increased employee moving expenses of \$2.4 million, partially offset by decreased health insurance claims of \$3.3 million. The increase in 401(k) Plan expense during Fiscal 2010 compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 was due to our ability to utilize less money recovered through forfeitures during Fiscal 2010 to fund some, or all, of our matching contribution obligation as compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010. A "forfeiture" is the portion of our contribution that is lost by a 401(k) Plan participant who terminates employment prior to becoming fully vested in such contribution. Based on the forfeitures available to us, we were not required to record any 401(k) Plan expense during the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010.

The increase in advertising expense of \$3.1 million during Fiscal 2010 compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 was primarily related to shifts in the media used for marketing communications and an increase in the number of grand opening advertisements. During the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 we opened 15 new BCF stores. During Fiscal 2010, we incurred an additional \$3.1 million in marketing and advertising expense primarily related to the opening of 25 new BCF stores.

The increase in other selling and administrative expenses of \$2.4 million during Fiscal 2010 compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 was primarily due to an increase in credit card fees of \$3.9 million, a \$3.4 million increase in temporary help, a \$3.0 million increase related to fees incurred as part of our initial unsuccessful debt refinancing in the Fall of 2010, and a \$1.5 million charge to miscellaneous taxes, partially offset by a \$6.1 million decrease in our legal expense related to legal costs incurred in the prior year that did not repeat in the current year and \$3.5 million in expense savings related to costs incurred with respect to our change in year end during the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 that did not repeat during Fiscal 2010.

The decrease in business insurance of \$6.3 million in Fiscal 2010 compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 was the result of increased claims experienced during the prior period. During the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010, we experienced an increase in the cost of workers' compensation claims and an increase in the number of general liability claims, each of which we believe was a result of the economic environment. This trend has slowed during Fiscal 2010 and we have returned to a more historical level of claims experience.

## Restructuring and Separation Costs

In an effort to better align our resources with our business objectives, in Fiscal 2009, we reviewed all areas of the business to identify efficiency opportunities to enhance our performance. In light of the then challenging economic and retail sales environments, we accelerated the implementation of several initiatives, including some that resulted in the elimination of certain positions and the restructuring of certain other jobs and functions. Our restructuring and separation efforts commenced in the third quarter of Fiscal 2009 and continued through the Transition Period and Fiscal 2010. We incurred \$2.2 million and \$7.5 million in restructuring and separation costs during Fiscal 2010 and the 52 week period ended January 30, 2010, respectively.

#### Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expense related to the depreciation of fixed assets and the amortization of favorable and unfavorable leases amounted to \$146.8 million for Fiscal 2010 compared with \$156.4 million for the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010. The decrease in depreciation and amortization expense was primarily related to various assets that were recorded pursuant to purchase accounting in conjunction with the Merger Transaction. These assets became fully depreciated during the 12 months ended January 30, 2010, which resulted in less depreciation expense during Fiscal 2010.

## Interest Expense

Interest expense was \$99.3 million and \$84.4 million during Fiscal 2010 and the 52 week periods ended January 30, 2010, respectively. The increase in interest expense was primarily driven by increased expense related to our interest rate cap agreements, other interest expense and our commitment fees. Adjustments of the interest rate cap agreements to fair value resulted in a loss of \$5.5 million during Fiscal 2010 compared with a gain of \$5.4 million for the 52 week period ended January 30, 2010, respectively. These charges resulted in a year over year increase in non-cash interest expense of \$10.9 million, which was recorded through the line item "Interest Expense" in our Consolidated Statements

of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss). Our interest rate cap agreements are discussed in more detail in Item 7A, Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk and Note 10 to our Consolidated Financial Statements entitled "Derivatives and Hedging Activities."

Other interest expense increased \$2.8 million during Fiscal 2010 as compared with the 52 week period ended January 30, 2010 which was primarily driven by interest incurred as part of a legal settlement. The increase in commitment fees of \$2.5 million was primarily related to a higher commitment fee charged on our ABL Line of Credit combined with a lower average outstanding balance on the ABL Line of Credit during Fiscal 2010 as compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010.

These increases were partially offset by lower average interest rates on our Term Loan and ABL Line of Credit and a lower average balance on our Term Loan and our ABL Line of Credit as follows:

	52 weeks Ended January 29, 2011	January 30, 2010
Average Interest Rate – ABL Line of		
Credit	2.7%	3.0%
Average Interest Rate – Term Loan	2.6%	2.7%
		27.2
Average Balance – ABL Line of Credit	\$ 10.5 Million	\$ Million
	854.8	868.9
Average Balance – Term Loan	\$ Million	\$ Million

#### Impairment Charges – Long-Lived Assets

Impairment charges related to long-lived assets were \$2.1 million and \$56.1 million during Fiscal 2010 and the 52 week period ended January 30, 2010, respectively. The decrease in impairment charges was primarily related to the stabilization of our operating stores' performance year over year. During Fiscal 2010, we recorded impairments related to nine stores as a result of the decline in the operating performance of those stores (refer to Note 9 to our Consolidated Financial Statements entitled "Impairment of Long-Lived Assets" for further discussion).

The recoverability assessment related to these store-level assets requires judgments and estimates of future revenues, gross margin rates and store expenses. We base these estimates upon our past and expected future performance. We believe our estimates are appropriate in light of current market conditions. However, future impairment charges could be required if we do not achieve our current revenue or cash flow projections for each store.

### Impairment Charges – Tradenames

There was no impairment charge related to our tradenames during Fiscal 2010. Impairment charges related to our tradenames during the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 amounted to \$15.3 million. In accordance with ASC Topic No. 350, "Intangibles – Goodwill and Other," (Topic 350), we perform our annual impairment testing of goodwill and indefinite-lived assets at the beginning of each May.

In connection with the preparation of our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for the third quarter of Fiscal 2009 (relating to the three months ended February 28, 2009) as well as our Fiscal 2009 financial statements (relating to the year ended May 30, 2009), we concluded that it was appropriate to test our goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets for recoverability in light of the following factors:

- Significant declines in the U.S. and international financial markets and the resulting impact of such events on then anticipated future macroeconomic conditions and customer behavior;
- The determination that these macroeconomic conditions were impacting our sales trends as evidenced by the decreases in comparative store sales that we were experiencing;
- Decreased comparative store sales results of the peak holiday and winter selling seasons in the third quarter of Fiscal 2009 which were significant to our financial results for the year;
- Declines in market valuation multiples of peer group companies used in the estimate of our business enterprise value; and
- Our expectation that comparative store sales trends during Fiscal 2009 would continue for an extended period. As a result, we developed a more moderate store opening plan which reduced our future projections of revenue and operating results offset by initiatives (which have since been implemented) to reduce our cost structure.

The recoverability assessment with respect to the tradenames used in our operations requires us to estimate the fair value of the tradenames as of the assessment date. Such determination is made using the "relief from royalty" valuation method. Inputs to the valuation model include:

• Future revenue and profitability projections associated with the tradenames;

• Estimated market royalty rates that could be derived from the licensing of our tradenames to third parties in order to establish the cash flows accruing to our benefit as a result of ownership of the tradenames; and

• The rate used to discount the estimated royalty cash flow projections to their present value (or estimated fair value) based on the risk and nature of our cash flows.

During the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010, we recorded an impairment charge related to our tradenames in the amount of \$15.3 million. Of this amount, \$9.0 million was attributable to lower revenues and profitability projections associated with our tradenames in the near term and lower estimated market royalty rate expectations in light of the then current general economic conditions compared with the analysis we performed during Fiscal 2008. Our projected revenues within the model were based on comparative store sales and new store assumptions over a nine year period. A less aggressive new store opening plan combined with revised comparative store sales assumptions for the first fiscal year of the projection had a significant negative impact on the valuation. We believe our estimates were appropriate based upon the then current market conditions.

The remaining \$6.3 million of the \$15.3 million impairment was related to our acquisition of certain tradename rights during the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010. During that period, we purchased \$6.3 million of tradename rights based on our belief that these tradename rights would ultimately provide us with substantial marketing benefits. Historically, we were restricted in our advertising campaigns such that we could only refer to ourselves as Burlington Coat Factory and were required to note that we were not affiliated with Burlington Industries. The purchase of these tradename rights allows us to shorten our name as appropriate based on the current marketing campaign and eliminates the requirement to note that we are not affiliated with Burlington Industries. Based on our tradenames impairment assessment, we could not support an increase in the asset value of our tradenames related to this acquisition on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. As a result, we immediately impaired the acquired asset.

In accordance with Topic 350, there were no triggering events that required us to test goodwill for impairment during Fiscal 2010. We believe our estimates were appropriate based upon current market conditions. However, future impairment charges could be required if we do not achieve our current cash flow, revenue and profitability projections or our weighted average cost of capital increases or market valuation multiple associated with peer group companies decline.

#### Other Income, net

Other income, net (consisting of investment income, gains and losses on disposition of assets, breakage income and other miscellaneous items) decreased \$5.3 million to \$11.3 million during Fiscal 2010 compared with the 52 week period ended January 30, 2010.

The decrease in other income during Fiscal 2010 compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 was primarily related to the following:

- A decrease in miscellaneous income of \$4.9 million primarily related to a gain on a legal settlement in our favor during the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010,
- a decrease in breakage income of \$3.3 million (refer to Note 11 to our Consolidated Financial Statements entitled "Store Value Cards" for further discussion),
  - a decrease of \$1.5 million related to insurance recoveries, and
- a decrease in our gain on investment of \$0.6 million related to higher recoveries of previously written off investments during the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 compared with Fiscal 2010, partially offset by;
- a \$4.4 million increase related to a loss on the disposal of various fixed assets primarily related to our conversion to a new warehouse management system in Edgewater Park, New Jersey during the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010, and

• a \$0.6 million increase in income received from vending machines and recycling.

### Income Tax Expense

Income tax expense was \$22.1 million for the 52 week period ended January 29, 2011 compared with an income tax benefit of \$29.8 million for the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010. The effective tax rates were 41.7% and 66.2%, respectively, for Fiscal 2010 and the 52 week period ended January 30, 2010. The decrease in the effective tax rate was primarily due to the fact that the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 had a pre-tax loss with a reduction in the valuation allowance for state net operating losses and reduced state blended tax rates, which had the effect of creating an income tax benefit for this period ended January 30, 2010. Due to the pre-tax loss, the tax benefits created by the reduction in the valuation allowance for state net operating losses and reduced state blended tax rates have the effect of increasing the effective tax rate (refer to Note 17 to our Consolidated Financial Statements entitled "Income Taxes" for further information).

#### Net Income

Net income amounted to \$31.0 million for Fiscal 2010 compared with a net loss of \$15.2 during the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010. The increase in our operating results of \$46.2 million was primarily attributable to fewer impairments.

Performance for the Fiscal Year (52 Weeks) Ended January 29, 2011 Compared with the Transition Period (35 Weeks) Ended January 30, 2010

#### Net Sales

We experienced an increase in net sales for Fiscal 2010 compared with the Transition Period. Consolidated net sales increased \$1,212.0 million, or 49.3%, to \$3,669.6 million for Fiscal 2010 from \$2,457.6 million for the Transition Period. Comparative store sales during Fiscal 2010 decreased 0.2% compared with a decrease of 4.8% during the Transition Period. The overall increase in net sales during Fiscal 2010 as compared with the Transition Period is primarily driven by the additional 17 weeks of sales during Fiscal 2010. During that period, we generated \$1,134.8 million of net sales.

#### Other Revenue

Other revenue (consisting of rental income from Leased Departments, subleased rental income, layaway, alterations, other service charges, and miscellaneous revenue items) increased \$9.8 million to \$31.5 million for Fiscal 2010 compared with \$21.7 million for the Transition Period. This increase was primarily due to the additional 17 weeks included in Fiscal 2010 compared with the Transition Period. Other revenue generated during the additional 17 weeks of Fiscal 2010 amounted to \$9.5 million. As a percentage of net sales, other revenue remained in line with the prior year at 0.9%.

#### Cost of Sales

Cost of sales increased \$760.0 million, or 50.9% during Fiscal 2010 compared with the Transition Period. Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales increased to 61.4% during Fiscal 2010 compared with 60.7% during the Transition Period. The dollar increase of \$760.0 million in cost of sales during Fiscal 2010 compared with the Transition Period was primarily related to the additional 17 weeks included in Fiscal 2010 compared with the Transition Period which resulted in \$701.1 million of additional cost of sales during Fiscal 2010. During Fiscal 2010 as compared with the Transition Period, gross margin as a percent of net sales declined to 38.6% from 39.3%, respectively, reflecting the seasonality of the Transition Period.

## Selling and Administrative Expenses

Selling and administrative expenses increased \$396.8 million, or 52.2%, to \$1,156.6 million for Fiscal 2010 from \$759.8 million for the Transition Period. The increase in selling and administrative expenses is summarized in the table below:

(in thousands)

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	En Ja	Weeks aded nuary 29,	Enc Jan	uary 30,	\$ Varianaa	%
Darmall and Darmall	20	11	201	U	Variance	Change
Payroll and Payroll						
Related	\$	524,120	\$	337,057	\$ 187,063	55.5%
Occupancy		373,166		246,082	127,084	51.6
Other		141,430		95,248	46,182	48.5
Advertising		70,422		49,378	21,044	42.6
Business Insurance		32,149		22,955	9,194	40.1
Benefit Costs		15,326		9,054	6,272	69.3
Selling &						
Administrative						
Expenses	\$	1,156,613	\$	759,774	\$ 396,839	52.2 %

The increase in selling and administrative expense during Fiscal 2010 compared with the Transition Period was primarily caused by the additional 17 weeks included Fiscal 2010 compared with the Transition Period as well as the addition of 18 net new stores during Fiscal 2010. During the 17 week period, the Company incurred selling and administrative expenses of \$363.4 million and new stores opened in Fiscal 2010 contributed \$43.6 million to the increase in selling and administrative expenses.

As a percentage of net sales, selling and administrative expenses increased to 31.5% for Fiscal 2010 from 30.9% for the Transition Period.

## Restructuring and Separation Costs

In an effort to better align our resources with our business objectives, in Fiscal 2009, we reviewed all areas of the business to identify efficiency opportunities to enhance our performance. In light of the challenging economic and retail sales environments, we accelerated the implementation of several initiatives, including some that resulted in the elimination of certain positions and the restructuring of certain other jobs and functions. Our restructuring and separation efforts commenced in the third quarter of Fiscal 2009, and continued through the Transition Period and Fiscal 2010. We incurred \$2.2 million and \$2.4 million in restructuring and separation costs during Fiscal 2010 and the Transition Period, respectively.

#### Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expense related to the depreciation of fixed assets and the amortization of favorable and unfavorable leases amounted to \$146.8 million during Fiscal 2010 compared with \$103.6 during the Transition Period. The increase in depreciation and amortization expense was primarily the result of the additional 17 weeks included in Fiscal 2010 compared with the Transition Period which amounted to additional depreciation and amortization expense of \$48.4 million.

As a percentage of net sales, depreciation and amortization decreased to 4.0% during Fiscal 2010 from 4.2% during the Transition Period.

## Interest Expense

Interest expense was \$99.3 million and \$59.5 million during Fiscal 2010 and the Transition Period, respectively. The \$39.8 million increase in interest expense was primarily the result of the additional 17 weeks included in Fiscal 2010 compared with the Transition Period which amounted to an additional \$34.3 million in interest expense. In addition to the additional 17 weeks, interest expense increased further due to increased expense related to our interest rate cap agreements, other interest expense, and our commitment fees. Adjustments of the interest rate cap agreements to fair value resulted in a loss of \$5.5 million during Fiscal 2010 compared with a gain of \$0.5 million during the Transition Period, respectively. These charges resulted in a period over period increase in non-cash interest expense of \$6.0 million, which was recorded through the line item "Interest Expense" in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss). Our interest rate cap agreements are discussed in more detail in Item 7A, Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About market Risk and Note 10 to our Consolidated Financial Statements entitled "Derivatives and Hedging Activities."

Other interest expense increased \$2.8 million during Fiscal 2010 as compared with the Transition Period, which was primarily driven by interest incurred as part of a legal settlement. The increase in commitment fees of \$3.0 million was primarily related to a higher commitment fee charged to our new ABL Line of Credit combined with a lower average outstanding balance on the ABL Line of Credit during Fiscal 2010 as compared with the Transition Period.

These increases were partially offset by a lower average balance on our Term Loan and our ABL Line of Credit as follows:

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	52 Weeks Ended January 29, 2011	 eeks Ended nuary 30, 2010
Average Interest Rate – ABL	·	·
Line of Credit	2.7%	2.7%
Average Interest Rate – Term		
Loan	2.6%	2.6%
Average Balance - ABL Line of	f	
Credit	\$ 10.5 Million	\$ 31.5 Million
Average Balance – Term Loan	\$ 854.8 Million	\$ 867.0 Million

## Impairment Charges – Long-Lived Assets

Impairment charges related to long-lived assets were \$2.1 million and \$46.8 million for Fiscal 2010 and the Transition Period, respectively. The decrease in impairment charges during Fiscal 2010 as compared with the Transition Period is primarily related to the stabilization of the operating stores' performance during Fiscal 2010 as compared with the Transition Period (refer to Note 9 to our Consolidated Financial Statements entitled "Impairment of Long-Lived Assets" for further discussion).

The recoverability assessment related to these store-level assets requires judgments and estimates of future revenues, gross margin rates and store expenses. We base these estimates upon our past and expected future performance. We believe our estimates are appropriate in light of current market conditions. However, future impairment charges could be required if we do not achieve our current revenue or cash flow projections for each store.

## Impairment Charges – Tradenames

There was no impairment charge related to our tradenames during Fiscal 2010 and the Transition Period. In accordance with ASC Topic No. 350, "Intangibles – Goodwill and Other," (Topic 350), we perform our annual impairment testing of goodwill and indefinite-lived assets at the beginning of each May. In accordance with Topic 350, there were no triggering events that required us to test goodwill for impairment during Fiscal 2010 or the Transition Period.

#### Other Income, net

Other income, net (consisting of investment income, gains and losses on disposition of assets, breakage income and other miscellaneous items) decreased \$4.0 million to \$11.3 million during Fiscal 2010 compared with the Transition Period. The decrease in other income during Fiscal 2010 compared with the Transition Period was primarily related to a \$4.1 million decrease in the loss on the sale of fixed assets from January 30, 2010 as compared with January 29, 2011.

#### Income Tax Expense

Income tax expense was \$22.1 million during Fiscal 2010 compared with income tax expense of \$11.6 million during the Transition Period. The effective tax rates were 41.7% and 38.3%, respectively, during Fiscal 2010 and the Transition Period. The increase in the effective tax rate was primarily due to a reduction in the valuation allowance for state net operating losses and an increase in the state tax prior year adjustment, which had the effect of increasing our income tax expense (refer to Note 17 to our Consolidated Financial Statements entitled "Income Taxes" for further information).

#### Net Income

Net income amounted to \$31.0 million during Fiscal 2010 compared with a net income of \$18.7 million during the Transition Period. The increase in our operating results of \$12.3 million was primarily attributable to fewer impairments.

Performance for the Transition Period (35 Weeks) Ended January 30, 2010 Compared with the 35 Weeks Ended January 31, 2009

### Net Sales

We experienced a decrease in net sales for the Transition Period compared with the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009. Consolidated net sales decreased \$19.0 million, or 0.8%, to \$2,457.6 million during the Transition Period from \$2,476.6 million during the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009. This decrease was primarily attributable to:

- a comparative store sales decrease of \$114.2 million, or 4.8%, to \$2,263.2 million,
  - a decrease in barter sales of \$10.8 million, and
- a decrease in net sales of \$2.5 million from stores closed since the comparable period in Fiscal 2009, partially offset by
- an increase in net sales of \$63.2 million for stores previously opened that were not included in our comparative store sales.
  - an increase in net sales of \$34.1 million related to nine new stores opened during the Transition Period, and
    an increase in layaway and other sales of \$10.8 million.

We believe the comparative store sales decrease was due to weather conditions and weakened consumer demand. November of 2009 was the warmest November in the prior eight years. The weakened consumer demand was a result of the contraction of credit available to consumers and the overall challenging retail conditions.

#### Other Revenue

Other revenue (consisting of rental income from Leased Departments, subleased rental income, layaway, alterations, other service charges, and miscellaneous revenue items) increased \$1.4 million to \$21.7 million during the Transition Period compared with \$20.3 million for the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009. This increase was primarily related to an increase in layaway fees of \$1.8 million.

#### Cost of Sales

Cost of sales decreased \$18.1 million or 1.2% during the Transition Period compared with the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009. Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales decreased to 60.7% during the Transition Period compared with 61.0% during the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009. The dollar decrease of \$18.1 million in cost of sales between the Transition Period and the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009 was primarily related to the decrease in our net sales during the same periods.

During the Transition Period, as compared with the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009, we experienced an increase in gross margin as a percent of net sales from 39.0% to 39.3%. The improvement in our gross margin as a percent of net sales was primarily the result of fewer markdowns during the Transition Period as compared with the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009. Markdowns improved 0.7% as a percentage of net sales as a result of our ongoing initiative to increase the amount of current inventory as a percent of our total inventory, ultimately leading to fewer markdowns. The improvement in markdowns was almost entirely offset by increased shrink of 0.6% as a percentage of net sales during the Transition Period as compared with the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009.

#### Selling and Administrative Expenses

Selling and administrative expenses decreased \$1.3 million, or 0.2%, to \$759.8 million for the Transition Period from \$761.1 million for the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009. The decrease in selling and administrative expenses is summarized in the table below:

	(in thousands)						
	35 Weeks Ended						
	January	January	\$	%			
	30, 2010	31, 2009	Variance	Change			
Payroll and							
Payroll Related	\$ 337,057	\$ 358,074	\$ (21,017)	(5.9)%			
Advertising	49,378	57,283	(7,905)	(13.8)			
Benefit Costs	9,054	12,176	(3,122)	(25.6)			
Business							
Insurance	22,955	17,071	5,884	34.5			
Occupancy	246,082	235,534	10,548	4.5			
Other	95,248	80,924	14,324	17.7			
Selling &							
Administrative							
Expenses	\$ 759,774	\$ 761,062	\$ (1,288)	(0.2)%			

The decrease in selling and administrative expense during the Transition Period compared with the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009 was primarily caused by decreases in payroll and payroll related costs. The decrease in payroll and

payroll related costs of approximately \$21.0 million was primarily related to a decrease in our store payroll as a percentage of net sales to 10.2% during the Transition Period from 10.9% during the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009 and a corresponding decrease in payroll taxes of \$1.8 million as a result of our initiative to reduce store payroll costs including the reduction of janitorial payroll in conjunction with our initiative to replace janitorial payroll with a third party provider.

The decrease in advertising expense of \$7.9 million during the Transition Period compared with the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009 was primarily related to shifts in the media used for marketing communications and a decrease in the number of grand opening advertisements. During the Transition Period we opened nine new BCF stores. During the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009, we incurred additional marketing and advertising expense in connection with the opening of 34 new BCF stores.

The decrease in benefit costs of \$3.1 million during the Transition Period compared with the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009 was primarily a result of decreased 401(k) Plan expense. Under our 401(k) Plan, we are able to utilize monies recovered through forfeitures to fund some or all of our annual matching contribution obligation. A "forfeiture" is the portion of our contribution that is lost by a 401(k) Plan participant who terminates employment prior to becoming fully vested in such contribution. Based on the forfeitures available to us, we were not required to record any 401(k) Plan expense during the Transition Period. We used \$3.5 million of 401(k) Plan forfeitures to fund our entire 401(k) Plan matching contribution for the 2009 401(k) Plan year.

The increase in business insurance of \$5.9 million during the Transition Period compared with the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009 was the result of our claims experience for the period. During the Transition Period, we experienced an increase in the cost of workers' compensation claims and an increase in the number of general liability claims, each of which we believe was a result of the economic environment.

The increase in occupancy related costs of \$10.5 million during the Transition Period as compared with the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009 was primarily related to new store openings. New BCF stores opened during the Transition Period accounted for \$4.2 million of the total increase; new BCF stores opened during this period that were not operating for a full 35 weeks during the 35 week period ended January 31, 2009 incurred incremental occupancy costs of \$4.5 million during the Transition Period. Janitorial service expense increased \$4.5 million (\$0.4 million related to new stores) during the Transition Period compared with the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009 due to our initiative to replace janitorial payroll with a third party provider. Real estate taxes increased \$1.0 million due primarily to annual tax rate increases. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in utilities expense of \$2.7 million as a result of our ongoing initiative to reduce costs.

The increase in other selling and administrative expenses of \$14.3 million during the Transition Period compared with the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009 was primarily due to a \$7.5 million increase in our legal reserve, and a \$3.0 million increase associated with the acceleration of fees associated with store physical inventories related to our change in fiscal year end.

#### Restructuring and Separation Costs

In an effort to better align our resources with our business objectives we reviewed all areas of the business to identify efficiency opportunities to enhance our performance in Fiscal 2009. In light of the challenging economic and retail sales environments, we accelerated the implementation of several initiatives, including some that resulted in the elimination of certain positions and the restructuring of certain other jobs and functions. Our restructuring and separation efforts commenced in the third quarter of Fiscal 2009, and continued during the Transition Period. We incurred \$2.4 million and \$1.9 million in restructuring and separation costs during the Transition Period and the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009, respectively.

#### Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expense related to the depreciation of fixed assets and the amortization of favorable and unfavorable leases amounted to \$103.6 million during the Transition Period compared with \$106.8 for the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009. The decrease in depreciation and amortization expense was primarily a result of various assets that were recorded pursuant to purchase accounting in conjunction with the Merger Transaction. These assets became fully depreciated during Fiscal 2009, which resulted in less depreciation expense during the Transition Period.

During the Transition Period, the Company made a reclassification of amortization of deferred financing fees from the line item "Depreciation and Amortization" in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) to the line item "Interest Expense" in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) for each of the fiscal years ended May 30, 2009, and May 31, 2008.

#### Interest Expense

Interest expense was \$59.5 million and \$74.3 million during the Transition Period and the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009, respectively. The decrease in interest expense was primarily driven by lower average interest rates on our Term

Loan and ABL Line of Credit and a lower average balance on our ABL Line of Credit as follows:

## 35 Weeks Ended

	January 20, 2010		uary 31,
	January 30, 2010	2009	•
Average Interest Rate – ABL Line of Credit	2.7%		4.4%
Average Interest Rate – Term Loan	2.6%		4.8%
			219.5
Average Balance – ABL Line of Credit	\$ 31.5 Million	\$	Million
			872.8
Average Balance – Term Loan	\$ 867.0 Million	\$	Million

Offsetting the decrease in interest expense were smaller gains on the adjustments of our interest rate cap agreements to fair value during the Transition Period as compared to the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009. Our interest rate cap agreements are discussed in more detail in Item 7A, Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk and Note 10 to our Consolidated Financial Statements entitled "Derivatives and Hedging Activities." Adjustments of the interest rate cap agreements to fair value resulted in gains of \$0.5 million and \$2.7 million during the Transition Period and the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009, respectively, each of which were recorded in the line item "Interest Expense" in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss).

During the Transition Period, the Company made a reclassification of amortization of deferred financing fees from the line item "Depreciation and Amortization" in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) to the line item "Interest Expense" in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) for each of the fiscal years ended May 30, 2009 and May 31, 2008.

### Impairment Charges – Long-Lived Assets

Impairment charges related to long-lived assets were \$46.8 million and \$28.1 million for the Transition Period and January 31, 2009, respectively. The increase in impairment charges was primarily related to the decline in the operating performance of 33 stores as a result of decreased comparative store sales.

The recoverability assessment related to these store-level assets requires judgments and estimates of future revenues, gross margin rates and store expenses. We base these estimates upon our past and expected future performance. We believe our estimates are appropriate in light of current market conditions. However, future impairment charges could be required if we do not achieve our current revenue or cash flow projections for each store.

The majority of the impairment charges during the Transition Period were related to the impairment of favorable leases in the amount of \$34.6 million related to 24 of our stores. We also impaired \$9.5 million of leasehold improvements, \$2.3 million of furniture and fixtures and \$0.4 million of other long-lived assets.

The majority of the impairment charges for the 35 week period ended January 31, 2009 was related to the impairment of favorable leases in the amount of \$20.9 million related to 15 of our stores. We also impaired \$5.8 million of leasehold improvements and \$1.4 million of furniture and fixtures.

### Impairment Charges – Tradenames

There was no impairment charge related to our tradenames during the Transition Period. Impairment charges related to our tradenames during the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009 amounted to \$279.3 million. In accordance with ASC Topic No. 350, "Intangibles – Goodwill and Other," (Topic 350), we perform our annual impairment testing of goodwill and indefinite-lived assets at the beginning of each May.

In connection with the preparation of our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for the third quarter of Fiscal 2009 (relating to the three months ended February 28, 2009) as well as our Fiscal 2009 financial statements (relating to the year ended May 30, 2009), we concluded that it was appropriate to test our goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets for recoverability in light of the following factors:

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Significant declines in the U.S. and international financial markets and the resulting impact of such events on then anticipated future macroeconomic conditions and customer behavior;

- The determination that these macroeconomic conditions were impacting our sales trends as evidenced by the decreases in comparative store sales that we were experiencing;
- Decreased comparative store sales results of the peak holiday and winter selling seasons in the third quarter of Fiscal 2009 which were significant to our financial results for the year;
- Declines in market valuation multiples of peer group companies used in the estimate of our business enterprise value; and
- Our expectation that then current comparative store sales trends would continue for an extended period. As a result, we developed a more moderate store opening plan which reduced our future projections of revenue and operating results offset by initiatives (which have since been implemented) to reduce our cost structure.

The recoverability assessment with respect to the tradenames used in our operations requires us to estimate the fair value of the tradenames as of the assessment date. Such determination is made using the "relief from royalty" valuation method. Inputs to the valuation model include:

- Future revenue and profitability projections associated with the tradenames;
- Estimated market royalty rates that could be derived from the licensing of our tradenames to third parties in order to establish the cash flows accruing to our benefit as a result of ownership of the tradenames; and
- The rate used to discount the estimated royalty cash flow projections to their present value (or estimated fair value) based on the risk and nature of our cash flows.

During the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009, we recorded an impairment charge related to our tradenames in the amount of \$279.3 million. This impairment charge reflected lower revenues and profitability projections associated with our tradenames at the time and lower estimated market royalty rate expectations in light of the then current general economic conditions compared with the analysis we performed during Fiscal 2008. Our projected revenues within the model were based on comparative store sales and new store assumptions over a nine year period. A less aggressive new store opening plan combined with revised comparative store sales assumptions for the first fiscal year of the projection had a significant negative impact on the valuation. We believe our estimates were appropriate based upon the then current market conditions (refer to Note 7 to our Consolidated Financial Statements entitled "Intangible Assets" for further discussion).

## Other Income, net

Other income, net (consisting of investment income, gains and losses on disposition of assets, breakage income and other miscellaneous items) increased \$10.6 million to \$15.3 million during the Transition Period as compared with the 35 week period ended January 31, 2009.

The increase in other income during the Transition Period compared with the 35 weeks ended January 30, 2009 was primarily related to the following:

- An increase in miscellaneous income of \$6.0 million primarily related to a gain on a legal settlement in our favor and other miscellaneous income.
- an increase in gain on investment of \$5.5 million related to additional distributions received from the Reserve Primary Fund (Fund) in excess of those anticipated,
  - an increase of \$2.1 million related to insurance recoveries, and
  - an increase in breakage income of \$2.8 million; partially offset by
- a \$5.1 million decrease related to a loss on the disposal of various fixed assets primarily related to our conversion to a new warehouse management system in Edgewater Park, New Jersey.

## Income Tax Expense

Income tax expense was \$11.6 million during the Transition Period compared with an income tax benefit of \$104.7 million for the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009. The effective tax rates were 38.3% and 40.2%, respectively, for the Transition Period and the 35 week period ended January 31, 2009. The decrease in the effective tax rate was primarily due to a change in the valuation allowance for state net operating losses and lower state blended tax rates, which had the effect of reducing our net deferred tax liability and decreasing our income tax expense.

### Net Income

Net income amounted to \$18.7 million during the Transition Period compared with a net loss of \$155.6 million for the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009. The increase in our operating results of \$174.3 million was primarily attributable to fewer impairments.

Results of Operations - Fiscal 2009 and Fiscal 2008

The following table sets forth certain items in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) as a percentage of net sales for periods indicated that are used in connection with the discussion herein.

Statement of Operations Data:	May 30, 2009	May 31, 2008
Net Sales	100.0 %	100.0 %
Other Revenue	0.8	0.9
Total Revenue	100.8	100.9
Cost of Sales (Exclusive of Depreciation and		
Amortization, As Shown Below)	62.1	61.8
Selling & Administrative Expenses	31.5	32.2
Restructuring and Separation Costs	0.2	-
Depreciation and Amortization	4.5	4.9
Interest Expense (Inclusive of Gain/Loss on Interest Rate		
Cap Agreements)	2.9	3.9
Impairment Charges – Long Lived Assets	1.1	0.7
Impairment Charges - Tradenames	8.3	-
Other Income, Net	(0.2)	(0.4)
Total Expense	110.4	103.1
Loss Before Income Tax Benefit	(9.6)	(2.2)
Income Tax Benefit	(4.2)	(0.8)
Net Loss	(5.4)%	6 (1.4)%

Performance for the Fiscal Year (52 weeks) Ended May 30, 2009 Compared with the Fiscal Year (52 weeks) Ended May 31, 2008

#### Net Sales

We experienced an increase in net sales for Fiscal 2009 compared with Fiscal 2008. Consolidated net sales increased \$148.6 million, or 4.4%, to \$3,542.0 million for Fiscal 2009 from \$3,393.4 million for Fiscal 2008. This increase was attributable to:

- an increase in net sales of \$222.8 million related to 36 net new stores opened in 2009,
- an increase in net sales of \$42.1 million for stores opened in 2008 that are not included in our comparative store sales,
  - an increase in barter sales of \$5.5 million; partially offset by
  - a comparative store sales decrease of \$83.9 million, or 2.5%, to \$3,213.1 million, and
  - a decrease in net sales of \$19.4 million from stores closed since the comparable period last year.

We believe the comparative store sales decrease was due primarily to weakened consumer demand as a result of the contraction of credit available to consumers and the overall challenging retail conditions.

#### Other Revenue

Other revenue (consisting of rental income from Leased Departments; subleased rental income; layaway, alteration, dormancy, and other service charges; and miscellaneous revenue items) decreased \$1.2 million to \$29.4 million for Fiscal 2009 from \$30.6 million for Fiscal 2008. This decrease was primarily related to a decrease in dormancy fees of

\$2.2 million, partially offset by an increase in layaway fees of \$1.1 million.

The decrease in dormancy fees was related to our decision during the third quarter of Fiscal 2008 to cease charging dormancy fees on outstanding balances of store value cards, which were recorded in the line item "Other Revenue" in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss), and begin recording store value card breakage income in the line item "Other Income, Net" in our Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss). These dormancy fees contributed an additional \$2.2 million to the line item "Other Revenue" in our Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) for Fiscal 2008 compared with Fiscal 2009. We now recognize breakage income related to outstanding store value cards in the line item "Other Income, Net" in our Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss).

#### Cost of Sales

Cost of sales increased \$104.4 million, or 5.0%, for Fiscal 2009 compared with Fiscal 2008. Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales increased to 62.1% during Fiscal 2009 from 61.8% in Fiscal 2008. The dollar increase of \$104.4 million in cost of sales between Fiscal 2008 and Fiscal 2009 was primarily related to the operation of 36 net new stores which were opened in Fiscal 2009.

Gross margin as a percent of net sales decreased from 38.2% for Fiscal 2008 to 37.9% for Fiscal 2009. The decline in gross margin was primarily due to increased shrink results based on physical inventories taken in the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2009.

### Selling and Administrative Expenses

Selling and administrative expenses increased \$24.4 million, or 2.2%, to \$1,115.2 million for Fiscal 2009 from \$1,090.8 million for Fiscal 2008. The increase in selling and administrative expenses is summarized in the table below:

(in thousands)				
Year Ended				
May 30,	May 31,			
2009	2008	\$ Variance	% Change	
\$ 351,555	\$ 304,052	\$ 47,503	15.6%	
32,515	26,994	5,521	20.5	
75,188	70,879	4,309	6.1	
13,049	14,555	(1,506)	(10.3)	
124,689	138,713	(14,024)	(10.1)	
518,252	535,636	(17,384)	(3.2)	
\$ 1,115,248	\$ 1,090,829	\$ 24,419	2.2%	
	May 30, 2009 \$ 351,555 32,515 75,188 13,049 124,689 518,252	Year Ended May 30, May 31, 2009 2008  \$ 351,555 \$ 304,052 32,515 26,994 75,188 70,879 13,049 14,555 124,689 138,713 518,252 535,636	Year Ended         May 30,       May 31,         2009       2008       \$ Variance         \$ 351,555       \$ 304,052       \$ 47,503         32,515       26,994       5,521         75,188       70,879       4,309         13,049       14,555       (1,506)         124,689       138,713       (14,024)         518,252       535,636       (17,384)	

The increase in occupancy related costs of \$47.5 million during Fiscal 2009 was primarily related to new store openings. New stores opened in Fiscal 2009 accounted for \$29.0 million of the total increase. Stores opened in Fiscal 2008 that were not operating for a full twelve months in Fiscal 2008 incurred incremental occupancy costs of \$4.2 million during Fiscal 2009. Utility expenses increased \$10.0 million (\$5.5 million related to new stores) due primarily to an increase in electricity rates. Janitorial service expense increased \$8.7 million (\$1.0 million related to new stores) due to our initiative to replace janitorial payroll with a third party provider, and real estate taxes increased \$6.8 million (\$3.0 million related to new stores) due primarily to annual tax rate increases.

The increase in business insurance of \$5.5 million in Fiscal 2009 compared with Fiscal 2008 was the result of our claims experience for the year. During Fiscal 2009, we experienced an increase in the value of workers' compensation claims and an increase in the number of general liability claims which we believe was a result of the economic environment.

The increase in advertising expense of \$4.3 million during Fiscal 2009 compared with Fiscal 2008 was primarily related to increases in advertising as a result of 36 net new stores opened during Fiscal 2009. This increase was partially offset by the continued cost efficiencies realized by our internal performance of an increasing number of production and creative functions.

The increases in selling and administrative expense during Fiscal 2009 were partially offset by decreases in payroll and payroll related costs, other costs and benefit costs. The decrease in other selling and administrative expenses of approximately \$14.0 million during Fiscal 2009 was a result of several initiatives included in our plan to reduce our cost structure, as well as decreases in costs related to security, miscellaneous taxes, temporary help and travel and entertainment.

The decrease in payroll and payroll related costs of approximately \$17.4 million was primarily related to a decrease in our store payroll as a percentage of net sales related to our initiative to reduce store payroll costs and the reduction of janitorial payroll in conjunction with our initiative to replace janitorial payroll with a third party provider. These initiatives resulted in a decrease in store payroll as a percentage of net sales to 10.9 % million during Fiscal 2009 compared with 12.1% during Fiscal 2008. Additionally, vacation expense decreased \$6.7 million during Fiscal 2009 as a result of our implementation of a new vacation and personal time policy.

The decreases in payroll and payroll related costs were partially offset by new store payroll and increased bonus and stock compensation expense in Fiscal 2009 compared with Fiscal 2008. New store payroll related to the opening of 36 net new stores during Fiscal 2009 contributed an additional \$23.3 million to payroll. Additionally, incremental payroll related to stores that were opened during Fiscal 2008, but were not operating for the full fiscal period contributed incremental payroll expense of \$2.9 million.

Bonus and stock compensation expense increased \$7.1 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, in Fiscal 2009 compared with Fiscal 2008. The increase in bonus expense of \$7.1 million for Fiscal 2009 was due to the fact that during Fiscal 2008 we did not achieve the targets under our bonus plan, and consequently, reversed the previously recognized expense of \$1.5 million during the fiscal year. In contrast, during Fiscal 2009, we attained the bonus targets so there was not a similar reversal during Fiscal 2009. The increase in stock compensation expense of \$1.3 million was related to a greater number of options and restricted stock awards granted in Fiscal 2009 compared with Fiscal 2008.

#### Restructuring and Separation Costs

Our restructuring and separation efforts commenced in Fiscal 2009 and resulted in costs totaling \$7.0 million for the fiscal year; no restructuring or separation costs were incurred in Fiscal 2008. In an effort to better align our resources with our business objectives, we reviewed all areas of the business to identify efficiency opportunities to enhance our performance. In light of the challenging economic and retail sales environments, we accelerated the implementation of several initiatives, including some that resulted in the elimination of certain positions and the restructuring of certain other jobs and functions. This resulted in the reduction of approximately 2,300 positions in our corporate office and our stores during the third and fourth quarters of Fiscal 2009. This reduction, which amounted to slightly less than 9% of our workforce, resulted in a severance and related payroll tax charge of \$2.8 million.

Additionally, on February 16, 2009 our former President and Chief Executive Officer entered into a separation agreement with us. As part of his separation agreement, we paid his salary through May 30, 2009 at which time continuation payments and other benefits payable as provided in his separation agreement commenced. We recorded a charge of \$1.8 million of continuation payments related to the separation of our former President and Chief Executive Officer during Fiscal 2009. The continuation payments will be paid out in bi-weekly installments through May 30, 2011. Continuation payments of \$0.2 million were paid during Fiscal 2009.

In addition to the continuation payments, other charges relating to benefits payable pursuant to the former President and Chief Executive Officer's separation agreement included additional non-cash compensation charges of approximately \$2.4 million during Fiscal 2009 related to the repurchase of a portion of his restricted stock and a modification of his stock options.

## Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expense related to the depreciation of fixed assets and the amortization of favorable and unfavorable leases amounted to \$159.6 million for Fiscal 2009 compared with \$166.7 million for Fiscal 2008. The decrease in depreciation and amortization expense in Fiscal 2009 compared with Fiscal 2008 was primarily a result of various assets that were recorded pursuant to purchase accounting in conjunction with the Merger Transaction. These assets were fully depreciated during Fiscal 2009, which resulted in less depreciation expense during the fiscal year.

During the Transition Period, the Company made a reclassification of amortization of deferred financing fees from the line item "Depreciation and Amortization" in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) to the line item "Interest Expense" in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) for each of the fiscal years ended May 30, 2009 and May 31, 2008.

#### Interest Expense

Interest expense was \$102.7 million for Fiscal 2009 compared with \$133.0 million for Fiscal 2008. This decrease in interest expense was primarily related to lower average interest rates on our ABL Line of Credit and our Term Loan in

Fiscal 2009 compared with Fiscal 2008, partially offset by a higher average balance on the ABL Line of Credit as follows:

	Year Ended May 30, 2009	May 31, 2008
Average Interest Rate – ABL Line of Credit	4.3%	6.6%
Average Interest Rate – Term Loan	4.3%	7.0%
Average Balance – ABL Line of Credit	\$148.4 Million	\$144.0 Million
Average Balance – Term Loan	\$870.4 Million	\$873.1 Million

Also contributing to the decrease in interest expense were gains on the adjustments of our interest rate cap agreements to fair value. Our interest rate cap agreements are more fully discussed in Item 7A, Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk, of this Annual Report and Note 10 to our Consolidated Financial Statements entitled "Derivatives and Hedging Activities." Adjustments of the interest rate cap agreements to fair value resulted in gains of \$4.2 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, for Fiscal 2009 and Fiscal 2008, each of which are recorded as "Interest Expense" in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss). The gains in Fiscal 2009 were primarily the result of an increase in the underlying market rates, which in turn, increased the value of the interest rate cap agreements.

During the Transition Period, the Company made a reclassification of amortization of deferred financing fees from the line item "Depreciation and Amortization" in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) to the line item "Interest Expense" in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) for each of the fiscal years ended May 30, 2009 and May 31, 2008.

# Impairment Charges – Long-Lived Assets

Impairment charges related to long-lived assets for Fiscal 2009 were \$37.5 million compared with \$25.3 million for Fiscal 2008. The increase in impairment charges was primarily related to the decline in the operating performance of 37 stores as a result of the declining macroeconomic conditions that were negatively impacting our comparative store sales.

The recoverability assessment related to these store-level assets requires judgments and estimates of future revenues, gross margin rates and store expenses. We base these estimates upon our past and expected future performance. We believe our estimates are appropriate in light of the then current market conditions. However, future impairment charges could be required if we do not achieve our current revenue or cash flow projections for each store.

The majority of the impairment charges for Fiscal 2009 were related to the impairment of favorable leases in the amount of \$26.1 million related to 21 of our stores. We also impaired \$6.3 million of leasehold improvements, \$2.1 million of furniture and fixtures and \$3.0 million of other long-lived assets during Fiscal 2009.

The majority of impairment charges for Fiscal 2008 related to favorable lease assets of \$18.8 million, leasehold improvements of \$3.9 million and furniture and fixtures of \$2.0 million. Impairment charges at the store level were primarily related to a decline in the operating performance of the respective stores as a result of weakening consumer demand during the period.

# Impairment Charges – Tradenames

Impairment charges related to our tradenames totaled \$294.6 million during Fiscal 2009. There were no impairment charges related to our tradenames during Fiscal 2008. We typically perform our annual impairment testing of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets at the beginning of May of each fiscal year. However, in connection with the preparation of our Consolidated Financial Statements for the third quarter of Fiscal 2009 (relating to the three months ended February 28, 2009) as well as our Fiscal 2009 financial statements (relating to the year ended May 30, 200), we concluded that it was appropriate to test our goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets for recoverability at that time in light of the following factors:

• Significant declines in the U.S. and international financial markets and the resulting impact of such events on then anticipated future macroeconomic conditions and customer behavior;

- The determination that these macroeconomic conditions were impacting our sales trends as evidenced by the decreases in comparative store sales that we were experiencing;
- Decreased comparative store sales results of the peak holiday and winter selling seasons in the third quarter of Fiscal 2009 which are significant to our financial results for the year;
- Declines in market valuation multiplies of peer group companies used in the estimate of our business enterprise value; and
- Our expectation that current comparative store sales trends would continue for an extended period. As a result, we developed a more moderate store opening plan which reduced our future projections of revenue and operating results offset by initiatives (which have since been implemented) to reduce our cost structure.

In addition to our testing during the third quarter of Fiscal 2009, we updated that testing during the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2009, in accordance with our policies, using the same methodology. The recoverability assessment with respect to the tradenames used in our operations requires us to estimate the fair value of the tradenames as of the assessment date. Such determination is made using the "relief from royalty" valuation method. Inputs to the valuation model include:

- Future revenue and profitability projections associated with the tradenames;
- Estimated market royalty rates that could be derived from the licensing of our tradenames to third parties in order to establish the cash flows accruing to our benefit as a result of ownership of the tradenames; and
- Rate used to discount the estimated royalty cash flow projections to their present value (or estimated fair value) based on the risk and nature of our cash flows.

Based upon the impairment analysis of our tradenames during Fiscal 2009, we determined that a portion of the tradenames was impaired and recorded an impairment charge of \$288.3 million. This impairment charge reflected lower revenues and profitability projections associated with our tradenames in the near term and lower estimated market royalty rate expectations in light of general economic conditions compared with the analysis we performed during Fiscal 2008. Our projected revenues within the model were based on comparative store sales and new store assumptions over a nine year period. A less aggressive new store opening plan combined with revised comparative store sales assumptions for the first fiscal year of the projection had a significant negative impact on the valuation. We believed our estimates were appropriate based upon then current market conditions.

During the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2009, we purchased additional tradename rights in the amount of \$6.3 million based on our belief that these tradename rights will ultimately provide us with substantial marketing benefits. Historically, we were restricted in our advertising campaigns to only refer to ourselves as Burlington Coat Factory and we were required to note that we were not affiliated with Burlington Industries. The purchase of these tradename rights allowed us to shorten our name as appropriate based on the current marketing campaign and eliminates the requirement to note that we are not affiliated with Burlington Industries. Based on our tradenames impairment assessment, we could not support an increase in the asset value of our tradenames on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. As a result, we immediately impaired the acquired asset.

As a result of the impairments noted during the third quarter, we also assessed our goodwill for impairment. Based upon the interim impairment analysis of our recorded goodwill during the third quarter of Fiscal 2009, and the update that we performed during the fourth quarter, we determined that none of our goodwill was impaired. We believed our estimates were appropriate based upon market conditions.

#### Other Income, net

Other income, net (consisting of investment income, gains and losses on disposition of assets, breakage income and other miscellaneous items) decreased \$6.9 million to \$6.0 million for Fiscal 2009. This decrease was primarily attributable to our recording a loss on our investment in the Fund of \$4.7 million and a decrease in breakage income of \$2.2 million during Fiscal 2009 compared with Fiscal 2008.

Based on various communications issued by the Fund throughout Fiscal 2009, we recorded a \$4.7 million loss on our investment in the Fund.

Breakage income decreased \$2.2 million to \$3.1 million during 2009. The decrease in breakage income was related to our initial recording of breakage income during the third quarter of Fiscal 2008. In connection with the establishment of BCF Cards, Inc., we recorded \$4.7 million of store value card breakage income in the line item "Other Income/Expense, Net" in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) during the

third quarter of Fiscal 2008, which included cumulative breakage income related to store value cards issued since we introduced our store value card program.

# Income Tax Benefit

Income tax benefit was \$147.4 million and \$25.3 million for Fiscal 2009 and Fiscal 2008, respectively. Income tax benefit resulting from the tradenames impairment discussed above was \$116.8 million for Fiscal 2009. The effective tax rates for Fiscal 2009 and Fiscal 2008 were 43.5% and 34.1%, respectively. In Fiscal 2008 we recorded increases to our tax liability which had the effect of reducing our overall income tax benefit and effective tax rate for the year. The increase in the effective tax rate was also due to lower state blended tax rates which had the effect of reducing our net deferred tax liability and increasing our income tax benefit.

#### Net Loss

Net losses amounted to \$191.6 million for Fiscal 2009 compared with net losses of \$49.0 million for Fiscal 2008. The decrease in our operating results of \$142.6 million was primarily attributable to increased impairment charges related to our tradenames and long-lived assets, partially offset by increased sales driven primarily by non-comparative stores, improved expense management as part of our initiative to reduce our cost structure, and lower interest expense incurred during Fiscal 2009 compared with Fiscal 2008.

# Liquidity and Capital Resources

We fund inventory expenditures during normal and peak periods through cash flows from operating activities, available cash, and our ABL Line of Credit. Liquidity may be affected by the terms we are able to obtain from vendors and their factors. Our working capital needs follow a seasonal pattern, peaking each October and November when inventory is received for the Fall selling season. Our largest source of operating cash flows is cash collections from our customers. In general, our primary uses of cash are providing for working capital, which principally represents the purchase of inventory, the payment of operating expenses, debt servicing, and opening of new stores and remodeling of existing stores. As of January 29, 2011, we had unused availability on our ABL Line of Credit of \$180.0 million.

Our ability to satisfy our interest payment obligations on our outstanding debt and maintain compliance with our debt covenants, as discussed below, will depend largely on our future performance which, in turn, is subject to prevailing economic conditions and to financial, business and other factors beyond our control. If we do not have sufficient cash flow to service interest payment obligations on our outstanding indebtedness and if we cannot borrow or obtain equity financing to satisfy those obligations, our business and results of operations will be materially adversely affected. We cannot be assured that any replacement borrowing or equity financing could be successfully completed on terms similar to our current financing agreements, or at all.

During Fiscal 2009 and, to a lesser extent, the Transition Period and Fiscal 2010, there was a significant deterioration in the global financial markets and economic environment, which we believe has negatively impacted consumer spending at many retailers, including us. In response to this, we have taken, and continue to take, steps to increase opportunities to profitably drive sales, maintain margins and continue to improve the efficiency of our operations.

As discussed throughout this Annual Report, we implemented certain initiatives in response to the difficult economic environment which included reducing our cost structure during Fiscal 2009, the Transition Period and Fiscal 2010 through various payroll initiatives and supply chain efficiencies. A portion of these savings were reinvested in our operations and in enhancing our store experience. We believe that we have prudently managed our capital expenditures, allowing us to appropriately act on opportunities to grow our business. We closely monitor our net sales, gross margin, expenses and working capital. We have performed scenario planning such that if our net sales decline, we have identified variable costs that could be reduced to partially mitigate the impact of these declines and maintain compliance with our debt covenants.

Despite the current trends in the retail environment and their negative impact on our comparative store sales, we believe that cash generated from operations, along with our existing cash and our ABL Line of Credit, will be sufficient to fund our expected cash flow requirements and planned capital expenditures for at least the next twelve months as well as the foreseeable future. However, there can be no assurance that we would be able to continue to offset the decline in our comparative store sales with continued savings initiatives in the event that the economy continues to decline.

In the first quarter of Fiscal 2011, we completed the refinancing of our Term Loan, Senior Notes, and Senior Discount Notes. As a result of these transactions, the Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes, with carrying values at January 29, 2011 of \$302.0 million and \$99.3 million, respectively, have been repurchased. In addition, BCFWC completed the sale of \$450 million aggregate principal amount of 10% Senior Notes due 2019 (the Notes) at an issue price of 100%. Additionally, the Term Loan with a carrying value of \$777.6 million as of January 29, 2011 has been replaced with a \$1,000.0 million senior secured term loan facility (New Term Loan). Borrowings on the ABL Line of Credit related to the transaction were \$101.6 million. As a result of these transactions, we incurred various fees and charges

of approximately \$73 million. In connection with the offering of the Notes and the refinancing of the Term Loan facility, a cash dividend of approximately \$300.0 million in the aggregate was paid to the equity holders of Parent on a pro rata basis.

Our New Term Loan agreement contains financial, affirmative and negative covenants and requires that we, among other things, maintain on the last day of each fiscal quarter a consolidated leverage ratio not to exceed a maximum amount. Specifically, our total debt to Adjusted EBITDA, as each term is defined in the new credit agreement governing the New Term Loan, for the trailing twelve months most recently ended on or prior to such date, may not exceed 6.75 to 1 through October 27, 2012; 6.25 to 1 through November 2, 2013; 5.5 to 1 through November 1, 2014; 5.00 to 1 through October 31, 2015; and 4.75 to 1 at January 30, 2016 and thereafter. Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure of our liquidity. Adjusted EBITDA, as defined in the credit agreement governing our Term Loan, starts with consolidated net income (loss) for the period and adds back (i) depreciation, amortization, impairments and other non-cash charges that were deducted in arriving at consolidated net income (loss), (ii) the provision (benefit) for taxes, (iii) interest expense, (iv) advisory fees, and (v) unusual, non-recurring or extraordinary expenses, losses or charges as reasonably approved by the administrative agent for such period. Adjusted EBITDA is used to calculate the consolidated leverage ratio. We present Adjusted EBITDA because we believe it is a useful supplemental measure in evaluating the performance of our business and provides greater transparency into our results of operations. Adjusted EBITDA provides management, including our chief operating decision maker, with helpful information with respect to our operations such as our ability to meet our future debt service, fund our capital expenditures and working capital requirements, and comply with various covenants in each indenture governing our outstanding notes and the credit agreements governing our senior secured credit facilities which are material to our financial condition and financial statements. As of January 29, 2011, we were in compliance with all of our covenants under our then existing Term Loan.

Given the importance Adjusted EBITDA has on our operations, achievement at a predetermined threshold Adjusted EBITDA level is required for the payment of incentive awards to our corporate employees under our Management Incentive Bonus Plan (Bonus Plan) for Fiscal 2010. The Bonus Plan is more fully described under the caption "Annual Incentive Awards" in Item 11, Executive Compensation.

Adjusted EBITDA has limitations as an analytical tool, and should not be considered either in isolation or as a substitute for net income or other data prepared in accordance with GAAP or for analyzing our results or cash flows from operating activities, as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations include:

- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs;
- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect our interest expense, or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments, on our debt;
  - Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect our income tax expense or the cash requirements to pay our taxes;
- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect historical cash expenditures or future requirements for capital expenditures or contractual commitments;
- Although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated and amortized will likely have to be replaced in the future, and Adjusted EBITDA measures do not reflect any cash requirements for such replacements; and
- Other companies in our industry may calculate Adjusted EBITDA differently such that our calculation may not be directly comparable.

Adjusted EBITDA for Fiscal 2010 increased \$31.3 million, or 10.2%, to \$338.1 million from \$306.8 million for the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010. This improvement in Adjusted EBITDA was primarily the result of increased net sales and the cost reductions realized during Fiscal 2010, as further described above under the caption entitled "Executive Summary."

Adjusted EBITDA for Fiscal 2010 increased \$77.6 million, or 29.8%, to \$338.1 million from \$260.5 million for the Transition Period. This improvement in Adjusted EBITDA was primarily the result of an additional 17 weeks of operations during Fiscal 2010 compared with the Transition Period.

Adjusted EBITDA for the Transition Period increased \$12.0 million, or 4.8%, to \$260.5 million from \$248.5 million for the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009. This improvement in Adjusted EBITDA was primarily the result of the cost reductions realized during the Transition Period, as further described above under the caption entitled "Executive Summary."

Adjusted EBITDA for Fiscal 2009 increased \$22.8 million, or 8.4%, to \$294.8 from \$272.0 million for Fiscal 2008. This improvement in Adjusted EBITDA was primarily the result of sales growth from new stores and the cost reductions realized during Fiscal 2009.

The following table shows our calculation of Adjusted EBITDA for Fiscal 2010, the 52 week period ended January 30, 2010, the Transition Period, the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009, Fiscal 2009 and Fiscal 2008, each of which were derived from audited and unaudited financial information.

	(in thousands)										
	52 Weeks										
	Year Ende	Year Ended Ended			35 Weeks Ended			Years Ended			
	January 29	,	January 30	),	January 30	),	January 31,	May 30,		May 31,	
	2011		2010		2010		2009	2009		2008	
Reconciliation of Net Income											
(Loss) to Adjusted EBITDA:											
Net Income (Loss)	\$30,998		\$(15,179	)	\$18,653		\$(155,643)	\$(191,583	)	\$(48,970	)
Interest Expense	99,309		84,423		59,476		74,263	102,716		132,993	
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	22,130		(29,753	)	11,570		(104,667)	(147,389	)	(25,304	)
Depreciation and Amortization	146,759		156,388		103,605		106,823	159,607		166,666	
Impairment Charges -											
Long-Lived Assets	2,080		56,141		46,776		28,134	37,498		25,256	
Impairment Charges -											
Tradenames	-		15,250		-		279,300	294,550		-	
Interest Income	(384	)	(303	)	(196	)	(535)	(641	)	(1,975	)
Non Cash Straight-Line Rent											
Expense (a)	10,639		5,320		4,196		6,236	7,358		6,768	
Advisory Fees (b)	4,289		4,198		2,879		3,342	4,660		4,316	
Stock Compensation Expense											
(c)	2,230		4,391		994		2,728	6,124		2,436	
Sox Compliance (d)	-		112		-		1,077	1,189		2,989	
(Gain) Loss on Investment in											
Money Market Fund (e)	(240	)	(859	)	(3,849	)	1,669	4,661		-	
Amortization of Purchased											
Lease Rights (f)	857		896		560		620	893		140	
Severance (g)	81		3,097		2,264		1,929	2,737		-	
Franchise Taxes (h)	1,172		1,620		751		631	1,500		760	
Insurance Reserve (i)	3,916		9,037		3,731		255	5,561		2,950	
Advertising Expense Related to											
Barter Transactions (j)	2,644		2,275		1,816		1,875	2,334		1,636	
CEO Transition Costs (k)	-		2,147		-		-	2,173		-	
Loss on Disposal of Fixed											
Assets (1)	1,740		6,160		5,824		468	805		1,351	

Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:

Change in Fiscal Year End

Litigation Reserve (n)

Refinancing Fees (p)

Adjusted EBITDA

Transfer Tax (o)

587

4,923

1,358

3,040

\$338,128

1,445

\$306,806

1,445

\$260,495

\$248,505

\$294,753

Costs (m)

\$272,012

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Adjusted EBITDA	\$338,128	\$306,806	\$260,495	\$248,505	\$294,753	\$272,012
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Interest Expense	(99,309	) (84,423	) (59,476	) (74,263	) (102,716	) (132,993 )
Changes in Operating Assets						
and Liabilities	(27,405	) (220,884	) (72,323	) 118,846	(30,929	) (19,050 )
Other Items, Net	(2,710	) 6,481	(25,169	) (25,245	) 11,188	(21,992)
Net Cash Provided by						
Operating Activities	\$208,704	\$7,980	\$103,527	\$267,843	\$172,296	\$97,977
Net Cash Used in Investing						
Activities	\$(159,962	) \$(89,465	) \$(54,074	) \$(109,887	) \$(145,280	) \$(100,313 )
Net Cash (Used in) Provided						
by Financing Activities	\$(43,278	) \$64,529	\$(50,513	) \$(156,351	\$(41,307)	) \$8,559

During Fiscal 2010, with approval from the administrative agents for the Term Loan and ABL Line of Credit, we changed the components comprising Adjusted EBITDA such that specific charges associated with our litigation reserve, transfer tax liability, and refinancing fees were added back to consolidated net income (loss) when calculating Adjusted EBITDA. These changes resulted in approximately \$9.3 million in Adjusted EBITDA during Fiscal 2010 and had no impact on the prior periods presented. We believe that these add-backs provide a more accurate comparison to the comparative periods' performance.

Represents the difference between the actual base rent and rent expense calculated in accordance with GAAP (on

- (a) a straight line basis), in accordance with the credit agreements governing the Term Loan and ABL Line of Credit.
  - (b)Represents the annual advisory fee of Bain Capital expensed during the fiscal periods, in accordance with the credit agreements governing the Term Loan and ABL Line of Credit.
  - (c)Represents expenses recorded under ASC No. 718 "Stock Compensation" during the fiscal periods, in accordance with the credit agreements governing the Term Loan and ABL Line of Credit.
    - As a voluntary non-accelerated filer, we furnished our initial management report on Internal Controls Over
- (d) Financial Reporting in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for Fiscal 2008. These costs represent professional fees related to this compliance effort that were incurred during Fiscal 2008 and the first quarter of Fiscal 2009, as well as fees incurred as part of our ongoing internal controls compliance effort for Fiscal 2009, as approved by the administrative agents for the Term Loan and ABL Line of Credit.
  - Represents the (gain) loss on our investment in the Fund, related to recoveries/declines in the fair value of the
- (e) underlying securities held by the Fund, as approved by the administrative agents for the Term Loan and ABL Line of Credit.
  - Represents amortization of purchased lease rights which are recorded in rent expense within our selling and
- (f) administrative line items, in accordance with the credit agreements governing the Term Loan and ABL Line of Credit.
- (g)Represents a severance charge resulting from a reduction of our workforce, in accordance with the credit agreements governing the Term Loan and ABL Line of Credit.
- (h) Represents franchise taxes paid based on our equity, as approved by the administrative agents for the Term Loan and ABL Line of Credit.
- (i)Represents the non-cash change in reserves based on estimated general liability, workers compensation and health insurance claims as approved by the administrative agents for the Term Loan and ABL Line of Credit.

  Represents non-cash advertising expense based on the usage of barter advertising credits obtained as part of a
- (j) non-cash exchange of inventory, as approved by the administrative agents for the Term Loan and ABL Line of Credit.
  - Represents recruiting costs incurred in connection with the hiring of our new President and Chief Executive
- (k) Officer on December 2, 2008, and other benefits payable to our former President and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to the separation agreement we entered into with him on February 16, 2009. Both of these adjustments were approved by the administrative agents for the Term Loan and ABL Line of Credit.
- (l)Represents the gross non-cash loss recorded on the disposal of certain assets in the ordinary course of business, as in accordance with the credit agreements governing the Term Loan and ABL Line of Credit.
  - Represents costs incurred in conjunction with changing our fiscal year end from the Saturday closest to May 31
- (m) to the Saturday closest to January 31 commencing with the 35 weeks ended January 30, 2010. This change was approved by the administrative agents for the Term Loan and ABL Line of Credit.
- (n)Represents charges incurred in conjunction with a non-recurring litigation reserve as approved by the administrative agents for the Term Loan and the ABL Line of Credit.
- (o)Represents one-time transfer taxes incurred with respect to certain leased properties as approved by the administrative agents for the Term Loan and the ABL Line of Credit.

Represents charges incurred related to the initial unsuccessful refinancing of the Term Loan and repurchase of the (p) outstanding Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes and corresponding offering of new notes payable in Fall 2010 as approved by the administrative agents for the Term Loan and the ABL Line of Credit.

# Cash Flows

Net cash flows for Fiscal 2010, as derived from audited financial statements, the 52 week period ended January 30, 2010, as derived from unaudited financial statements, the Transition Period, as derived from audited financial statements, and the 35 week period ended January 31, 2009, as derived from unaudited financial statements, were as follows:

OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Year Ended January 29, 2011	52 Weeks Ended January 30, 2010	35 Weeks Ended January 30, 2010	35 Weeks Ended January 31, 2009
Net Income (Loss)	\$30,998	\$(15,179)	\$18,653	\$(155,643)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income (Loss) to Net Cash	Ψ30,220	ψ(15,17)	Ψ10,033	φ(133,043 )
Provided by Operating Activities:				
Depreciation and Amortization	146,759	156,388	103,605	106,823
Amortization of Debt Issuance Costs	12,346	11,616	8,238	6,957
Impairment Charges – Long-Lived Assets	2,080	56,141	46,776	28,134
Impairment Charges – Tradenames	-	15,250	-	279,300
Accretion of Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes	733	655	449	402
Interest Rate Cap Contracts-Adjustment to Market	5,500	(5,443)	(455)	(2,692)
Provision for Losses on Accounts Receivable	2,098	2,799	1,993	2,026
Provision for Deferred Income Taxes	886	(25,931 )	(19,815 )	(137,494)
Loss on Disposition of Fixed Assets and Leasehold		( - ) /	( 1 ) 1	( , ,
Improvements	1,539	5,417	5,386	266
(Gain) Loss on Investments in Money Market Fund	(240 )		(3,849)	1,669
Non-Cash Stock Option Expense	2,230	4,390	994	2,728
Non-Cash Rent Expense	(1,485)		(3,327)	1,711
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Changes in Assets and Liabilities:				
Accounts Receivable	(1,168)	(1,316)	(3,638)	(5,649)
Merchandise Inventories	(30,933)	81,743	28,538	24,491
Prepaid and Other Current Assets	(18,272)	(6,763)	2,013	1,238
Accounts Payable	50,659	(258,826)	(89,955)	61,588
Other Current Liabilities and Income Tax Payable	(28,183)	(23,510)	(8,737)	24,517
Deferred Rent Incentives	19,429	13,285	7,649	36,246
Other Long-Term Assets and Long-Term Liabilities	13,728	3,455	9,009	(8,775)
Net Cash Provided by Operations	208,704	7,980	103,527	267,843
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Cash Paid for Property and Equipment	(132,131)		(60,035)	(95,922 )
Change in Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	(27,659)	(315)	17	402
(Expenses) Proceeds From Sale of Property and				
Equipment and Assets Held for Sale	(38)	1,320	1,062	111
Lease Acquisition Costs	(422)	(1,337)	-	(2,391)
Lease Rights Acquired	-	-	-	(250)
Purchase of Tradename Rights	-	(6,250)	-	-
Issuance of Notes Receivable	-	-	-	-

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Redesignation of Cash Equivalents to Investment in Money Market Fund				(56,294)
Redemption of Investment in Money Market Fund	240	11,115	4,844	44,367
Purchase of Tradenames Rights	-	-	-	-
Other	48	72	38	90
			50	70
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(159,962)	(89,465 )	(54,074 )	(109,887)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Proceeds from Long Term Debt—ABL Line of Credit	204,200	715,115	444,315	601,851
Principal Payments on Long Term Debt	(1,998)	(1,743)	(1,537)	(1,391)
Principal Payments on Long Term Debt—Term Loan	(87,202)	(8,055)	(5,998)	-
Principal Payments on Long Term Debt—ABL Line of Credit	(156,800)	(623,915)	(473,422)	(753,451)
Purchase of Interest Rate Cap Contract	-	-	-	-
Payment of Dividends	(251)	(3,214)	(212)	(3,360)
Debt Issuance Costs	(1,227)	(13,659)	(13,659)	-
Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Financing Activities	(43,278)	64,529	(50,513)	(156,351)
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	5,464	(16,956)	(1,060)	1,605
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period	24,750	41,706	25,810	40,101
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$ 30,214	\$ 24,750	\$ 24,750	\$ 41,706
Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information:				
Interest Paid	\$ 79,187	\$ 80,610	\$ 47,963	\$ 55,110
Income Tax Payment (Refund), Net	\$ 41,505	\$ 34,979	\$ 48,764	\$ 8,444
Non-Cash Investing Activities:				
Accrued Purchases of Property and	<b>d</b> 17.606	d 10.65=	ф. 10.66 <del>-</del>	Φ 1064
Equipment	\$ 17,606	\$ 10,667	\$ 10,667	\$ 1,064
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Notes Receivable from Sale of Assets Held for Sale	\$ -	\$ (2,000)	\$ (2,000)	\$ -

Cash Flows for the 52 Weeks Ended January 29, 2011 (Fiscal 2010) Compared with the 52 Weeks Ended January 30, 2010

We generated \$5.5 million of cash flow for Fiscal 2010 compared with using \$17.0 million of cash flow for the 52 week period ended January 30, 2010. Net cash provided by operating activities amounted to \$208.7 million for Fiscal 2010. For the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010, net cash provided by operating activities was \$8.0 million. The increase in net cash provided by operating activities was primarily the result of our working capital management strategy at the end of Fiscal 2010 and the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 in which we accelerated \$237.7 million and \$274.8 million, respectively, of payments that typically would not have been made until the first quarters of Fiscal 2010 and Fiscal 2011, respectively. Because our fiscal year had not changed at the time, there was no working capital management strategy employed at January 31, 2009. The working capital management strategy resulted in a significant amount of cash outflows during the twelve months ended January 30, 2010 as the result of paying accounts payable in the normal course during the period and then accelerating payments at the end of the period that typically would not have been paid until after January 30, 2010. The repeat of the working capital management strategy at the end of Fiscal 2010, which accelerated Fiscal 2011 payments into Fiscal 2010 did not have as great an impact on cash flow in Fiscal 2010 as it did in the prior fiscal year because there were fewer accounts payable paid during Fiscal 2010 due to the fact that the working capital management strategy during the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 had advanced payment of approximately the first two months of the accounts payable for Fiscal 2010.

The increase in net cash flows provided by operating activities was partially offset by an increase in net cash used in investing and financing activities. Net cash used in investing activities increased to \$160.0 million during Fiscal 2010 from \$89.5 million for the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010. This increase was primarily the result of increased capital expenditures during Fiscal 2010 compared with the 52 week period ended January 30, 2010. Capital expenditures increased \$38.1 million for Fiscal 2010 compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 due to more store openings during Fiscal 2010 compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010. Also contributing to the increased use of cash in investing activities was \$27.7 million used as collateral, in lieu of a letter of credit, related to certain self-insurance contracts.

Net cash used in financing activities increased \$107.8 million during Fiscal 2010 compared with the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010. Increased use of cash in financing activities was primarily related to repayments on our Term Loan. Repayments on our Term Loan amounted to \$87.2 million and \$8.1 million, respectively, for Fiscal 2010 and the 52 week period ended January 30, 2010. Also contributing to the increased use of cash in financing activities was a decrease in our ABL borrowings, net of repayments. During Fiscal 2010 we borrowed \$47.4 million, net of repayments, compared with \$91.2 million of borrowings, net of repayments, during the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010.

Cash flow and working capital levels assist management in measuring our ability to meet our cash requirements. Working capital measures our current financial position. Working capital is defined as current assets (exclusive of restricted cash) less current liabilities. Working capital at January 29, 2011 was \$386.2 million compared with \$349.7 million at January 30, 2010. The increase in working capital was primarily the result of increased inventory and accounts receivable balances as of January 29, 2011 compared with January 30, 2010 due to new stores opened during Fiscal 2010.

Cash Flows for the 52 Weeks Ended January 29, 2011 (Fiscal 2010) Compared with the 35 Weeks Ended January 30, 2010 (Transition Period)

Cash and cash equivalents increased \$5.5 million during Fiscal 2010 compared with a decline of \$1.1 million during the Transition Period. Net cash provided by operating activities increased to \$208.7 during Fiscal 2010 from \$103.5 million during the Transition Period. The \$105.2 million increase in net cash provided by operating activities was primarily the result of the acceleration of \$237.7 million and \$274.8 million of accounts payable payments at the end of Fiscal 2010 and the Transition Period, respectively, as part of our working capital management strategy. As the working capital management strategy was not employed at January 31, 2009, the Transition Period had a higher accounts payable balance during the year as compared with Fiscal 2010, resulting in a larger decrease in the accounts payable balance after the accelerated payment was made at January 30, 2010. The decrease in accounts payable due to the working capital management strategy was partially offset by an increase in inventory due to more new stores opened during Fiscal 2010.

The increase in net cash provided by operating activities was partially offset by increased net cash used in investing activities. Net cash used in investing activities increased \$105.9 million to \$160.0 million during Fiscal 2010 from \$54.1 million used during the Transition Period. The increase in net cash used in investing activities was primarily related to increased capital expenditures related to 18 net new stores opened during Fiscal 2010 compared with 9 new stores opened during the Transition Period. Also contributing to the increased use of cash in investing activities was an additional \$27.7 million of restricted cash used as collateral, in lieu of a letter of credit, related to certain self-insurance contracts.

Net cash used in financing activities decreased \$7.2 million during Fiscal 2010 compared with the Transition Period. The decreased use of cash in financing activities was primarily related to repayments on our Term Loan partially offset by ABL borrowings. Repayments on our Term Loan amounted to \$87.2 million and \$6.0 million, respectively, for Fiscal 2010 and the Transition Period. The decreased use of cash in financing activities was a partially offset by an increase in our ABL borrowings, net of repayments. During Fiscal 2010 we borrowed \$47.4 million, net of repayments, compared with \$29.1 million of repayments, net of borrowings, during the Transition Period.

Cash Flows for the 35 Weeks Ended January 30, 2010 (Transition Period) Compared with the 35 Weeks Ended January 31, 2009

Cash and cash equivalents declined \$1.1 million during the Transition Period compared with generating \$1.6 million of cash flow for the 35 week period ended January 31, 2009. Net cash provided by operating activities amounted to \$103.5 million during the Transition Period. For the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009, net cash provided by operating activities was \$267.8 million. The decrease in net cash provided by operating activities was primarily the result of our working capital management strategy at the end of the Transition Period in which we accelerated \$274.8 million of payments that typically would not have been made until the first quarter of Fiscal 2010. This lowered our accounts payable balance at the end of the Transition Period which resulted in a decrease in accounts payable for the 35 weeks ended January 30, 2010 of \$151.5 million compared with the 35 week period of Fiscal 2009. There was no such working capital management strategy in place during the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009.

The decrease in net cash flows provided by operating activities was partially offset by improvements in net cash used in investing and financing activities. Net cash used in investing activities decreased to \$54.1 million for the 35 weeks ended January 30, 2010 from \$109.9 million for the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009. This reduction was primarily the result of decreased capital expenditures during the 35 weeks ended January 30, 2010 compared with the 35 week period ended January 31, 2009. Capital expenditures decreased \$35.9 million for the 35 weeks ended January 30, 2010 compared with the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009 due to fewer store openings during the 35 weeks ended January 30, 2010 compared with the first 35 weeks of Fiscal 2009.

Net cash used in financing activities decreased \$105.8 million during the 35 weeks ended January 30, 2010 compared with the 35 weeks ended January 31, 2009. The decreased use of cash in financing activities was primarily related to repayments, net of borrowings, on our ABL Line of Credit. Repayments, net of borrowings, on our ABL Line of Credit amounted to \$29.1 million and \$151.6 million, respectively, during the Transition Period and the 35 week period ended January 31, 2009.

Working capital at January 30, 2010 was \$349.7 million compared with \$179.7 million at January 31, 2009. The increase in working capital was primarily the result of decreased accounts payable as of January 30, 2010 compared with January 31, 2009 due to our working capital management strategy.

Cash Flows for the Twelve Months Ended May 30, 2009 Compared with the Twelve Months Ended May 31, 2008

We used \$14.3 million of cash flow during Fiscal 2009 compared with generating \$6.2 million of cash flow in Fiscal 2008. Net cash provided by operating activities was \$172.3 million for Fiscal 2009 compared with \$98.0 million for Fiscal 2008. The improvement in net cash provided by operating activities was primarily the result of improved operating results. This increase was primarily the result of increased sales from new store growth, decreased selling and administrative costs in connection with our plan to reduce our cost structure, and decreased interest expense as a result of lower average interest rates on our ABL Line of Credit and our Term Loan.

The improvements in cash flows provided by operating activities were offset by increased cash outlays in investing and financing activities. For Fiscal 2009, we used \$41.3 million of cash in financing activities, the majority of which represents repayments, net of borrowings, of \$31.3 million, on our ABL Line of Credit. For Fiscal 2008, we generated \$8.6 million in cash from financing activities, the majority of which represents borrowings, net of repayments, of \$22.6 million on our ABL Line of Credit. Cash flow used in investing activities increased \$45.0 million due primarily to higher levels of capital expenditures, the re-designation of cash and cash equivalents to investments in money market funds, partially offset by redemptions of our investment in the Fund during Fiscal 2009 as compared with the Fiscal 2008, and the purchase of tradename rights during Fiscal 2009.

Working capital at May 30, 2009 was \$312.3 million compared with \$284.4 million at May 31, 2008. The increase in working capital from May 31, 2008 to May 30, 2009 was primarily due to a decrease in accounts payable as a result of the timing of payments in Fiscal 2009 compared with Fiscal 2008.

## **Operational Growth**

During Fiscal 2010, we opened 25 new Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Stores ("BCF" stores). As of January 29, 2011, we operated 460 stores under the names "Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse" (443 stores), "Cohoes Fashions" (two stores), "MJM Designer Shoes" (14 stores) and "Super Baby Depot" (one store).

We monitor the availability of desirable locations for our stores by, among other things, evaluating dispositions by other retail chains, bankruptcy auctions and presentations by real estate developers, brokers and existing landlords. Most of our stores are located in malls, strip shopping centers, regional power centers or are freestanding. We also lease existing space and have opened a limited number of built-to-suit locations. For most of our new leases, we provide for a minimum initial ten year term with a number of five year options thereafter. Typically, our lease strategy includes obtaining landlord allowances for leasehold improvements. We believe our lease model makes us competitive with other retailers for desirable locations. We may seek to acquire a number of such locations either through transactions to acquire individual locations or transactions that involve the acquisition of multiple locations simultaneously.

From time to time we make available for sale certain assets based on current market conditions. These assets are recorded in the line item "Assets Held for Disposal" in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Based on prevailing market conditions, we may determine that it is no longer advantageous to continue marketing certain assets and will reclassify those assets out of the line item "Assets Held for Disposal" and into the respective asset category based on the lesser of their carrying value or fair value less cost to sell.

#### Debt

Holdings and each of our current and future subsidiaries, except one subsidiary which is considered minor, have fully, jointly, severally and unconditionally guaranteed BCFWC's obligations pursuant to the \$721 million ABL Line of Credit, \$900 million Term Loan and the \$305 million of Senior Notes due in 2014. As of January 29, 2011, we were in compliance with all of our debt covenants. Significant changes in our debt consist of the following:

Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes

### Senior Notes Offering

On February 24, 2011, BCFWC completed its sale of \$450 million aggregate principal amount of 10% Senior Notes due 2019 at an issue price of 100% (the Notes) in a private offering that is exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), to qualified institutional buyers in accordance with Rule 144A and to persons outside of the United States pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act. The Notes were issued pursuant to an indenture, dated February 24, 2011 (the Indenture), among BCFWC, the guarantors signatory thereto and Wilmington Trust FSB, governing the Notes.

The Notes are senior unsecured obligations of BCFWC and are guaranteed on a senior basis by BCFWC, we and each of BCFWC's U.S. subsidiaries to the extent such guarantor is a guarantor of BCFWC's obligations under the New Term Loan Facility (as defined below). Interest is payable on the Notes on each February 15 and August 15, commencing August 15, 2011. BCFWC may redeem some or all of the Notes at any time prior to February 15, 2015 at a price

equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, and an applicable make-whole premium. On or after February 15, 2015, BCFWC may redeem some or all of the Notes at redemption prices set forth in the Indenture. In addition, at any time prior to February 15, 2014, BCFWC may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes, at a specified redemption price with the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings.

The Indenture contains covenants that, among other things, restrict the ability of BCFWC, our ability and certain of our subsidiaries to: incur, assume or guarantee additional indebtedness; pay dividends or redeem or repurchase capital stock; make other restricted payments; incur liens; redeem debt that is junior in right of payment to the Notes; sell or otherwise dispose of assets, including capital stock of subsidiaries; enter into mergers or consolidations; and enter into transactions with affiliates. These covenants are subject to a number of important exceptions and qualifications. In addition, in certain circumstances, if BCFWC sells assets or experiences certain changes of control, it must offer to purchase the Notes.

BCFWC used the net proceeds from the offering of the Notes, together with borrowings under the New Term Loan Facility and the ABL Line of Credit, to (i) repurchase any and all of the outstanding Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes (collectively the Existing Notes), pursuant to cash tender offers commenced by BCFWC and us on February 9, 2011, and to redeem any Existing Notes that remain outstanding after the completion of the cash tender offers, and pay related fees and expenses, including tender or redemption premiums and accrued interest on the Existing Notes, (ii) to repay existing indebtedness and (iii) to pay a special cash dividend of approximately \$300.0 million in the aggregate to the equity holders of Parent on a pro rata basis, and to pay related fees and expenses. Any remaining net proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes.

# Tender Offer and Redemption

In connection with the offering of the Notes, the application of proceeds therefrom and the early settlement of the cash tender offers of BCFWC and the Company for any and all of the Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes, respectively, on February 24, 2011, BCFWC entered into a Second Supplemental Indenture, dated February 24, 2011 between BCFWC, the guarantors signatory thereto and Wilmington Trust FSB, relating to an Indenture (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified, the BCF Indenture), dated April 13, 2006, between BCFWC, the guarantors signatory thereto and the Wilmington Trust FSB (as successor trustee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.), and the Company entered into a First Supplemental Indenture, dated February 24, 2011 (the First Supplemental Indenture), between the Company and Wilmington Trust FSB, relating to an Indenture, dated April 13, 2006 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified, the Holdings Indenture), between the Company and the Wilmington Trust FSB (as successor trustee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.), to eliminate substantially all of the restrictive covenants, certain affirmative covenants, certain events of default and substantially all of the restrictions on the ability of BCFWC or the Company, as applicable, to merge, consolidate or sell all or substantially all of their properties or assets contained in each indenture and the related Existing Notes.

In addition, in connection with the early tender and settlement of 100% of the Senior Discount Notes by the noteholders of the Senior Discount Notes on February 24, 2011, the Company satisfied and discharged its obligations under the Holdings Indenture and with respect to the Senior Discount Notes.

Further, on February 24, 2011, BCFWC delivered a notice of redemption for the remaining principal amount not purchased in the early tender and settlement of the Senior Notes, and irrevocably deposited with Wilmington Trust FSB an amount of funds sufficient to pay the redemption price of the Senior Notes to satisfy and discharge its obligations under the BCF Indenture and with respect to the Senior Notes. On April 15, 2011, BCFWC will redeem the remaining principal amount outstanding of the Senior Notes at a redemption price equal to 102.781% of the aggregate principal amount of the Senior Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest on the Senior Notes to the redemption date.

# Term Loan

On February 25, 2010, we entered into a second amendment to the credit agreement governing the Term Loan. Among other things, the amendment provides that consolidated EBITDA (as defined in credit agreement governing the Term Loan) will be increased or decreased for any period to the extent necessary to eliminate the effects during such period of any increase or decrease in legal, auditing, consulting, and accounting related expenses for such period relating directly to our change in fiscal year compared to the amount of such expenses that would have been incurred in such period had the fiscal year change not occurred. The amendment also provides that for purposes of any calculation of consolidated interest coverage ratio and consolidated leverage ratio, as of the last day of any fiscal quarter ending on or after January 30, 2010 and prior to the completion of the fiscal year ending the Saturday closest to January 31, 2011, consolidated EBITDA and consolidated interest expense will be determined for the most recent

period of twelve consecutive fiscal months. Pursuant to the terms of the amendment, we paid a fee to each lender consenting to the amendment in the amount of 0.05% (or \$0.4 million in the aggregate) of the principal amount of such lender's outstanding loan under the credit agreement governing the Term Loan.

As of January 29, 2011, we had \$777.6 million outstanding under the Term Loan. In January 2011, we made a prepayment in the amount of \$75.0 million on the Term Loan. Based on our available free cash flow as of January 30, 2010, we were required to make a repayment of principal in the amount of \$11.5 million during Fiscal 2010.

In connection with the offering of the Notes (as discussed above), on February 24, 2011, BCFWC refinanced the Term Loan with the proceeds of a new \$1.0 billion senior secured term loan facility (the New Term Loan Facility).

On February 24, 2011, BCFWC, we and the U.S. and Puerto Rican subsidiaries of BCFWC from time to time party thereto, as facility guarantors (collectively, the Term Loan Guarantors) entered into a new credit agreement (the New Term Loan Credit Agreement) with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent (in such capacity, the Term Loan Administrative Agent) and as collateral agent, the lenders party thereto, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Goldman Sachs Lending Partners LLC, as joint bookrunners and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Goldman Sachs Lending Partners LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as joint arrangers, governing the terms of the New Term Loan Facility.

Like the Existing Term Loan Facility, the New Term Loan Facility is secured by (a) a perfected first priority lien on substantially all real and personal property of BCFWC and the Term Loan Guarantors and (b) a perfected second priority lien on all inventory, accounts and personal property related to inventory and accounts of BCFWC and the Term Loan Guarantors, in each case subject to various limitations and exceptions. The New Term Loan Facility requires BCFWC to maintain a minimum consolidated interest coverage ratio and a maximum consolidated leverage ratio (each measured quarterly) and contains limitations on BCFWC's ability to, among other things, incur indebtedness and liens, make investments, capital expenditures and restricted payments, sell assets and prepay certain indebtedness. The New Term Loan Facility also requires BCFWC to prepay the loans thereunder with a portion of its excess cash flow (commencing with the fiscal year ending January 28, 2012), the proceeds of certain indebtedness and, subject to certain re-investment rights, the proceeds of certain asset sales of certain casualty or other insured events. The New Term Loan Facility contains customary events of default including for failure to make payments under the New Term Loan Facility, materially incorrect representations, breaches of covenants (subject to a 30 day grace period after notice in the case of certain covenants), cross-default to other material indebtedness, material unstayed judgments, certain ERISA, bankruptcy and insolvency events, failure of guarantees or security to remain in full force and effect, change of control, certain uninsured losses to any material portion of the collateral, any undismissed felony indictment of any Term Loan Guarantors or BCFWC or the imposition of orders or stays having a material adverse effect.

The interest rates for the New Term Loan Facility are based on: (i) for LIBO rate loans for any interest period, at a rate per annum equal to (a) the greater of (x) the LIBO rate as determined by the Term Loan Administrative Agent, for such interest period multiplied by the Statutory Reserve Rate (as defined in the New Term Loan Credit Agreement) and (y) 1.50% (the Term Loan Adjusted LIBO Rate), plus an applicable margin; and (ii) for prime rate loans, a rate per annum equal to the highest of (a) the variable annual rate of interest then announced by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. at its head office as its "prime rate," (b) the federal funds rate in effect on such date plus 0.50% per annum, and (c) the Term Loan Adjusted LIBO Rate for the applicable class of term loans for one-month plus 1.00%, plus, in each case, an applicable margin.

In addition, the New Term Loan Facility provides for an uncommitted incremental term loan facility of up to \$150.0 million that is available subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions.

The New Term Loan Facility has a six year maturity, at February 23, 2017, except that term loans made in connection with the incremental term loan facility or extended in connection with the extension mechanics of the New Term Loan Facility have the maturity dates set forth in the amendments applicable to such term loans.

### ABL Line of Credit

In connection with the offering of the Notes and the refinancing of the Existing Term Loan Facility, on February 24, 2011, BCFWC entered into a first amendment (the First Amendment) to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated January 15, 2010 (as amended, supplemented and otherwise modified, the Amended ABL Credit Agreement), among BCFWC, as lead borrower, the borrowers party thereto, the facility guarantors party thereto, Bank of America, N.A. as administrative agent and collateral agent, the lenders party thereto, Wells Fargo Retail Finance, LLC and Regions Bank as co-syndication agents, J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and UBS Securities LLC as co-documentation agents and General Electric Capital Corporation, US Bank, National Association and SunTrust Bank as senior managing agents, governing the ABL Line of Credit to permit BCFWC to, among other things, (i) issue and guarantee the Notes, (ii) incur additional indebtedness in connection with the refinancing of the Existing Term Loan Facility by increasing the limitation on term loan indebtedness from \$900.0 million to \$1.0 billion,

(iii) have additional flexibility to make investments, capital expenditures, and dividends and other distributions with respect to equity interests and (iv) make a cash dividend of approximately \$300.0 million in the aggregate to the equity holders of Parent on a pro rata basis. In connection with the offering of the Notes and the New Term Loan Facility we borrowed \$101.6 million on our ABL Line of Credit.

# Capital Expenditures

We spent \$119.6 million, net of \$19.4 million of landlord allowances, in capital expenditures during Fiscal 2010. These capital expenditures include \$70.7 million (net of the \$19.4 million of landlord allowances) for store expenditures, \$8.3 million for upgrades of distribution facilities, and \$40.6 million for IT software and other capital expenditures.

For Fiscal 2011, we estimate that we will spend between \$125 million and \$135 million, net of the benefit of landlord allowances of approximately \$42 million, for store openings, improvements to distribution facilities, information technology upgrades, and other capital expenditures. Of the total planned expenditures, approximately \$68 million, net of the benefit of \$42 million of landlord allowances, is currently expected for expenditures related to new stores, relocations and other store requirements. Capital of approximately \$17 million is expected to support information technology and the remaining capital is currently expected to support continued distribution facility enhancements and other initiatives. As part of our growth strategy, we plan to open between 18 and 23 new BCF stores (exclusive of one relocation) and remodel/refresh an additional 15 to 20 BCF stores during Fiscal 2011.

#### Dividends

Payment of dividends is prohibited under our credit agreements, except for limited circumstances. Dividends equal to \$0.3 million, \$0.2 million, \$3.0 million, and \$0.7 million were paid during Fiscal 2010, the Transition Period, Fiscal 2009, and Fiscal 2008 respectively, to Holdings in order to repurchase capital stock of the Parent from executives who left our employment. In connection with the refinancing of our Term Loan, Senior Notes, and Senior Discount Notes during the first quarter of Fiscal 2011, the Parent made a cash dividend of approximately \$300.0 million in the aggregate to the equity holders of Parent on a pro rata basis. Refer to Note 23 of our Consolidated Financial Statements entitled "Subsequent Events" for further discussion of debt refinancing.

# Certain Information Concerning Contractual Obligations

The following table sets forth certain information regarding our obligations to make future payments under current contracts as of January 29, 2011:

	Payments Due By Period (in thousands)						
	Total	Less Than 1 Year	2-3 Years	4-5 Years	Thereafter		
Long-Term Debt Obligations (1)	\$1,350,741	\$13,717	\$777,550	\$559,474	<b>\$</b> -		
Interest on Long-Term Debt (2)	208,860	67,863	111,580	29,417	-		
Capital Lease Obligations(3)	44,882	2,616	5,457	5,620	31,189		
Operating Lease Obligations (4)	1,284,396	192,945	378,634	290,390	422,427		
Related Party Fees (5)	20,829	4,000	8,000	8,000	829		
Purchase Obligations (6)	491,169	483,631	7,396	139	3		
Topic No. 740 and Other Tax Liabilities (7)	-	-	-	-	-		
Letters of Credit (8)	39,636	39,636	-	-	-		
Other (9)	1,237	1,237	-	-	-		
Total	\$3,441,750	\$805,645	\$1,288,617	\$893,040	\$454,448		

The debt obligations presented above were replaced by the debt obligations detailed below as part of the refinancing of our long-term obligations as further discussed above under the section entitled "Debt" and in Notes 12 and 23 to our Consolidated Financial Statements, entitled "Long Term Debt" and "Subsequent Events," respectively:

			(in thousands)		
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	Total	Year	2-3 Years	4-5 Years	Thereafter
Pro Forma Long-Term Debt Obligations (1)	\$1,720,512	\$10,282	\$20,000	\$290,230	\$1,400,000
Pro Forma Interest on Long-Term Debt (10)	720,671	77,302	214,580	211,491	217,298
Total	\$2,441,183	\$87,584	\$234,580	\$501,721	\$1,617,298

#### Notes:

- (1) Excludes interest on Long-Term Debt.
- (2) Interest rates related to the Term Loan and ABL Line of Credit were 2.6% and 5.1%, respectively as of January 29, 2011.
- (3) Capital Lease Obligations include future interest payments.
- (4) Represents minimum rent payments for operating leases under the current terms.
- (5) Represent fees to be paid to Bain Capital under the terms of our advisory agreement with them (refer to Note 21 to our Consolidated Financial Statements entitled "Related Party Transactions" for further detail).
- (6) Represents commitments to purchase goods or services that have not been received as of January 29, 2011.
- (7) The Topic No. 740 liabilities represent uncertain tax positions related to temporary differences. The total Topic No. 740 liability was \$23.3 million exclusive of \$12.6 million of interest and penalties included in our total Topic No. 740 liability neither of which is presented in the table above as we are not certain if and when these payments would be required.
- (8) Represents irrevocable letters of credit guaranteeing payment and performance under certain leases, insurance contracts, debt agreements and utility agreements as of January 29, 2011 (refer to Note 20 to our Consolidated Financial Statements entitled "Commitments and Contingencies" for further discussion).
- (9) Represents severance agreements with former members of management, and our agreements with each of three former employees (including our former President and Chief Executive Officer) to pay their beneficiaries \$1.0 million upon their deaths for a total of \$3.0 million which is not reflected in the table above because the timing of the payments are unpredictable.
- (10)Borrowing rate related to New Term Loan and ABL Line of Credit was 6.3% and 5.1%, respectively.

During Fiscal 2007, we sold lease rights for three store locations that were previously operated by us. In the event of default by the assignee, we could be liable for obligations associated with these real estate leases which have future lease related payments (not discounted to present value) of approximately \$4.0 million through the end of our fiscal year ending February 1, 2014, and which are not reflected in the table above. The scheduled future aggregate minimum rentals for these leases over the three consecutive fiscal years following Fiscal 2010 are \$1.6 million, \$1.6 million, and \$0.8 million, respectively. We believe the likelihood of a material liability being triggered under these leases is remote, and no liability has been accrued for these contingent lease obligations as of January 29, 2011.

# Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). We believe there are several accounting policies that are critical to understanding our historical and future performance as these policies affect the reported amounts of revenues and other significant areas that involve management's judgments and estimates. The preparation of our financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect (i) the reported amounts of assets and liabilities; (ii) the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the Consolidated Financial Statements; and (iii) the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. On an ongoing basis, management evaluates its estimates and judgments, including those related to revenue recognition,

inventories, long-lived assets, intangible assets, goodwill impairment, insurance reserves, allowances for doubtful accounts and income taxes. Historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances form the basis for making estimates and judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. A critical accounting estimate meets two criteria: (1) it requires assumptions about highly uncertain matters and (2) there would be a material effect on the financial statements from either using a different, although reasonable, amount within the range of the estimate in the current period or from reasonably likely period-to-period changes in the estimate.

While there are a number of accounting policies, methods and estimates affecting our Consolidated Financial Statements as addressed in Note 1 to our Consolidated Financial Statements entitled "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies," areas that are particularly critical and significant include:

Revenue Recognition. We record revenue at the time of sale and delivery of merchandise, net of allowances for estimated future returns. We present sales, net of sales taxes, in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss). We account for layaway sales and leased department revenue in compliance with ASC Topic No. 605, Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements. Layaway sales are recognized upon delivery of merchandise to the customer. The amount of cash received upon initiation of the layaway is recorded as a deposit liability within the line item "Other Current Liabilities" in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Store value cards (gift cards and store credits issued for merchandise returns) are recorded as a liability at the time of issuance, and the related sale is recorded upon redemption. Prior to December 29, 2007, except where prohibited by law, after 13 months of non-use, a monthly dormancy service fee was deducted from the remaining balance of the store value card and recorded in the line item "Other Revenue" in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss).

On December 29, 2007, in connection with establishing a gift card subsidiary, we discontinued assessing a dormancy service fee on inactive store value cards. Instead, we now estimate and recognize store value card breakage income in proportion to actual store value card redemptions and record such income in the line item "Other Income, Net" in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss). We determine an estimated store value card breakage rate by continuously evaluating historical redemption data. Breakage income is recognized on a monthly basis in proportion to the historical redemption patterns for those store value cards for which the likelihood of redemption is remote.

Inventory. Our inventory is valued at the lower of cost or market using the retail inventory method. Under the retail inventory method, the valuation of inventory at cost and resulting gross margin are calculated by applying a calculated cost to retail ratio to the retail value of inventory. The retail inventory method is an averaging method that is widely used in the retail industry due to its practicality. Additionally, the use of the retail inventory method results in valuing inventory at the lower of cost or market if markdowns are currently taken as a reduction of the retail value of inventory. Inherent in the retail inventory method calculation are certain significant management judgments and estimates including merchandise markon, markups, markdowns and shrinkage which significantly impact the ending inventory valuation at cost as well as the resulting gross margin. Management believes that our retail inventory method and application of the average cost method provides an inventory valuation which approximates cost using a first-in, first-out assumption and results in carrying value at the lower of cost or market. Typically, estimates are used to charge inventory shrinkage for the first three quarters of a fiscal year. Actual physical inventories are typically conducted during the fourth quarter of each fiscal year to calculate actual shrinkage.

We also estimate required markdown and aged inventory reserves. If actual market conditions are less favorable than those projected by management, additional markdowns may be required. While we make estimates on the basis of the best information available to us at the time the estimates are made, over accruals or under accruals of shrinkage may be identified as a result of the physical inventory requiring fourth quarter adjustments in a typical fiscal year.

Long-Lived Assets. We test for recoverability of long-lived assets in accordance with Topic 360 whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amount may not be recoverable. This includes performing an analysis of anticipated undiscounted future net cash flows of long-lived assets. If the carrying value of the related assets exceeds the undiscounted cash flow, we reduce the carrying value to its fair value, which is generally calculated using discounted cash flows. The recoverability assessment related to these store-level assets requires judgments and estimates of future revenues, gross margin rates and store expenses. We base these estimates upon our past and expected future performance. We believe our estimates are appropriate in light of current market conditions. To the extent these future projections change, our conclusions regarding impairment may differ from the estimates. Future adverse changes in market conditions or poor operating results of underlying assets could result in losses or an inability to recover the carrying value of the assets that may not be reflected in an asset's current carrying value, thereby possibly requiring an impairment charge in the future. During Fiscal 2010, the Transition Period, Fiscal 2009 and Fiscal 2008, we recorded \$2.0 million, \$12.0 million, \$10.0 million and \$6.5 million, respectively, in impairment charges related to long-lived assets (exclusive of finite-lived intangible assets).

Intangible Assets. As discussed above, the Merger Transaction was completed on April 13, 2006 and was financed by a combination of borrowings under our senior secured credit facilities, the issuance of senior notes and senior discount notes and the equity investment of affiliates of Bain Capital and management. The purchase price, including transaction costs, was approximately \$2.1 billion. Purchase accounting required that all assets and liabilities be recorded at fair value on the acquisition date, including identifiable intangible assets separate from goodwill. Identifiable intangible assets include tradenames, and net favorable lease positions. Goodwill represents the excess of cost over the fair value of net assets acquired. The fair values and useful lives of identified intangible assets

are based on many factors, including estimates and assumptions of future operating performance, estimates of cost avoidance, the specific characteristics of the identified intangible assets and our historical experience.

On an annual basis we compare the carrying value of our indefinite-lived intangible assets (tradenames) to their estimated fair value. The recoverability assessment with respect to the tradenames used in our operations requires us to estimate the fair value of the tradenames as of the assessment date. Such determination is made using the "relief from royalty" valuation method. Inputs to the valuation model include:

- Future revenue and profitability projections associated with the tradenames;
- Estimated market royalty rates that could be derived from the licensing of our tradenames to third parties in order to establish the cash flows accruing to our benefit as a result of ownership of the tradenames; and
- Rate used to discount the estimated royalty cash flow projections to their present value (or estimated fair value) based on the risk and nature of our cash flows.

Our finite-lived intangible assets are reviewed for impairment whenever circumstances change, in conjunction with the impairment testing of our long-lived assets as described above. If the carrying value is greater than the respective estimated fair value, we then determine if the asset is impaired, and whether some, or all, of the asset should be written off as a charge to operations, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial results. There were no impairment charges related to our finite-lived intangible assets during Fiscal 2010. Impairment charges of \$34.6 million, \$26.1 million and \$18.8 million were recorded related to our finite-lived intangible assets during the Transition Period, Fiscal 2009 and Fiscal 2008, respectively, and are included in the line item "Impairment Charges – Long-Lived Assets" in our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss). During Fiscal 2010 and the Transition Period, we did not record any impairment charges related to our indefinite-lived intangible assets. During Fiscal 2009 we recorded \$294.6 million of impairment charges related to our indefinite-lived intangible assets in the line item "Impairment Charges – Tradenames" in our Consolidated Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss). During Fiscal 2008 there was no impairment charge related to our indefinite-lived intangible assets.

Goodwill Impairment. Goodwill represents the excess of cost over the fair value of net assets acquired. Topic No. 350 requires periodic tests of the impairment of goodwill. Topic No. 350 requires a comparison, at least annually, of the net book value of the assets and liabilities associated with a reporting unit, including goodwill, with the fair value of the reporting unit, which corresponds to the discounted cash flows of the reporting unit, in the absence of an active market. Our impairment analysis includes a number of assumptions around our future performance, which may differ from actual results. When this comparison indicates that impairment must be recorded, the impairment recognized is the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the fair value of these assets. Our annual goodwill impairment review is typically performed during the beginning of May of the fiscal year. For Fiscal 2009, in response to several factors, including, but not limited to declines in the U.S. and international financial markets, decreased comparative store sales results of the peak holiday and winter selling seasons and our expectation that the then current comparative store sales trends would continue for an extended period, we determined that it was appropriate to perform our annual goodwill impairment testing in the third and fourth quarters of Fiscal 2009. There were no impairment charges recorded on the carrying value of our goodwill during Fiscal 2010, the Transition Period, Fiscal 2009 or Fiscal 2008.

Insurance Reserves. We have risk participation agreements with insurance carriers with respect to workers' compensation, general liability insurance and health insurance. Pursuant to these arrangements, we are responsible for paying individual claims up to designated dollar limits. The amounts included in our costs related to these claims are estimated and can vary based on changes in assumptions or claims experience included in the associated insurance programs. For example, changes in legal trends and interpretations, as well as changes in the nature and method of how claims are settled, can impact ultimate costs. An increase in workers' compensation claims by employees, health insurance claims by employees or general liability claims may result in a corresponding increase in our costs related to these claims. Insurance reserves amounted to \$49.6 million and \$45.8 million at January 29, 2011 and January 30, 2010, respectively.

Income Taxes. We account for income taxes in accordance with ASC Topic No. 740 "Income Taxes" (Topic No. 740). Our provision for income taxes and effective tax rates are based on a number of factors, including our income, tax planning strategies, differences between tax laws and accounting rules, statutory tax rates and credits, uncertain tax positions, and valuation allowances, by legal entity and jurisdiction. We use significant judgment and estimations in evaluating our tax positions.

U.S. federal and state tax authorities regularly audit our tax returns. We establish tax reserves when it is considered more likely than not that we will not succeed in defending our positions. We adjust these tax reserves, as well as the related interest and penalties, based on the latest facts and circumstances, including recently published rulings, court

cases, and outcomes of tax audits. To the extent our actual tax liability differs from our established tax reserves our effective tax rate may be materially impacted. While it is often difficult to predict the final outcome of, the timing of, or the tax treatment of any particular tax position or deduction, we believe that our tax reserves reflect the most likely outcome of known tax contingencies.

We record deferred tax assets and liabilities for any temporary differences between the tax reflected in our financial statements and tax presumed rates. We establish valuation allowances for our deferred tax assets when we believe it is more likely than not that the expected future taxable income or tax liabilities thereon will not support the use of a deduction or credit. For example, we would establish a valuation allowance for the tax benefit associated with a loss carryover in a tax jurisdiction if we did not expect to generate sufficient taxable income to utilize the loss carryover.

On June 3, 2007, we adopted FASB Interpretation No. 48 (as amended) – "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes – an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109," as codified in Topic No. 740. Adjustments related to the adoption of Topic No. 740 are reflected as an adjustment to retained earnings in Fiscal 2008. Topic No. 740 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an entity's financial statements, and prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attributes for financial statement disclosure of tax positions taken or expected to be taken on a tax return. Topic No. 740 requires that we recognize in our financial statements the impact of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return, if that position is "more likely than not" of being sustained upon examination by the relevant taxing authority, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefits recognized in the financial statements from such a position are measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than fifty percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate resolution. Additionally, Topic No. 740 provides guidance on de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition.

# **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Refer to Note 3 to our Consolidated Financial Statements entitled "Recent Accounting Pronouncements" for a discussion of recent accounting pronouncements and their impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

# Fluctuations in Operating Results

We expect that our revenues and operating results may fluctuate from fiscal quarter to fiscal quarter or over the longer term. Certain of the general factors that may cause such fluctuations are discussed in Item 1A, Risk Factors and elsewhere in the Annual Report.

### Seasonality

Our business is seasonal, with our highest sales occurring in the months of September through January of each year. For the past 60 months, an average of approximately 50% of our net sales occurred during the period from September through January. Weather, however, continues to be an important contributing factor to our sales. Generally, our sales are higher if the weather is cold during the Fall and warm during the early Spring.

#### Inflation

We do not believe that our operating results have been materially affected by inflation during Fiscal 2010. Historically, as the costs of merchandising and related operating expenses have increased, the Company has been able to mitigate the effect of such impact on the Company's operations.

The U.S retail industry continues to face increased pressure on margins as commodity prices increase and the overall challenging retail conditions have led consumers to be more value conscious. Despite a plentiful supply of goods in the market, which historically created downward pricing pressure for wholesale purchases, we expect to experience rising costs. Our "open to buy" paradigm, in which we purchase both pre-season and in-season merchandise, allows us the flexibility to purchase less pre-season with the balance purchased in-season and opportunistically. It also provides us the flexibility to shift purchases between suppliers and categories. This enables us to obtain better terms with our suppliers which we expect to help offset the expected rising costs of goods.

# Market Risk

We are exposed to market risks relating to fluctuations in interest rates. Our senior secured credit facilities contain floating rate obligations and are subject to interest rate fluctuations. The objective of our financial risk management is to minimize the negative impact of interest rate fluctuations on our earnings and cash flows. Interest rate risk is managed through the use of a combination of fixed and variable interest debt as well as the periodic use of interest rate cap agreements.

As more fully described in Note 10 to our Consolidated Financial Statements entitled, "Derivatives and Hedging Activities," we enter into interest rate cap agreements to manage interest rate risks associated with our long-term debt obligations. Gains and losses associated with these contracts are accounted for as interest expense and are recorded under the caption "Interest Expense" on our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss). We continue to have exposure to interest rate risks to the extent they are not hedged.

#### **Off-Balance Sheet Transactions**

Other than operating leases consummated in the normal course of business and letters of credit, as more fully described above under the caption "Certain Information Concerning Contractual Obligations," we are not involved in any off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a material current or future impact on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

# Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are exposed to certain market risks as part of our ongoing business operations. Primary exposures include changes in interest rates, as borrowings under our ABL Line of Credit and Term Loan bear interest at floating rates based on LIBOR or the base rate, in each case plus an applicable borrowing margin. We will manage our interest rate risk by balancing the amount of fixed-rate and floating-rate debt. For fixed-rate debt, interest rate changes do not affect earnings or cash flows. Conversely, for floating-rate debt, interest rate changes generally impact our earnings and cash flows, assuming other factors are held constant.

At January 29, 2011, we had \$426.1 million principal amount of fixed-rate debt and \$946.2 million of floating-rate debt. Based on \$946.2 million outstanding as floating rate debt, an immediate increase of one percentage point would cause an increase to cash interest expense of approximately \$9.5 million per year, resulting in \$9.5 million less in our pre-tax earnings. As of January 30, 2010, we estimated that an immediate increase of one percentage point would cause an increase to cash interest expense of approximately \$9.8 million per year. This sensitivity analysis assumes our mix of financial instruments and all other variables will remain constant in future periods. These assumptions are made in order to facilitate the analysis and are not necessarily indicative of our future intentions.

If a one point increase in interest rate were to occur over the next four fiscal quarters (excluding the effect of our interest rate cap agreements discussed below), such an increase would result in the following additional interest expenses (assuming our current ABL Line of Credit borrowing level remains constant with fiscal year end levels):

	(in thousands)								
		Additional							
	Principal	Additional	Interest AdditionalAdditional						
	Outstanding	Interest	Expense Interest Interest						
	at January	Expense	Q2 Ex	pense Expense					
Floating-Rate Debt	29, 2011	Q1 2011	2011 Q3	3 2011 Q4 2011					
ABL Line of Credit	\$ 168,600	\$ 422	\$ 422\$	422 \$ 422					
Term Loan	777,550	1,944	1,944	1,944 1,944					
Total	\$ 946,150	\$ 2,366	\$ 2,366\$	2,366 \$ 2,366					

Subsequent to the completion of the debt refinancing on February 24, 2011, we had \$474.8 million principal amount of fixed-rate debt and \$1,260.2 million of floating-rate debt. Based on \$1,260.2 million outstanding as floating rate debt, an immediate increase of one percentage point would cause an increase to cash interest expense of approximately \$12.6 million per year, resulting in \$12.6 million less in our pre-tax earnings. This sensitivity analysis assumes our mix of financial instruments and all other variables will remain constant in future periods. These assumptions are made in order to facilitate the analysis and are not necessarily indicative of our future intentions.

If a one point increase in interest rate were to occur over the next four fiscal quarters (excluding the effect of our interest rate cap agreements discussed below), such an increase would result in the following additional interest expenses (assuming our current ABL Line of Credit borrowing level remains constant with our borrowing levels immediately following the refinancing transaction):

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	ŀ	Principal	Ad	ditional	Additional	Additiona	Add	itional
	Οι	ıtstanding	In	terest	Interest	Interest	Int	erest
	at	t January	Ex	pense	Expense	Expense	Exp	ense
Floating-Rate Debt	2	29, 2011	Q	1 2011	Q2 2011	Q3 2011	Q4	2011
	\$	270,230	\$	676	\$ 676	6\$ 676	\$	676

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Pro Forma ABL Line of Credit					
Pro Forma Term Loan	990,000	2,475	2,475	2,475	2,475
Total	\$ 1,260,230	\$ 3,151\$	3,151\$	3,151	\$ 3,151

We have two interest rate cap agreements for a maximum principal amount of \$900 million which limit our interest rate exposure to 7% for our first \$900 million of borrowings under our variable rate debt obligations and if interest rates were to increase above the 7% cap rate, then our maximum interest rate exposure would be \$35.9 million on borrowing levels of up to \$900 million. Currently, we have unlimited interest rate risk related to our variable rate debt in excess of \$900 million. At January 29, 2011, our borrowing rate related to our ABL Line of Credit was 5.1%. At January 29, 2011, the borrowing rate related to our Term Loan was 2.6%. In connection with the debt refinancing on February 24, 2011, the borrowing rate related to our New Term Loan and ABL Line of Credit were 6.3% and 5.1% respectively.

On January 16, 2009, we entered into two additional interest rate cap agreements to limit interest rate risk associated with our future long-term debt. Each agreement will be effective on May 31, 2011 upon termination of the two interest rate cap agreements noted above. The new agreements each have a notional principal amount of \$450 million with a cap rate of 7.0% and terminate on May 31, 2015.

We and our subsidiaries, affiliates, and significant shareholders may from time to time seek to retire or purchase our outstanding debt (including publicly issued debt) through cash purchases and/or exchanges, in open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions, by tender offer or otherwise. Such repurchases or exchanges, if any, will depend on prevailing market conditions, liquidity requirements, contractual restrictions and other factors. The amounts involved may be material. During Fiscal 2009, an affiliate of Bain Capital, LLC, our indirect controlling stockholder, purchased a portion of Holdings' 14 1/2% Senior Discount Notes due 2014 (the Purchased Notes). The Purchased Notes were sold in October of 2009.

Our ability to satisfy our interest payment obligations on our outstanding debt will depend largely on our future performance, which in turn, is subject to prevailing economic conditions and to financial, business and other factors beyond our control. If we do not have sufficient cash flow to service interest payment obligations on our outstanding indebtedness and if we cannot borrow or obtain equity financing to satisfy those obligations, our business and results of operations will be materially adversely affected. We cannot be assured that any replacement borrowing or equity financing could be successfully completed.

A change in interest rates generally does not have an impact upon our future earnings and cash flow for fixed-rate debt instruments. As fixed-rate debt matures, however, and if additional debt is acquired to fund the debt repayment, future earnings and cash flow may be affected by changes in interest rates. This effect would be realized in the periods subsequent to the periods when the debt matures.

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# REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholder of Burlington Coat Factory Investments Holdings, Inc. Burlington, NJ

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Burlington Coat Factory Investments Holdings, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of January 29, 2011 and January 30, 2010, and the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss), stockholder's equity, and cash flows for the year ended January 29, 2011, the 35 week period ended January 30, 2010 and each of the two years in the period ended May 30, 2009. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15(a)(2). These financial statements and financial statements chedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial statement 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. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, 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, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Burlington Coat Factory Investments Holdings, Inc. and subsidiaries as of January 29, 2011and January 30, 2010, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year ended January 29, 2011, the 35 week period ended January 30, 2010 and each of the two years in the period ended May 30, 2009, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

As discussed in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, effective June 3, 2007, the Company adopted new guidance on the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Parsippany, New Jersey April 14, 2011