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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2008

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

Commission File Number 001-05647

MATTEL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

95-1567322
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

333 Continental Blvd.

El Segundo, CA 90245-5012

(Address of principal executive offices)

(310) 252-2000

(Registrant's telephone number)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

NONE

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

Indicate by check mark 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 Smaller reporting company

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

Number of shares outstanding of registrant's common stock, \$1.00 par value, as of October 22, 2008:

358,430,288 shares

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| | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 | December 31, 2007 |
|--|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | (Unaudited; in thousands, except share data) | | |
| ASSETS | | | |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Cash and equivalents | \$ 446,804 | \$ 276,824 | \$ 901,148 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 1,712,820 | 1,640,305 | 991,196 |
| Inventories | 751,133 | 732,257 | 428,710 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 304,781 | 219,956 | 271,882 |
| Total current assets | 3,215,538 | 2,869,342 | 2,592,936 |
| Noncurrent Assets | | | |
| Property, plant, and equipment, net | 525,206 | 515,425 | 518,616 |
| Goodwill | 827,431 | 857,217 | 845,649 |
| Other noncurrent assets | 955,615 | 886,569 | 848,254 |
| Total Assets | \$ 5,523,790 | \$ 5,128,553 | \$ 4,805,455 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | | |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Short-term borrowings | \$ 528,312 | \$ 363,896 | \$ 349,003 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 150,000 | 40,000 | 50,000 |
| Accounts payable | 515,985 | 494,358 | 441,145 |
| Accrued liabilities | 711,574 | 807,391 | 713,209 |
| Income taxes payable | 45,264 | 45,115 | 17,072 |
| Total current liabilities | 1,951,135 | 1,750,760 | 1,570,429 |
| Noncurrent Liabilities | | | |
| Long-term debt | 760,000 | 560,000 | 550,000 |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | 391,447 | 454,757 | 378,284 |
| Total noncurrent liabilities | 1,151,447 | 1,014,757 | 928,284 |
| Stockholders' Equity | | | |
| Common stock \$1.00 par value, 1.0 billion shares authorized; 441.4 million shares issued | 441,369 | 441,369 | 441,369 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 1,634,086 | 1,633,132 | 1,635,238 |
| Treasury stock at cost; 82.4 million shares, 72.5 million shares and 80.0 million shares, respectively | (1,612,900) | (1,409,372) | (1,571,511) |
| Retained earnings | 2,180,849 | 1,923,657 | 1,977,456 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (222,196) | (225,750) | (175,810) |

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|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Total stockholders' equity | 2,421,208 | 2,363,036 | 2,306,742 |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | \$ 5,523,790 | \$ 5,128,553 | \$ 4,805,455 |

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

Table of Contents**MATTEL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

| | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2008 | | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 | |
|---|--|--------------|--|--------------|
| | September 30, 2007 | | September 30, 2007 | |
| | (Unaudited; in thousands, except per share amounts) | | | |
| Net Sales | \$ 1,946,315 | \$ 1,838,574 | \$ 3,978,045 | \$ 3,781,464 |
| Cost of sales | 1,046,245 | 973,862 | 2,185,805 | 2,054,904 |
| Gross Profit | 900,070 | 864,712 | 1,792,240 | 1,726,560 |
| Advertising and promotion expenses | 223,826 | 211,436 | 443,592 | 423,852 |
| Other selling and administrative expenses | 360,895 | 342,748 | 1,039,226 | 934,700 |
| Operating Income | 315,349 | 310,528 | 309,422 | 368,008 |
| Interest expense | 20,411 | 16,354 | 53,026 | 44,969 |
| Interest (income) | (6,013) | (6,202) | (21,831) | (28,644) |
| Other non-operating (income) expense, net | (6,157) | (7,312) | 15,988 | (8,108) |
| Income Before Income Taxes | 307,108 | 307,688 | 262,239 | 359,791 |
| Provision for income taxes | 69,010 | 70,938 | 59,004 | 88,274 |
| Net Income | \$ 238,098 | \$ 236,750 | \$ 203,235 | \$ 271,517 |
| Net Income Per Common Share Basic | \$ 0.66 | \$ 0.61 | \$ 0.56 | \$ 0.69 |
| Weighted average number of common shares | 360,881 | 386,346 | 361,339 | 390,796 |
| Net Income Per Common Share Diluted | \$ 0.66 | \$ 0.61 | \$ 0.56 | \$ 0.68 |
| Weighted average number of common and potential common shares | 362,795 | 391,294 | 363,599 | 397,245 |

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

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| | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| | September 30, | September 30, |
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| | (Unaudited; in thousands) | |
| Cash Flows From Operating Activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 203,235 | \$ 271,517 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows used for operating activities: | | |
| Net loss (gain) on disposal of property, plant, and equipment | 4,646 | (4) |
| Depreciation | 119,444 | 119,459 |
| Amortization | 8,710 | 8,385 |
| Deferred income taxes | (3,587) | (11,130) |
| Share-based compensation | 25,089 | 13,853 |
| Investment impairment | 4,000 | |
| Increase (decrease) from changes in assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable | (752,916) | (651,061) |
| Inventories | (374,560) | (329,182) |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | (18,303) | 104,160 |
| Accounts payable, accrued liabilities, and income taxes payable | 105,339 | (116,927) |
| Other, net | 12,326 | (20,072) |
| Net cash flows used for operating activities | (666,577) | (611,002) |
| Cash Flows From Investing Activities: | | |
| Purchases of tools, dies, and molds | (58,031) | (46,741) |
| Purchases of other property, plant, and equipment | (80,466) | (51,192) |
| Increase in long-term investments | (85,300) | (35,000) |
| Payments for businesses acquired | (23,451) | (104,753) |
| Proceeds from sale of other property, plant, and equipment | 4,949 | 429 |
| Proceeds from foreign currency forward exchange contracts | 18,298 | |
| Net cash flows used for investing activities | (224,001) | (237,257) |
| Cash Flows From Financing Activities: | | |
| Payments of short-term borrowings | (451,263) | |
| Proceeds from short-term borrowings | 633,410 | 362,028 |
| Payments of long-term borrowings | (40,000) | (100,000) |
| Proceeds from long-term borrowings | 347,183 | |
| Share repurchases | (65,469) | (603,773) |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options | 18,279 | 221,437 |
| Other, net | (91) | 32,439 |
| Net cash flows provided by (used for) financing activities | 442,049 | (87,869) |
| Effect of Currency Exchange Rate Changes on Cash | (5,815) | 7,400 |
| Decrease in Cash and Equivalents | (454,344) | (928,728) |
| Cash and Equivalents at Beginning of Period | 901,148 | 1,205,552 |
| Cash and Equivalents at End of Period | \$ 446,804 | \$ 276,824 |

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Supplemental Cash Flow Information:

Cash paid during the period for:

| | | | | |
|---------------------|----|--------|----|--------|
| Income taxes, gross | \$ | 54,655 | \$ | 65,250 |
| Interest | | 45,215 | | 36,287 |

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

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements and related disclosures have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of only those of a normal recurring nature, considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and interim results of Mattel, Inc. and its subsidiaries (Mattel) as of and for the periods presented have been included. Because Mattel s business is seasonal, results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of those that may be expected for a full year.

The year-end balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements, however, the accompanying interim notes to the consolidated financial statements do not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The financial information included herein should be read in conjunction with Mattel s consolidated financial statements and related notes in its 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

2. Change in Accounting Principle

Effective January 1, 2008, Mattel adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*, for all financial assets and liabilities and for nonfinancial assets and liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis. Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Staff Position (FSP) No. 157-2 delayed the adoption date until January 1, 2009 for nonfinancial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis, such as goodwill and identifiable intangible assets. Mattel has not yet completed its evaluation of the impact of adopting SFAS No. 157 on the nonfinancial assets and liabilities that have been delayed, but does not expect it to have a material impact on the amounts reported in its financial statements. Mattel s adoption of SFAS No. 157 did not require a cumulative effect adjustment to the opening balance of its retained earnings.

SFAS No. 157 applies whenever other standards require (or permit) assets or liabilities to be measured at fair value. Under SFAS No. 157, fair value refers to the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants in the market in which the reporting entity transacts. SFAS No. 157 establishes a fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the information used to develop assumptions, gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets, and lowest priority to unobservable data such as the reporting entity s own data. See Note 8 to the Consolidated Financial Statements Fair Value Measurements .

3. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are net of allowances for doubtful accounts of \$30.3 million, \$20.3 million, and \$21.5 million as of September 30, 2008, September 30, 2007, and December 31, 2007, respectively. During the three months ended September 30, 2008, bad debt expense increased approximately \$10 million as compared to the corresponding period in the prior year as a result of certain customers facing financial difficulties.

4. Inventories

Inventories include the following:

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| | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 | December 31, 2007 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | (In thousands) | | |
| Raw materials and work in process | \$ 70,995 | \$ 68,089 | \$ 51,730 |
| Finished goods | 680,138 | 664,168 | 376,980 |
| | \$ 751,133 | \$ 732,257 | \$ 428,710 |

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Property, plant, and equipment, net include the following:

| | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 (In thousands) | December 31, 2007 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Land | \$ 26,632 | \$ 29,558 | \$ 26,875 |
| Buildings | 238,681 | 239,192 | 240,252 |
| Machinery and equipment | 760,485 | 789,465 | 793,312 |
| Tools, dies, and molds | 627,974 | 576,635 | 589,191 |
| Capital leases | 23,271 | 23,271 | 23,271 |
| Leasehold improvements | 162,071 | 142,382 | 147,175 |
| | 1,839,114 | 1,800,503 | 1,820,076 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation | (1,313,908) | (1,285,078) | (1,301,460) |
| | \$ 525,206 | \$ 515,425 | \$ 518,616 |

6. Goodwill

Goodwill is allocated to various reporting units, which are either at the operating segment level or one reporting level below the operating segment level, for purposes of evaluating whether goodwill is impaired. Mattel's reporting units are: Mattel Girls Brands US, Mattel Boys Brands US, Fisher-Price Brands US, American Girl Brands, and International. Mattel tests its goodwill for impairment annually in the third quarter, or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable, based on the fair value of the cash flows that the reporting units can be expected to generate in the future. In the third quarter of 2008, Mattel performed the annual impairment test required by SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*, and determined that goodwill was not impaired.

The change in the carrying amount of goodwill by reporting unit for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 is shown below. Brand-specific goodwill held by foreign subsidiaries is allocated to the US reporting units selling those brands, thereby causing foreign currency translation impact for the US reporting units.

| | December 31, 2007 | Impact of Currency Exchange Rate Changes (In thousands) | September 30, 2008 |
|------------------------|-------------------|--|--------------------|
| Mattel Girls Brands US | \$ 38,751 | \$ (3,706) | \$ 35,045 |
| Mattel Boys Brands US | 124,469 | (982) | 123,487 |
| Fisher-Price Brands US | 217,383 | (724) | 216,659 |
| American Girl Brands | 207,571 | | 207,571 |
| International | 257,475 | (12,806) | 244,669 |
| | \$ 845,649 | \$ (18,218) | \$ 827,431 |

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Other noncurrent assets include the following:

| | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 (In thousands) | December 31, 2007 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Deferred income taxes | \$ 470,910 | \$ 505,393 | \$ 467,531 |
| Nonamortizable identifiable intangibles | 128,382 | 128,858 | 128,382 |
| Long-term investments | 116,300 | 35,000 | 35,000 |
| Identifiable intangibles (net of amortization of \$59.1 million, \$49.5 million, and \$52.0 million, respectively) | 86,982 | 72,993 | 70,628 |
| Other | 153,041 | 144,325 | 146,713 |
| | \$ 955,615 | \$ 886,569 | \$ 848,254 |

In August 2008, Mattel acquired the intellectual property related to Whac-a-Mole® for \$23.5 million, including acquisition costs, which is included within identifiable intangibles.

In the third quarter of 2008, Mattel performed the annual impairment test required by SFAS No. 142 and determined that nonamortizable identifiable intangibles were not impaired.

As of September 30, 2008, Mattel had a money market investment with an original cost basis of \$85.3 million, which was reclassified from cash and equivalents to noncurrent assets as a result of the money market investment fund halting redemption requests in September 2008. Additionally, during the three months ended September 30, 2008, Mattel recorded a \$4.0 million non-operating loss to recognize the estimated impairment of underlying securities associated with this investment. Mattel expects to receive the proceeds of this investment, net of the impairment charge, by the end of 2009, when the underlying securities will have matured. As of September 30, 2008, September 30, 2007, and December 31, 2007, Mattel also had additional long-term investments of \$35.0 million.

8. Fair Value Measurements

Mattel adopted SFAS No. 157 on January 1, 2008, which clarifies that fair value refers to the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants in the market in which the reporting entity transacts. Under SFAS No. 157, fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability and establishes a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. Observable inputs are inputs that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of Mattel. Unobservable inputs are those that reflect Mattel's assumptions about what market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy defined by SFAS No. 157 are as follows:

Level 1 Valuations based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity has the ability to access.

Level 2 Valuations based on quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 Valuations based on inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

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As required by SFAS No. 157, financial assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Mattel's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment, and may affect the valuation of assets and liabilities and their placement within the fair value hierarchy levels. The impact of Mattel's creditworthiness has been considered in the fair value measurements noted below. In addition, under SFAS No. 157, the fair value measurement of a liability must reflect the nonperformance risk of an entity. Mattel does not have any significant assets or liabilities measured at fair value using Level 1 or Level 3 inputs as of September 30, 2008. Mattel's financial assets and liabilities measured and reported in the financial statements at fair value on a recurring basis using Level 2 inputs as of September 30, 2008 include the following (in thousands):

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Assets: | |
| Foreign currency forward exchange contracts (a) | \$ 28,446 |
| Liabilities: | |
| Foreign currency forward exchange contracts (a) | 15,001 |
| Interest rate swaps (b) | 3,216 |
| Total liabilities | \$ 18,217 |

- (a) *The fair value of the foreign currency forward exchange contracts is based on dealer quotes of market forward rates and reflects the amount that Mattel would receive or pay at their maturity dates for contracts involving the same currencies and maturity dates.*
- (b) *The fair value of the interest rate swaps is based on dealer quotes using cash flows discounted at relevant market interest rates.*

9. Accrued Liabilities

Accrued liabilities include the following:

| | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 (In thousands) | December 31, 2007 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Advertising and promotion | \$ 131,958 | \$ 147,786 | \$ 67,116 |
| Royalties | 86,392 | 98,128 | 100,294 |
| Receivable collections due bank | 44,470 | 24,676 | 48,343 |
| Other | 448,754 | 536,801 | 497,456 |
| | \$ 711,574 | \$ 807,391 | \$ 713,209 |

10. Product Recalls and Withdrawals

During 2007, Mattel recalled products with high-powered magnets that may become dislodged and other products, some of which were produced using non-approved paint containing lead in excess of applicable regulatory and Mattel standards. During the second half of 2007, additional products were recalled, withdrawn from retail stores, or replaced at the request of consumers as a result of safety or quality issues (collectively, the 2007 Product Recalls). In the second quarter of 2008, Mattel determined that certain products had been shipped into foreign markets in which the products did not meet all applicable regulatory standards for those markets. None of these deficiencies related to lead or magnets. Mattel withdrew these products from retail stores in these markets and, although not required to do so, also withdrew the products from the US and other markets because they did not meet Mattel's internal standards (the 2008 Product Withdrawal).

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, incremental reserve charges related to the 2007 Product Recalls and 2008 Product Withdrawal were recorded based on estimates associated with the expected levels of affected product at retail, consumer return rates, and affected products on hand. The charges reduced operating income by \$3.7 million and \$12.8 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, respectively.

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The following table summarizes Mattel's reserves and reserve activity for the 2007 Product Recalls and the 2008 Product Withdrawal for the nine months ended September 30, 2008:

| | Reserves at December 31, 2007 | 2008 Product Withdrawal | Reserves Used | Changes in Estimates (In thousands) | Impact of Currency Exchange Rate Changes | Reserves at September 30, 2008 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| Impairment of inventory on hand | \$ | \$ 3,571 | \$ (3,571) | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Product returns/redemption | 12,612 | 5,862 | (14,666) | 2,447 | 37 | 6,292 |
| Other | 2,360 | 244 | (1,665) | 684 | (54) | 1,569 |
| | \$ 14,972 | \$ 9,677 | \$ (19,902) | \$ 3,131 | \$ (17) | \$ 7,861 |

Although management is not aware of any additional quality or safety issues that are likely to result in material recalls or withdrawals, there can be no assurance that additional issues will not be identified in the future.

11. Long-term Debt

Long-term debt includes the following:

| | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 (In thousands) | December 31, 2007 |
|--|-----------------------|---|----------------------|
| Medium-term notes due November 2008 to November 2013 | \$ 260,000 | \$ 300,000 | \$ 300,000 |
| 2006 Senior Notes due June 2009 to June 2011 | 300,000 | 300,000 | 300,000 |
| 2008 Senior Notes due March 2013 | 350,000 | | |
| | 910,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 |
| Less: current portion | (150,000) | (40,000) | (50,000) |
| | \$ 760,000 | \$ 560,000 | \$ 550,000 |

In March 2008, Mattel issued \$350.0 million of unsecured 5.625% Senior Notes (2008 Senior Notes) due March 15, 2013. Interest on the 2008 Senior Notes is payable semi-annually on March 15 and September 15 of each year, beginning September 15, 2008. Mattel may redeem all or part of the 2008 Senior Notes at any time or from time to time at its option at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the notes being redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, or (ii) a make-whole amount based on the yield of a comparable US Treasury security plus 50 basis points.

12. Other Noncurrent Liabilities

Other noncurrent liabilities include the following:

| | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 (In thousands) | December 31, 2007 |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Benefit plan liabilities | \$ 144,381 | \$ 188,905 | \$ 149,045 |
| Noncurrent tax liabilities | 119,156 | 163,434 | 120,553 |

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|-------|------------|------------|------------|
| Other | 127,910 | 102,418 | 108,686 |
| | \$ 391,447 | \$ 454,757 | \$ 378,284 |

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The changes in the components of comprehensive income, net of tax, are as follows:

| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 |
| | (In thousands) | | | |
| Net income | \$ 238,098 | \$ 236,750 | \$ 203,235 | \$ 271,517 |
| Currency translation adjustments | (146,571) | 40,060 | (67,268) | 73,086 |
| Amortization of prior service cost | 289 | 491 | 896 | 1,469 |
| Net unrealized losses/gains on derivative instruments: | | | | |
| Unrealized holding losses/gains | 18,249 | (27,390) | (6,445) | (31,926) |
| Reclassification adjustment for realized losses/gains included in net income | 13,365 | 10,281 | 26,431 | 8,482 |
| | 31,614 | (17,109) | 19,986 | (23,444) |
| | \$ 123,430 | \$ 260,192 | \$ 156,849 | \$ 322,628 |

The components of accumulated other comprehensive loss are as follows:

| | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 | December 31, 2007 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | (In thousands) | | |
| Currency translation adjustments | \$ (149,542) | \$ (95,841) | \$ (82,274) |
| Defined benefit pension and other postretirement plans, net of tax | (72,181) | (99,924) | (73,077) |
| Net unrealized loss on derivative instruments, net of tax | (473) | (29,985) | (20,459) |
| | \$ (222,196) | \$ (225,750) | \$ (175,810) |

Currency Translation Adjustments

Mattel's reporting currency is the US dollar. The translation of its results of operations and financial position of subsidiaries with non-US dollar functional currencies subjects Mattel to currency exchange rate fluctuations in its results of operations and financial position. Assets and liabilities of subsidiaries with non-US dollar functional currencies are translated into US dollars at fiscal period-end exchange rates. Income, expense, and cash flow items are translated at weighted average exchange rates prevailing during the fiscal period. The resulting currency translation adjustments are recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income within stockholders' equity. Mattel's primary currency translation exposures are related to entities having functional currencies denominated in the Euro, British pound sterling, Mexican peso, and Brazilian real. For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, currency translation adjustments resulted in a net loss of \$67.3 million, with losses primarily from the weakening of the Euro, British pound sterling, and Brazilian real against the US dollar. For the nine months ended September 30, 2007, currency translation adjustments resulted in a net gain of \$73.1 million, with gains from the strengthening of the Euro, British pound sterling, and Brazilian real against the US dollar.

14. Income Taxes

Mattel's provision for income taxes was \$59.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to a provision for income taxes of \$88.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. Mattel's effective income tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was 22.5%. Mattel's provision for income taxes for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 included income tax expense of \$5.3 million related to a change in a New York state tax law.

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Currency exchange rate fluctuations may impact Mattel's results of operations and cash flows. Mattel's currency transaction exposures include gains and losses realized on unhedged inventory purchases and unhedged receivables and payables balances that are denominated in a currency other than the applicable functional currency. Gains and losses on unhedged inventory purchases and other transactions associated with operating activities are recorded in the components of operating income to which they relate in the consolidated statements of operations. For hedges of intercompany loans and advances, which do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment, the gains or losses on the hedges resulting from changes in fair value as well as the offsetting transaction gains or losses on the related hedged items, along with unhedged items, are recognized in non-operating (income) expense in the consolidated statements of operations. Inventory purchase transactions denominated in the Euro, British pound sterling, Mexican peso, and Venezuelan bolivar fuerte are the primary transactions that cause foreign currency transaction exposure for Mattel.

Currency transaction (gains) losses included in the consolidated statements of operations are as follows:

| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 |
| | (In thousands) | | | |
| Operating income | \$ (45,839) | \$ (25,250) | \$ (89,521) | \$ (52,982) |
| Other non-operating (income) expense, net | (10,693) | (7,398) | 11,829 | (9,579) |
| Net transaction gains | \$ (56,532) | \$ (32,648) | \$ (77,692) | \$ (62,561) |

16. Other Selling and Administrative Expenses

Other selling and administrative expenses include the following:

| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 |
| | (In thousands) | | | |
| Design and development | \$ 48,172 | \$ 45,237 | \$ 138,474 | \$ 136,043 |
| Identifiable intangible asset amortization | 2,268 | 2,384 | 7,097 | 6,844 |

17. Earnings Per Share

Basic net income per common share is computed by dividing reported net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during each period.

Diluted net income per common share is computed by dividing reported net income by the weighted average number of common shares and potential common shares outstanding during each period. The calculation of potential common shares assumes the exercise of dilutive stock options, net of assumed treasury share repurchases at average market prices. Nonqualified stock options totaling approximately 9.8 million shares were excluded from the calculation of diluted net income per common share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 because they were anti-dilutive. Nonqualified stock options totaling approximately 3.3 million were excluded from the calculation of diluted net income per common share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 because they were anti-dilutive.

18. Employee Benefit Plans

Mattel and certain of its subsidiaries have qualified and nonqualified retirement plans covering substantially all employees of these companies, which are more fully described in Note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in its 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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A summary of the components of net periodic benefit cost for Mattel's defined benefit pension plans is as follows:

| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 |
| | (In thousands) | | | |
| Service cost | \$ 2,816 | \$ 2,877 | \$ 9,162 | \$ 8,798 |
| Interest cost | 6,483 | 5,446 | 19,669 | 16,677 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (6,606) | (5,562) | (20,072) | (16,959) |
| Amortization of prior service cost | 438 | 490 | 1,394 | 1,468 |
| Recognized actuarial loss | 1,446 | 2,119 | 4,445 | 6,398 |
| | \$ 4,577 | \$ 5,370 | \$ 14,598 | \$ 16,382 |

A summary of the components of net periodic benefit cost for Mattel's postretirement benefit plans is as follows:

| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 |
| | (In thousands) | | | |
| Service cost | \$ 27 | \$ 20 | \$ 75 | \$ 74 |
| Interest cost | 664 | 748 | 2,098 | 2,124 |
| Recognized actuarial loss | 126 | 265 | 384 | 635 |
| | \$ 817 | \$ 1,033 | \$ 2,557 | \$ 2,833 |

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, Mattel made cash contributions totaling approximately \$3 million and \$15 million, respectively, to its defined benefit pension and postretirement benefit plans.

19. Share-Based Payments

Mattel has various stock compensation plans, which are more fully described in Note 8 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in its 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Under the Mattel, Inc. 2005 Equity Compensation Plan (the "2005 Plan"), Mattel has the ability to grant nonqualified stock options, incentive stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units ("RSUs"), dividend equivalent rights, and shares of common stock to officers, employees, and other persons providing services to Mattel. Stock options expire no later than ten years from the date of grant and both stock options and RSUs generally provide for vesting over a period of three years from the date of grant. Such stock options under the 2005 Plan were granted with exercise prices at or above the fair market value of Mattel's common stock on the applicable measurement dates.

Compensation expense, included within other selling and administrative expense, related to stock options and RSUs is as follows:

| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 |
| | (In thousands) | | | |
| RSUs | \$ 8,384 | \$ 4,549 | \$ 19,445 | \$ 9,359 |
| Stock options | 3,283 | 2,427 | 5,644 | 4,494 |
| | \$ 11,667 | \$ 6,976 | \$ 25,089 | \$ 13,853 |

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As of September 30, 2008, total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested share-based payments totaled \$88.6 million and is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.2 years.

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Mattel uses treasury shares purchased under its share repurchase program to satisfy stock option exercises and the vesting of RSUs. Cash received for stock option exercises for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 was \$18.3 million and \$221.4 million, respectively. The tax (expense) benefit associated with stock option exercises and recognized within additional paid-in capital during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 was \$(1.0) million and \$14.0 million, respectively.

20. Contingencies

With regard to the claims against Mattel described below, Mattel intends to defend itself vigorously. Management cannot reasonably determine the scope or amount of possible liabilities that could result from an unfavorable settlement or resolution of these claims, and no reserves for these claims have been established as of September 30, 2008. However, it is possible that an unfavorable resolution of these claims could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's financial condition and results of operations, and there can be no assurance that Mattel will be able to achieve a favorable settlement or resolution of these claims.

Litigation Related to Carter Bryant and MGA Entertainment, Inc.

In April 2004, Mattel filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles County Superior Court against Carter Bryant (Bryant), a former Mattel design employee. The suit alleges that Bryant aided and assisted a Mattel competitor, MGA Entertainment, Inc. (MGA), during the time he was employed by Mattel, in violation of his contractual and other duties to Mattel. In September 2004, Bryant asserted counterclaims against Mattel, including counterclaims in which Bryant sought, as a putative class action representative, to invalidate Mattel's Confidential Information and Proprietary Inventions Agreements with its employees. Bryant also removed Mattel's suit to the United States District Court for the Central District of California. In December 2004, MGA intervened as a party-defendant in Mattel's action against Bryant, asserting that its rights to Bratz properties are at stake in the litigation.

Separately, in November 2004, Bryant filed an action against Mattel in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. The action sought a judicial declaration that Bryant's purported conveyance of rights in Bratz was proper and that he did not misappropriate Mattel property in creating Bratz.

In April 2005, MGA filed suit against Mattel in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. MGA's action alleges claims of trade dress infringement, trade dress dilution, false designation of origin, unfair competition and unjust enrichment. The suit alleges, among other things, that certain products, themes, packaging and/or television commercials in various Mattel product lines have infringed upon products, themes, packaging and/or television commercials for various MGA product lines, including Bratz. The complaint also asserts that various alleged Mattel acts with respect to unidentified retailers, distributors and licensees have damaged MGA and that various alleged acts by industry organizations, purportedly induced by Mattel, have damaged MGA. MGA's suit alleges that MGA has been damaged in an amount believed to reach or exceed tens of millions of dollars and further seeks punitive damages, disgorgement of Mattel's profits and injunctive relief.

In June 2006, the three cases were consolidated in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. On July 17, 2006, the Court issued an order dismissing all claims that Bryant had asserted against Mattel, including Bryant's purported counterclaims to invalidate Mattel's Confidential Information and Proprietary Inventions Agreements with its employees, and Bryant's claims for declaratory relief. Mattel believes the remaining MGA claims against it are without merit and intends to continue to vigorously defend against them.

In November 2006, Mattel asked the Court for leave to file an Amended Complaint that included not only additional claims against Bryant, but also included claims for copyright infringement, RICO violations, misappropriation of trade secrets, intentional interference with contract, aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duty and breach of duty of loyalty, and unfair competition, among others, against MGA, Isaac Larian, certain

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MGA affiliates and an MGA employee. The basis for the Amended Complaint was the MGA defendants' infringement of Mattel's copyrights and their pattern of misappropriation of trade secrets and unfair competition in violation of the applicable statutes. On January 12, 2007, the Court granted Mattel leave to file these claims as counterclaims in the consolidated cases, which Mattel did that same day.

In February 2007, the Court decided that the consolidated cases would be tried in two phases, with the first trial to determine claims and defenses related to Mattel's ownership of Bratz works and whether MGA infringed those works. The second trial, which has not been scheduled, will consider both Mattel's separate claims for misappropriation of trade secrets and violations of the RICO statute and MGA's claims for unfair competition.

On May 19, 2008, Bryant reached a confidential settlement agreement with Mattel and is no longer a defendant in the litigation. In the public stipulation entered by Mattel and Bryant in connection with the resolution, Bryant agreed that he was and would continue to be bound by all prior and future Court Orders relating to Bratz ownership and infringement, including the Court's summary judgment rulings.

The first phase of the first trial, which began on May 27, 2008, resulted in a unanimous jury verdict on July 17, 2008 in favor of Mattel, finding that almost all of the Bratz design drawings and other works in question were created by Bryant while he was employed at Mattel. Among other things, the jury determined that MGA and its CEO Isaac Larian intentionally interfered with the contractual duties owed by Bryant to Mattel, aided and abetted Bryant's breaches of his duty of loyalty to Mattel, aided and abetted Bryant's breaches of the fiduciary duties he owed to Mattel, and converted Mattel property for their own use.

In the second phase of the first trial, which began on July 23, 2008, the same jury determined the amount of damages to award to Mattel for MGA's and Isaac Larian's conversion, intentional interference with Bryant's contractual duties, and aiding and abetting Bryant's breaches of his fiduciary duties and duty of loyalty to Mattel. In addition, the jury determined if Bratz dolls and related products infringe on the Bratz drawings and other works owned by Mattel, what damages to assess for such infringement, and whether certain defenses asserted by MGA have merit. The jury was instructed that if it found infringement, it was to determine the amount of damages to be awarded to Mattel due to the infringement. On August 26, 2008, the jury rendered a unanimous verdict for Mattel in the second phase of the trial. The jury found that defendants MGA, Larian and MGA Entertainment (HK) Limited infringed Mattel's copyrights in the Bratz design drawings and other Bratz works. The jury awarded Mattel total damages of approximately \$100 million against the defendants for the copyright infringement claim and the claims that the defendants intentionally interfered with Bryant's contract, aided and abetted Bryant's breach of his fiduciary duty and duty of loyalty to Mattel and converted Mattel's property for their own use.

In light of the copyright infringement verdict, Mattel has moved the Court to enjoin MGA from producing infringing products in the future. Mattel has also asked the Court to award to Mattel certain rights in the Bratz name, which the jury found Bryant created while a Mattel employee. Mattel also has moved the Court to enter declaratory relief confirming, among other things, Mattel's rights in the Bratz works found by the jury to have been created by Bryant during his Mattel employment. MGA has filed motions as well, including a motion that asserts the Court should rule for MGA on equitable affirmative defenses such as laches, waiver and estoppel against Mattel's claims. Both Mattel's motions and MGA's motions are currently pending before the Court.

Under the Court's current schedule, the parties also are expected to file motions for post-trial relief after the resolution of the Mattel and MGA motions described above. Based on statements made publicly by MGA, it is expected that as part of that motion practice MGA will ask the Court to reduce Mattel's damages or to rule that certain the damages awarded by the jury were duplicative.

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Litigation Related to Product Recall

Product Liability Litigation in the United States

Twenty-two lawsuits have been filed in the United States asserting claims allegedly arising out of the August 2, August 14, September 4, and/or October 25, 2007 voluntary product recalls by Mattel and Fisher-Price, as well as the withdrawal of red and green toy blood pressure cuffs from retail stores or their replacement at the request of consumers.

Eighteen of those cases were commenced in the following United States District Courts: ten in the Central District of California (*Mayhew v. Mattel*, filed August 7, 2007; *White v. Mattel*, filed August 16, 2007; *Luttenberger v. Mattel*, filed August 23, 2007; *Puerzer v. Mattel*, filed August 29, 2007; *Shah v. Fisher-Price*, filed September 13, 2007; *Rusterholtz v. Mattel*, filed September 27, 2007; *Jimenez v. Mattel*, filed October 12, 2007; *Probst v. Mattel*, filed November 5, 2007; *Entsminger v. Mattel*, filed November 9, 2007; and *White v. Mattel*, filed November 26, 2007, hereinafter, *White II*); three in the Southern District of New York (*Shoukry v. Fisher-Price*, filed August 10, 2007; *Goldman v. Fisher-Price*, filed August 31, 2007; and *Allen v. Fisher-Price*, filed November 16, 2007); two in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (*Monroe v. Mattel*, filed August 17, 2007, and *Chow v. Mattel*, filed September 7, 2007); one in the Southern District of Indiana (*Sarjent v. Fisher-Price*, filed August 16, 2007); one in the District of South Carolina (*Hughey v. Fisher-Price*, filed August 24, 2007); and one in the Eastern District of Louisiana (*Sanders v. Mattel*, filed November 14, 2007). Two other actions originally filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court have since been removed to federal court in the Central District of California (*Healy v. Mattel*, filed August 21, 2007, and *Powell v. Mattel*, filed August 20, 2007). Another lawsuit commenced in San Francisco County Superior Court was removed to the federal court in the Northern District of California (*Harrington v. Mattel*, filed August 20, 2007). One other action was commenced in District of Columbia Superior Court and removed to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia (*DiGiacinto v. Mattel*, filed August 29, 2007). Mattel was named as a defendant in all of the actions, while Fisher-Price was named as a defendant in nineteen of the cases.

Multidistrict Litigation (MDL)

On September 5, 2007, Mattel and Fisher-Price filed a motion before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (JPML) asking that all federal actions related to the recalls be coordinated and transferred to the Central District of California (*In re Mattel Inc. Toy Lead Paint Products Liability Litigation*). On December 18, 2007, the JPML issued a transfer order, transferring six actions pending outside the Central District of California (*Sarjent*, *Shoukry*, *Goldman*, *Monroe*, *Chow* and *Hughey*) to the Central District of California for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings with five actions pending in the Central District (*Mayhew*, *White*, *Luttenberger*, *Puerzer* and *Shah*). The remaining cases (*Healy*, *Powell*, *Rusterholtz*, *Jimenez*, *Probst*, *Harrington*, *DiGiacinto*, *Allen*, *Sanders*, *Entsminger*, and *White II*), so-called potential tag-along actions, are either already pending in the Central District of California or have been transferred there pursuant to January 3 and January 17, 2008 conditional transfer orders issued by the JPML. These matters are all currently pending in *In re Mattel, Inc. Toy Lead Paint Products Liability Litigation*, No. 2:07-ML-01897-DSF-AJW, MDL 1897 (C. D. Ca.) (the MDL proceeding).

On March 31, 2008, plaintiffs filed a Consolidated Amended Class Action Complaint in the MDL proceeding, which was followed with a Second Consolidated Amended Complaint (the Consolidated Complaint), filed on May 16, 2008. Plaintiffs seek certification of a class of all persons who, from May 2003 through the present, purchased and/or acquired certain allegedly hazardous toys. The Consolidated Complaint defines hazardous toys as those toys recalled between August 2, 2007 and October 25, 2007, due to the presence of lead in excess of applicable standards in the paint on some parts of some of the toys; those toys recalled on November 21, 2006 and August 14, 2007, related to magnets; and the red and green toy blood pressure cuffs voluntarily withdrawn from retail stores or replaced at the request of consumers. Defendants named in the Consolidated Complaint are Mattel, Fisher-Price, Target Corporation, Toys R Us, Inc., Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., KB Toys, Inc., and Kmart Corporation. Mattel has assumed the defense of Target Corporation, Toys R Us, Inc., KB Toys, Inc. and Kmart Corporation, and agreed to indemnify all of the retailer defendants, for the specific claims raised in the Consolidated Complaint, which claims relate to the sale of Mattel and Fisher-Price toys.

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In the Consolidated Complaint, plaintiffs assert claims for breach of implied and express warranties, negligence, strict liability, violation of the United States Consumer Product Safety Act and related Consumer Product Safety Rules, various California consumer protection statutes, and unjust enrichment. Plaintiffs seek (i) declaratory and injunctive relief enjoining defendants from continuing the allegedly unlawful practices raised in the Consolidated Complaint; (ii) restitution and disgorgement of monies acquired by defendants from the allegedly unlawful practices; (iii) costs of initial diagnostic blood lead level testing to detect possible injury to plaintiffs and members of the class; (iv) costs of treatment for those who test positive to the initial diagnostic blood lead level testing; (v) reimbursement of the purchase price for the allegedly hazardous toys; and (vi) costs and attorneys' fees. On June 24, 2008, defendants filed motions to dismiss the Consolidated Complaint. A hearing was held on the motions on September 8, 2008, and the Court requested certain supplemental briefing that is ongoing. Discovery has commenced and is ongoing, but is in the very early stages.

California Proposition 65 Claims and State Attorneys General Inquiries

On September 24 and September 26, 2007, respectively, the Environmental Law Foundation and the Center for Environmental Health (together, the Noticing Parties), each of which is a non-profit environmental group, issued pre-litigation notices of intent to sue (the Notices) against Mattel for allegedly failing to issue clear and reasonable warnings in accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6 (Proposition 65) with regard to potential exposures to lead and lead compounds from certain toys distributed for sale in California. Pursuant to Proposition 65, the pre-litigation Notices had to be served on the California Attorney General, the district attorneys in California, and certain city attorneys, at least sixty days before the Noticing Parties could proceed with a formal lawsuit.

On November 19, 2007, the California Attorney General, joined by the Los Angeles City Attorney, brought suit against Mattel and Fisher-Price, along with a number of other entities alleged to have manufactured and/or sold children's products that exposed children to lead, in Alameda County Superior Court in California. The complaint asserts claims for violation of Proposition 65 (California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 *et seq.*) and the California Unfair Competition Act (California Business & Professions Code § 17200 *et seq.*) and seeks civil penalties up to \$2,500 per day for each violation of each statute, restitution pursuant to Business & Professions Code § 17203, and injunctive relief. The filing of this action by the Attorney General precluded several environmental non-profit groups that had issued pre-suit notices of intent to bring Proposition 65 claims from proceeding with such claims of their own. The California Attorney General's lawsuit was served on Mattel and Fisher-Price on January 23, 2008. The Alameda County Superior Court has designated the case as complex and continued the date on which responsive pleadings must be filed until at least November 14, 2008. An initial case management conference is scheduled for November 4, 2008. Although formal discovery has not been initiated in this action, Mattel has provided the California Attorney General's office with certain information and documents. Accordingly, this litigation remains at a preliminary stage.

In addition, Mattel has responded to formal and informal inquiries from, and produced certain information and documents to, a number of state attorneys general. The company is currently in a negotiation process with a number of state attorneys general, including the California Attorney General, concerning whether certain conduct has violated state consumer protection or related laws. These negotiations could result in settlements involving nonmonetary and monetary consideration, an estimate for which cannot be made at this time.

Product Liability Litigation in Canada

Since September 26, 2007, eight proposed class actions have been filed in the provincial superior courts of the following Canadian provinces: British Columbia (*Trainor v. Fisher-Price*, filed September 26, 2007); Alberta (*Cairns v. Fisher-Price*, filed September 26, 2007); Saskatchewan (*Sharp v. Mattel Canada*, filed September 26, 2007); Quebec (*El-Mousfi v. Mattel Canada*, filed September 27, 2007, and *Fortier v. Mattel Canada*, filed October 10, 2007); Ontario (*Wiggins v. Mattel Canada*, filed September 28, 2007); New Brunswick (*Travis v. Fisher-Price*, filed September 28, 2007); and Manitoba (*Close v. Fisher-Price*,

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filed October 3, 2007). Mattel, Fisher-Price and Mattel Canada are defendants in all of the actions, and Fisher-Price Canada is a defendant in two of the actions (*El-Mousfi* and *Wiggins*). All but one of the cases seek certification of both a class of residents of that province and a class of all other residents of Canada outside the province where the action was filed. The classes are generally defined similarly in all of the actions to include both purchasers of the toys recalled by Mattel and Fisher-Price in August and September 2007 and children, either directly or through their parents as next friends, who have had contact with those toys.

The actions in Canada generally allege that defendants were negligent in allowing their products to be manufactured and sold with lead paint on the toys and negligent in the design of the toys with small magnets, which led to the sale of defective products. The cases typically state claims in four categories: (i) production of a defective product; (ii) misrepresentations; (iii) negligence; and (iv) violations of consumer protection statutes. Plaintiffs generally seek general and special damages, damages in the amount of monies paid for testing of children based on alleged exposure to lead, restitution of any amount of monies paid for replacing recalled toys, disgorgement of benefits resulting from recalled toys, aggravated and punitive damages, pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, and an award of litigation costs and attorneys' fees. Plaintiffs in all of the actions except one do not specify the amount of damages sought. In the Ontario action (*Wiggins*), plaintiff demands general damages of CDN\$75 million and special damages of CDN\$150 million, in addition to the other remedies. In November 2007, the class action suit commenced by Mr. Fortier was voluntarily discontinued. In October 2008, counsel in the Quebec class action (*El-Mousfi*) sought permission from the Court to discontinue that action, and that request remains pending.

After the discontinuance of his class action suit, Mr. Fortier filed an individual action in Quebec (*Fortier v. Mattel Canada, Inc.*, filed on November 22, 2007). In his individual action, Mr. Fortier alleges that he purchased recalled toys and, as a result, suffered damages, including consequential and incidental damages such as worry, concern, and costs of the products and replacement products, medicines, diagnosis, and treatment. Mr. Fortier alleges damages of CDN\$5 million. Mattel moved to stay Mr. Fortier's individual action pending resolution of the request to proceed as a class action filed in the *El-Mousfi* action also pending in Quebec, and that motion to stay was denied.

All of the actions in Canada are at a preliminary stage.

Product Liability and Related Claims in Brazil

Three consumer protection associations and agencies have filed claims against Mattel's subsidiary Mattel do Brasil Ltda. in the following courts in Brazil: (a) the Public Treasury Court in the State of Santa Catarina (*Associação Catarinense de Defesa dos Cidadãos, dos Consumidores e dos Contribuintes ACC/SC v. Mattel do Brasil Ltda.*, filed on February 2, 2007); (b) the Second Commercial Court in the State of Rio de Janeiro (*Consumer Protection Committee of the Rio de Janeiro State Legislative Body CPLeg/RJ v. Mattel do Brasil Ltda.*, filed on August 17, 2007); and (c) the Sixth Civil Court of the Federal District (*Brazilian Institute for the Study and Defense of Consumer Relationships IBEDEC v. Mattel do Brasil Ltda.*, filed on September 13, 2007). The ACC/SC case is related to the recall of magnetic products in November 2006; the CPLeg/RJ case is related to the August 2007 recall of magnetic products; and the IBEDEC case is related to the August and September 2007 recalls of magnetic products and products with non-approved paint containing lead exceeding the limits established by applicable regulations and Mattel standards. The cases generally state claims in four categories: (i) production of a defective product; (ii) misrepresentations; (iii) negligence; and (iv) violations of consumer protection statutes. Plaintiffs generally seek general and special damages; restitution of monies paid by consumers to replace recalled toys; disgorgement of benefits resulting from recalled toys; aggravated and punitive damages; pre-judgment and post-judgment interest; injunctive relief; and litigation costs and attorneys' fees. The amount of damages sought by plaintiffs is not generally specified, except that in the Public Treasury Court in the State of Santa Catarina action (ACC/SC), plaintiff demands general damages of approximately \$1 million, in addition to other remedies, and in the Sixth Civil Court of the Federal District action (IBEDEC), plaintiff estimated the amount of approximately \$28 million, as a basis for calculating court fees, in addition to requesting other remedies.

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On June 18, 2008, the court held that the action brought by IBEDEC was without merit, and on July 1, 2008, IBEDEC filed an appeal. On July 23, 2008 Mattel do Brasil submitted its appellate brief. On September 15, 2008, the Public Prosecutor's Office submitted its opinion to the court, which supported upholding the original decision, given that no reason had been cited for ordering the company to pay pain and suffering damages. Moreover, just as the judge had done, the Public Prosecutor's Office determined that the mere recall of products does not trigger any obligation to indemnify any party. Mattel do Brasil is currently awaiting notice of the date on which the Court will render a decision on the appeal.

On July 9, 2008, the court also rendered a decision concerning the action brought by the *Consumer Protection Committee of the Rio de Janeiro State Legislative Body* (CPLeg). The judge rejected the claim for general damages, but *Mattel do Brasil* was ordered to provide product-exchange outlets in certain locations for replacement of the recalled products, to publish in newspapers the provisions of the court decision and to make available on its website the addresses of the outlets for replacement of recalled products and the provisions of the court's decision. The decision also allowed the consumers who were affected by the recall to submit information to the court, so that the applicability of pecuniary damages can be analyzed later, on a case by case basis. It finally ordered *Mattel do Brasil* to pay attorneys' fees in an amount equal to 10% of the value placed on the claim (with a value placed on the claim of approximately \$12,500). *Mattel do Brasil* filed a motion seeking to resolve apparent discrepancies in the court's decision, but the judge sustained the decision, as rendered, and *Mattel do Brasil* filed its appeal of such decision. On September 19, 2008, the appellate court accepted *Mattel do Brasil*'s appeal for purposes of remand, only, and not to stay the proceedings. Seeking to prevent execution on the judgment, *Mattel do Brasil* will file an interlocutory appeal and request that the court immediately grant a preliminary injunction.

Since August 20, 2007, the Department of Consumer Protection and Defense (DPDC), the Consumer Protection Office (PROCON) of São Paulo, Mato Grosso and Rio de Janeiro, and public prosecutors from the States of Pernambuco, Rio Grande do Norte, and Rio de Janeiro have brought eight administrative proceedings against *Mattel do Brasil*, alleging that the company offered products whose risks to consumers' health and safety should have been known by Mattel. The proceedings have been filed with the following administrative courts: (a) DPDC (*DPDC v. Mattel do Brasil Ltda.*, filed on August 20, 2007, and *DPDC v. Mattel do Brasil Ltda.*, filed on September 14, 2007); (b) PROCON (*PROCON/MT v. Mattel do Brasil*, filed on August 29, 2007, *PROCON/SP v. Mattel do Brasil*, filed on September 4, 2007, and *PROCON/RJ v. Mattel do Brasil*, filed on August 27, 2007); and (c) the Public Prosecutor's Office (*MP/RJ v. Mattel do Brasil*, filed on September 27, 2007, *MP/PE v. Mattel do Brasil*, filed on September 28, 2007, and *MP/RN v. Mattel do Brasil*, filed on October 10, 2007). The administrative proceedings generally state claims based on the alleged negligence of *Mattel do Brasil* regarding recalled products. In the PROCON/SP proceeding, plaintiff estimated a fine equivalent to approximately \$400,000. None of the other administrative proceedings listed above specify the amount of the penalties that could be applied if the claims against *Mattel do Brasil* are successful. On December 21, 2007, PROCON/SP rendered a decision and decided to impose a fine on *Mattel do Brasil* in the approximate amount of \$200,000. On January 9, 2008, *Mattel do Brasil* filed an administrative appeal regarding the decision of December 21, 2007.

In addition to the matters discussed above, a few individual consumers in Brazil have brought individual lawsuits against *Mattel do Brasil*. These lawsuits have been brought in special courts that provide expedited judgments on cases involving amounts below \$7,000 and in consumer defense agencies (PROCONs). Generally, these claims focus on alleged failures by *Mattel do Brasil* to make refunds in cash or replace recalled products with new toys in the proper time and manner. At present there are 19 individual lawsuits; none of these lawsuits states a claim for damages exceeding \$7,000. The special courts that provide expedited judgments have issued decisions in eleven lawsuits brought by individual consumers; in three of these cases, the court decisions order *Mattel do Brasil* to refund only the amounts paid by the consumers for the recalled toys; in six cases, *Mattel do Brasil* was also ordered to pay general damages (*danos morais*) to the consumers, which range from approximately \$250 to \$450. Two of the lawsuits were dismissed in their entirety.

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All of the actions in Brazil are at a preliminary stage, except for the *PROCON/SP* administrative procedure, the eleven individual consumer lawsuits mentioned in the preceding paragraph, in which the courts have rendered decisions, and the cases involving IBEDEC and the *Consumer Protection Committee of the Rio de Janeiro State Legislative Body - CPLeg*.

Product Liability Litigation in Colombia

On August 22, 2007, plaintiff, a resident of Colombia, filed an action (*Matiz v. Ministry of Health, et al.*) in the Administrative Court for the Bogota Circuit in the Republic of Colombia against Mattel and the Colombian Ministry of Health. Plaintiff alleges the following claims: (a) violation of the collective right to free economic competition, (b) violation of the collective right to public health, (c) violation of the prohibition against the introduction of toxic waste into the national territory, and (d) violation of the collective right of consumers to be free from unsafe products. Plaintiff seeks the following relief: an affirmative injunction for additional recalls; a declaration of liability for violation of consumers' collective rights to public health, free economic competition, and the prohibition against the introduction of toxic waste into the national territory; economic incentives of between 10 and 150 times the minimum monthly legal wage (up to \$35,000); and an award of litigation costs and attorneys' fees. The Court has denied the interim measures requested by the plaintiff. On July 8, 2008, Mattel filed its brief furnishing information requested by the Court. Also, the Superintendent of Industry and Commerce and the Ministry of Health separately submitted their required documents. The parties were required to submit their respective closing arguments by July 31, 2008, which Mattel and the plaintiff did on that date. The Minister of Health, however, filed its brief untimely. An expected judgment on the matter is pending.

21. Segment Information

Mattel's operating segments are separately managed business units and are divided on a geographic basis between domestic and international. Mattel's portfolio of brands and products are grouped in the following categories:

Mattel Girls & Boys Brands including Barbie®, Polly Pocket®, Little Mommy®, Disney Classics, Pixel Chix®, and High School Musical (collectively *Other Girls*); Hot Wheels®, Matchbox®, Speed Racer, and Tyco® R/C vehicles and playsets (collectively *Wheels*); and CARS Radica®, Speed Racer, Batman®, and Kung Fu Panda products, and games and puzzles (collectively *Entertainment*).

Fisher-Price Brands including Fisher-Price®, Little People®, BabyGear, and View-Master® (collectively *Core Fisher-Price*); Sesame Street®, Dora the Explorer®, Winnie the Pooh,

Go-Diego-Go!, and See 'N Say® (collectively *Fisher-Price Friends*); and Power Wheels®.

American Girl Brands including Just Like You®, the historical collection, and Bitty Baby®. American Girl Brands products are sold directly to consumers, and its children's publications are also sold to certain retailers.

Additionally, the International segment sells products in all toy categories, except American Girl Brands.

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The following tables present information about revenues, income (loss), and assets by segment. Mattel does not include sales adjustments such as trade discounts and other allowances in the calculation of segment revenues (referred to as gross sales). Mattel records these adjustments in its financial accounting systems at the time of sale to each customer, but the adjustments are not allocated to individual products. For this reason, Mattel's chief operating decision maker uses gross sales by segment as one of the metrics to measure segment performance. Such sales adjustments are included in the determination of segment income from operations based on the adjustments recorded in the financial accounting systems. Segment income (loss) from operations represents operating income (loss), while consolidated income from operations represents income from operations before income taxes as reported in the consolidated statements of operations. The corporate and other category includes costs not allocated to individual segments, including charges related to incentive compensation, share-based payments, and corporate headquarters functions managed on a worldwide basis, and the impact of changes in foreign currency rates on intercompany transactions.

| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 |
| (In thousands) | | | | |
| Revenues | | | | |
| Domestic: | | | | |
| Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US | \$ 470,869 | \$ 448,842 | \$ 957,356 | \$ 921,037 |
| Fisher-Price Brands US | 529,490 | 514,064 | 956,102 | 1,005,781 |
| American Girl Brands | 78,840 | 71,091 | 209,011 | 189,777 |
| Total Domestic | 1,079,199 | 1,033,997 | 2,122,469 | 2,116,595 |
| International | 1,049,188 | 984,785 | 2,227,025 | 2,035,716 |
| Gross sales | 2,128,387 | 2,018,782 | 4,349,494 | 4,152,311 |
| Sales adjustments | (182,072) | (180,208) | (371,449) | (370,847) |
| | \$ 1,946,315 | \$ 1,838,574 | \$ 3,978,045 | \$ 3,781,464 |

| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 |
| (In thousands) | | | | |
| Segment Income (Loss) | | | | |
| Domestic: | | | | |
| Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US | \$ 73,359 | \$ 83,838 | \$ 87,895 | \$ 112,184 |
| Fisher-Price Brands US | 94,942 | 112,199 | 106,666 | 142,310 |
| American Girl Brands | (18) | 3,325 | (7,441) | 592 |
| Total Domestic | 168,283 | 199,362 | 187,120 | 255,086 |
| International | 167,677 | 165,047 | 249,555 | 240,745 |
| Corporate and other expense (a) | 335,960 | 364,409 | 436,675 | 495,831 |
| | 20,611 | 53,881 | 127,253 | 127,823 |
| Operating income | 315,349 | 310,528 | 309,422 | 368,008 |
| Interest expense | 20,411 | 16,354 | 53,026 | 44,969 |
| Interest (income) | (6,013) | (6,202) | (21,831) | (28,644) |
| Other non-operating (income) expense, net | (6,157) | (7,312) | 15,988 | (8,108) |
| Income before income taxes | \$ 307,108 | \$ 307,688 | \$ 262,239 | \$ 359,791 |

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- (a) *Corporate and other expense includes (i) stock-based compensation expense of \$11.7 million and \$25.1 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, respectively, and \$7.0 million and \$13.9 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively, (ii) accrued incentive compensation liabilities, and (iii) legal fees associated with the product recall-related litigation and MGA litigation matters.*

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| | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 | December 31, 2007 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | (In thousands) | | |
| Assets | | | |
| Domestic: | | | |
| Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US | \$ 399,679 | \$ 380,500 | \$ 268,614 |
| Fisher-Price Brands US | 496,009 | 432,102 | 189,010 |
| American Girl Brands | 107,085 | 99,092 | 61,756 |
| Total Domestic | 1,002,773 | 911,694 | 519,380 |
| International | 1,411,941 | 1,416,996 | 840,653 |
| | 2,414,714 | 2,328,690 | 1,360,033 |
| Corporate and other | 49,239 | 43,872 | 59,873 |
| Accounts receivable and inventories, net | \$ 2,463,953 | \$ 2,372,562 | \$ 1,419,906 |

Mattel sells a broad variety of toy products, which are grouped into three major categories: Mattel Girls & Boys Brands, Fisher-Price Brands, and American Girl Brands. The table below presents worldwide revenues by category:

| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 |
| | (In thousands) | | | |
| Worldwide Revenues | | | | |
| Mattel Girls & Boys Brands | \$ 1,211,648 | \$ 1,143,129 | \$ 2,526,155 | \$ 2,348,538 |
| Fisher-Price Brands | 833,067 | 799,788 | 1,602,389 | 1,601,421 |
| American Girl Brands | 78,840 | 71,031 | 209,011 | 189,717 |
| Other | 4,832 | 4,834 | 11,939 | 12,635 |
| Gross sales | 2,128,387 | 2,018,782 | 4,349,494 | 4,152,311 |
| Sales adjustments | (182,072) | (180,208) | (371,449) | (370,847) |
| Net sales | \$ 1,946,315 | \$ 1,838,574 | \$ 3,978,045 | \$ 3,781,464 |

22. New Accounting Pronouncements*SFAS No. 141(R)*

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141(R), *Business Combinations*, which replaces SFAS No. 141, *Business Combinations*. SFAS No. 141(R) (i) requires the acquiring entity in a business combination to record all assets acquired and liabilities assumed at their acquisition-date fair values, (ii) changes the recognition of assets acquired and liabilities assumed arising from contingencies, (iii) requires contingent consideration to be recognized at its fair value on the acquisition date and, for certain arrangements, requires changes in fair value to be recognized in earnings until settled, (iv) requires companies to revise any previously issued post-acquisition financial information to reflect any adjustments as if they had been recorded on the acquisition date for acquisitions completed on or after January 1, 2009, (v) requires the reversals of valuation allowances related to acquired deferred tax assets and changes to acquired income tax uncertainties to be recognized in earnings, and (vi) requires the expensing of acquisition-related costs as incurred. SFAS No. 141(R) also requires additional disclosure of information surrounding a business combination to enhance financial statement users' understanding of the nature and financial impact of the business combination. SFAS No. 141(R) applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008, with the exception of accounting for changes in a valuation allowance for acquired deferred tax assets and the resolution of uncertain tax positions accounted for under FASB Interpretation No. (FIN) 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*, which is effective on January 1, 2009 for all acquisitions regardless of the date on which they were completed. Mattel has not completed its evaluation of SFAS No. 141(R), but does not expect the adoption of SFAS No. 141(R) to have a material effect on its operating results or financial position.

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SFAS No. 161

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133*. SFAS No. 161 amends and expands the disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, to provide users of financial statements with an enhanced understanding of (i) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments; (ii) how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under SFAS No. 133 and its related interpretations, and (iii) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. SFAS No. 161 requires (i) qualitative disclosures about objectives for using derivatives by primary underlying risk exposure, (ii) information about the volume of derivative activity, (iii) tabular disclosures about balance sheet location and gross fair value amounts of derivative instruments, income statement, and other comprehensive income location and amounts of gains and losses on derivative instruments by type of contract, and (iv) disclosures about credit-risk-related contingent features in derivative agreements. SFAS No. 161 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. Mattel has not completed its evaluation of SFAS No. 161, but does not expect the adoption of SFAS No. 161 to have a material effect on its financial statements.

SFAS No. 162

In May 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 162, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*. SFAS No. 162 is intended to improve financial reporting by identifying a consistent framework, or hierarchy, for selecting accounting principles to be used in preparing financial statements that are presented in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for nongovernmental entities. Prior to the issuance of SFAS No. 162, the GAAP hierarchy was defined in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) No. 69, *The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity With Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*. SFAS No. 162 is effective 60 days following the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC's) approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) Auditing amendments to AU Section 411, *The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity With Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*. Mattel does not expect the adoption of SFAS No. 162 to have an impact on its operating results or financial position.

FSP No. 157-3

In October 2008, the FASB issued FSP No. 157-3, *Determining the Fair Value of a Financial Asset When the Market for That Asset is Not Active*. FSP No. 157-3 clarifies the application of SFAS No. 157, which Mattel adopted as of January 1, 2008, in cases where a market is not active. Mattel has considered FSP No. 157-3 in its determination of estimated fair values as of September 30, 2008, and the impact was not material.

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**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.
MATTEL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF
FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial information and related notes that appear in Part I, Item 1, of this Quarterly Report. Mattel's business is seasonal, and, therefore, results of operations are comparable only with corresponding periods.

Overview

Mattel designs, manufactures, and markets a broad variety of toy products worldwide through sales to its customers and directly to consumers. Mattel's business is dependent in great part on its ability each year to redesign, restyle, and extend existing core products and product lines, to design and develop innovative new products and product lines, and to successfully market those products and product lines. Mattel plans to continue to focus on its portfolio of traditional brands that have historically had worldwide appeal, to create new brands utilizing its knowledge of children's play patterns, and to target customer and consumer preferences around the world.

Mattel's portfolio of brands and products are grouped in the following categories:

Mattel Girls & Boys Brands including Barbie®, Polly Pocket®, Little Mommy®, Disney Classics, Pixel Chix®, and High School Musical (collectively Other Girls®); Hot Wheels®, Matchbox®, Speed Racer, and Tyco® R/C vehicles and playsets (collectively Wheels®); and CARS Radica®, Speed Racer, Batman®, and Kung Fu Panda products, and games and puzzles (collectively Entertainment®).

Fisher-Price Brands including Fisher-Price®, Little People®, BabyGear, and View-Master® (collectively Core Fisher-Price®); Sesame Street®, Dora the Explorer®, Winnie the Pooh, Go-Diego-Go!, and See 'N Say® (collectively Fisher-Price® Friends®); and Power Wheels®.

American Girl Brands including Just Like You®, the historical collection, and Bitty Baby®. American Girl Brands products are sold directly to consumers, and its children's publications are also sold to certain retailers.

Management believes that the business environment for Mattel for the remainder of 2008 will generally include retailers tightly managing inventory in light of current economic conditions and uncertainties and, in some cases, customers and vendors experiencing difficulty in obtaining the liquidity required to buy inventory or raw materials. Mattel believes that the demand for toys has held up relatively well during historic periods of economic difficulty. Also, Mattel expects to continue to experience cost pressures, including higher product costs for commodities, labor, and product testing, along with appreciating Asian currencies (collectively, input costs®). Additionally, until all product recall-related litigation and MGA legal matters are resolved, Mattel expects to continue to incur significant legal expenses.

Mattel's objective is to continue to create long-term shareholder value by generating strong cash flow and deploying it in a disciplined and opportunistic manner as outlined in Mattel's capital and investment framework. To achieve this objective, management has established three overarching goals.

The first goal is to enhance innovation in order to reinvigorate the Barbie® brand, while maintaining growth in other core brands by continuing to develop popular toys. Additionally, Mattel plans to pursue additional licensing arrangements and strategic partnerships to extend its portfolio of brands into areas outside of traditional toys.

The second goal is to improve execution in areas including manufacturing, distribution, and selling. In 2008, Mattel is continuing to focus on improving the efficiency of its supply chain using lean supply chain initiatives. The objective of the lean program is to improve the flow of processes, do more with less, and focus on the value chain from beginning to end.

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The third goal is to further capitalize on Mattel's scale advantage. For example, as the world's largest toy company, Mattel believes it can realize cost savings when making purchasing decisions based on a "One Mattel" philosophy.

Results of Operations - Third Quarter*Consolidated Results*

Net sales for the third quarter of 2008 were \$1.95 billion, up 6% as compared to \$1.84 billion in 2007, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 2 percentage points. Net income for the third quarter of 2008 was \$238.1 million, or \$0.66 per diluted share, as compared to \$236.8 million, or \$0.61 per diluted share for the third quarter of 2007. Net income for the third quarter of 2008 was higher than 2007, primarily due to higher sales volume and lower product recall costs, partially offset by higher input costs and selling and administrative expenses. Operating income for the third quarter of 2007 was negatively impacted by approximately \$40 million of product recall costs.

The following table provides a summary of Mattel's consolidated results for the third quarter of 2008 and 2007 (in millions, except percentage and basis point information):

| | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2008 | | 2007 | | Year/Year Change | |
|---|--|----------------|------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| | Amount | % of Net Sales | Amount | % of Net Sales | % | Basis Points of Net Sales |
| Net sales | \$ 1,946.3 | 100.0% | \$ 1,838.6 | 100.0% | 6% | |
| Gross profit | \$ 900.1 | 46.2% | \$ 864.7 | 47.0% | 4% | (80) |
| Advertising and promotion expenses | 223.8 | 11.5 | 211.4 | 11.5 | 6% | |
| Other selling and administrative expenses | 361.0 | 18.5 | 342.8 | 18.6 | 5% | (10) |
| Operating income | 315.3 | 16.2 | 310.5 | 16.9 | 2% | (70) |
| Interest expense | 20.4 | 1.0 | 16.4 | 0.9 | 25% | 10 |
| Interest (income) | (6.0) | 0.3 | (6.2) | 0.3 | 3% | |
| Other non-operating income, net | (6.2) | | (7.4) | | | |
| Income before income taxes | \$ 307.1 | 15.8% | \$ 307.7 | 16.7% | | (90) |

Sales

Net sales for the third quarter of 2008 were \$1.95 billion, up 6% as compared to \$1.84 billion in 2007, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 2 percentage points. Gross sales within the US increased 4% in the third quarter of 2008, as compared to 2007, and accounted for 50.7% of consolidated gross sales in the third quarter of 2008, as compared to 51.2% of consolidated gross sales in 2007. Gross sales in international markets increased 7% in the third quarter of 2008, as compared to 2007, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 6 percentage points.

Worldwide gross sales of Mattel Girls & Boys Brands increased 6% in the third quarter of 2008 to \$1.21 billion, with favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 4 percentage points. Domestic gross sales of Mattel Girls & Boys Brands increased 5% as compared to the third quarter of 2007 and international gross sales of Mattel Girls & Boys Brands increased 7%, with favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 6 percentage points. Worldwide gross sales of Barbie® decreased 1% as compared to the third quarter of 2007, with a 3 percentage point benefit from currency exchange rates, primarily driven by sales declines in My Scene® and Barbie® Collector products, partially offset by growth in Barbie® Fantasy. Domestic gross sales of Barbie® increased 3% and International gross sales of Barbie® decreased 2%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 6 percentage points during the third quarter of 2008. Worldwide gross sales of Other Girls products increased 26%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 3 percentage points, due

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primarily to sales of High School Musical products and higher sales of Disney Princess® products. Worldwide gross sales of Wheels products increased 7%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 3 percentage points, due primarily to Speed Racer sales and higher sales of Matchbox® and Tyco® R/C products. Worldwide gross sales of Entertainment products increased 3%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 4 percentage points, driven primarily by sales of products tied to the Batman®: *The Dark Knight* movie property, which more than offset the decline in CARS, a licensed brand that continues to have strong consumer demand more than two years after its theatrical release.

Worldwide gross sales of Fisher-Price Brands were \$833.1 million, up 4% in the third quarter of 2008, including a 1 percentage point benefit from currency exchange rates. International gross sales of Fisher-Price Brands increased 6%, including a 3 percentage point benefit from currency exchange rates and domestic gross sales increased by 3%. Worldwide gross sales of Core Fisher-Price® increased 7%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 1 percentage point. International gross sales of Core Fisher-Price® increased 15%, including a 4 percentage point benefit from currency exchange rates and domestic gross sales of Core Fisher-Price® increased 3%. Core Fisher-Price® growth was primarily due to strong demand for new products such as Bounce and Learn Smart Pony and Spike the Ultra Dinosaur. Worldwide gross sales of Fisher-Price® Friends decreased by 3%, with no impact from changes in currency exchange rates, primarily due to sales declines in Dora the Explorer® products, partially offset by growth in sales of Disney products.

American Girl Brands gross sales were \$78.8 million, up 11% in the third quarter of 2008, as compared to \$71.0 million in the third quarter of 2007, primarily as a result of strong sales of products tied to the Kit Kittredge® movie, and contributions from the American Girl Boutique and Bistros in Atlanta, Georgia and Dallas, Texas, which opened during the second half of 2007.

Cost of Sales

Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales was 53.8% in the third quarter of 2008 as compared to 53.0% in the third quarter of 2007. Cost of sales increased by \$72.3 million, or 7%, from \$973.9 million in the third quarter of 2007 to \$1.05 billion in the third quarter of 2008, as compared to a 6% increase in net sales. Cost of sales increased primarily due to higher input costs, partially offset by lower product recall costs as compared to the third quarter of 2007. Within cost of sales, product costs increased by \$53.3 million, or 7%, from \$797.7 million in the third quarter of 2007 to \$851.0 million in the third quarter of 2008. Royalty expense increased \$3.6 million, or 5%, from \$77.6 million in the third quarter of 2007 to \$81.2 million in the third quarter of 2008. Freight and logistics expenses increased by \$15.4 million, or 16%, from \$98.6 million in the third quarter of 2007 to \$114.0 million in the third quarter of 2008.

Gross Profit

Gross profit, as a percentage of net sales, was 46.2% in the third quarter of 2008 as compared to 47.0% in the third quarter of 2007. The decrease in gross profit was primarily driven by higher input costs, partially offset by the benefit of price increases, lower recall costs as compared to the third quarter of 2007, and foreign currency exchange benefits.

Advertising and Promotion Expenses

Advertising and promotion expenses remained flat at 11.5% of net sales in the third quarter of 2008 and 2007.

Other Selling and Administrative Expenses

Other selling and administrative expenses were \$361.0 million, or 18.5% of net sales in the third quarter of 2008 as compared to \$342.8 million, or 18.6% of net sales, in the third quarter of 2007. The increase in absolute dollars of other selling and administrative expenses is primarily due to bad debt expense being approximately

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\$10 million higher, the impact of foreign currency exchange rates, and higher compensation expense related to stock options and restricted stock units (RSUs). Compensation expense related to stock options and RSUs totaled \$11.7 million in the third quarter of 2008, as compared to \$7.0 million in the third quarter of 2007.

Non-Operating Income (Expense)

Interest expense increased from \$16.4 million in the third quarter of 2007 to \$20.4 million in the third quarter of 2008, due to higher average borrowings, partially offset by lower average interest rates. Interest income decreased from \$6.2 million in the third quarter of 2007 to \$6.0 million in the third quarter of 2008, primarily due to lower average interest rates, partially offset by higher average invested cash balances. Other non-operating income was \$6.2 million in the third quarter of 2008, due primarily to foreign currency exchange gains caused by local currency revaluation of US dollar cash balances held by a Latin American subsidiary, partially offset by an investment impairment charge of \$4.0 million. Other non-operating income was \$7.3 million in the third quarter of 2007, primarily due to foreign currency exchange gains caused by local currency revaluation of US dollar cash balances held by a Latin American subsidiary.

Provision for Income Taxes

Mattel s provision for income taxes was \$69.0 million for the third quarter of 2008 as compared to \$70.9 million for the third quarter of 2007. Mattel s provision for income taxes for the third quarter of 2008 is based on a year to date effective tax rate of 22.5%.

Business Segment Results

Mattel s reportable segments are separately managed business units and are divided on a geographic basis between domestic and international. The Domestic segment is further divided into Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US, Fisher-Price Brands US and American Girl Brands.

Domestic Segment

Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US gross sales were \$470.9 million in the third quarter of 2008, up \$22.1 million or 5%, as compared to \$448.8 million in the third quarter of 2007. Within this segment, gross sales of Barbie® products increased 3%, primarily driven by higher sales of Barbie® Fantasy products, partially offset by sales declines in Barbie® Collector products. Gross sales of Other Girls products increased 19%, primarily due to sales of High School Musical products and higher sales of Disney Princess® products. Gross sales of Wheels products increased 15% due to higher sales of Hot Wheels®, Tyco® R/C, Matchbox®, and Speed Racer products. Gross sales of Entertainment products decreased 8%, primarily driven by sales declines in CARS and Radica®, partially offset by increased sales of products tied to the Batman®: *The Dark Knight* movie property. Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US segment income decreased \$10.4 million to \$73.4 million in the third quarter of 2008 from \$83.8 million in the third quarter of 2007, primarily driven by lower gross profit, partially offset by higher sales volume.

Fisher-Price Brands US gross sales increased 3% in the third quarter of 2008 as compared to the third quarter of 2007, primarily due to increased sales of Core Fisher-Price® and Fisher-Price® Friends products. Fisher-Price Brands US segment income decreased \$17.3 million to \$94.9 million in the third quarter of 2008 from \$112.2 million in the third quarter of 2007, primarily driven by lower gross profit, partially offset by higher sales volume.

American Girl Brands gross sales increased 11% in the third quarter of 2008, as compared to the third quarter of 2007, primarily as a result of strong sales of products tied to the Kit Kittredge® movie, and contributions from the American Girl Boutique and Bistros in Atlanta, Georgia and Dallas, Texas, which opened during the second half of 2007. American Girl Brands had a segment loss of \$0.02 million in the third quarter of 2008, compared to segment income of \$3.3 million in the third quarter of 2007, primarily due to higher other selling and administrative expenses related to retail pre-opening costs, partially offset by higher sales volume.

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The following table provides a summary of percentage changes in gross sales within the International segment for the third quarter of 2008 versus 2007:

| Non-US Regions: | % Change in Gross Sales | Impact of Change in Currency (in % pts) |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Total International | 7 | 6 |
| Europe | 2 | 5 |
| Latin America | 18 | 9 |
| Asia Pacific | (2) | 1 |
| Other | 2 | |

International gross sales increased by 7% in the third quarter of 2008 as compared to the third quarter of 2007, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 6 percentage points. Gross sales of Barbie® decreased 2% in the third quarter of 2008, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 6 percentage points, primarily due to sales declines in My Scene® and Barbie® Collector products. Gross sales of Other Girls products increased 31% in the third quarter of 2008, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 6 percentage points, primarily due to sales of High School Musical, Little Mommy®, and Hannah Montana® products. Gross sales of Wheels products increased 2%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 7 percentage points, primarily due to Speed Racer sales. Gross sales of Entertainment products increased 12%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 7 percentage points, driven primarily by sales of products tied to the Batman®: *The Dark Knight* movie property. Gross sales of Fisher-Price Brands increased 6%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 3 percentage points, primarily driven by strong sales in Core Fisher-Price®, partially offset by sales declines of Fisher-Price® Friends products. International segment income was \$167.7 million in the third quarter of 2008, up \$2.7 million from \$165.0 million in the third quarter of 2007, primarily due to higher sales volume, partially offset by higher other selling and administrative expenses and lower gross profit.

Results of Operations First Nine Months*Consolidated Results*

Net sales for the first nine months of 2008 were \$3.98 billion, up 5% as compared to \$3.78 billion in 2007, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 4 percentage points. Net income for the first nine months of 2008 was \$203.2 million, or \$0.56 per diluted share, as compared to net income of \$271.5 million, or \$0.68 per diluted share, for the first nine months of 2007. Net income for the first nine months of 2008 was negatively impacted by higher input costs and higher litigation expenses. Operating income for the first nine months of 2007 was negatively impacted by approximately \$69 million of product recall costs.

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The following table provides a summary of Mattel's consolidated results for the first nine months of 2008 and 2007 (in millions, except percentage and basis point information):

| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 | | 2007 | | Year/Year Change | |
|---|---|----------------|------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| | Amount | % of Net Sales | Amount | % of Net Sales | % | Basis Points of Net Sales |
| Net sales | \$ 3,978.0 | 100.0% | \$ 3,781.5 | 100.0% | 5% | |
| Gross profit | \$ 1,792.2 | 45.1% | \$ 1,726.6 | 45.7% | 4% | (60) |
| Advertising and promotion expenses | 443.6 | 11.2 | 423.9 | 11.2 | 5% | |
| Other selling and administrative expenses | 1,039.2 | 26.1 | 934.7 | 24.7 | 11% | 140 |
| Operating income | 309.4 | 7.8 | 368.0 | 9.7 | 16% | (190) |
| Interest expense | 53.0 | 1.3 | 45.0 | 1.2 | 18% | 10 |
| Interest (income) | (21.8) | 0.5 | (28.6) | 0.8 | 24% | 30 |
| Other non-operating expense (income), net | 16.0 | | (8.2) | | | |
| Income before income taxes | \$ 262.2 | 6.6% | \$ 359.8 | 9.5% | | (290) |

Sales

Net sales for the first nine months of 2008 were \$3.98 billion, up 5% as compared to \$3.78 billion in 2007, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 4 percentage points. Gross sales within the US were flat in the first nine months of 2008, as compared to 2007, and accounted for 48.8% of consolidated gross sales in the first nine months of 2008, as compared to 51.0% of consolidated gross sales in 2007. Gross sales in international markets increased 9% in the first nine months of 2008, as compared to 2007, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 8 percentage points.

Worldwide gross sales of Mattel Girls & Boys Brands increased 8% in the first nine months of 2008 to \$2.53 billion, with favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 6 percentage points. Domestic gross sales of Mattel Girls & Boys Brands increased 4% as compared to the first nine months of 2007 and international gross sales increased 10%, with favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 9 percentage points. Worldwide gross sales of Barbie® decreased 2% as compared to the first nine months of 2007, with a 5 percentage point benefit from currency exchange rates. During the first nine months of 2008, domestic gross sales of Barbie® decreased 7%, and international gross sales increased 1%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 8 percentage points. Worldwide gross sales of Other Girls products increased 24%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 6 percentage points, due primarily to sales of High School Musical products and higher sales of Disney Princess® products. Worldwide gross sales of Wheels products increased 16%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 6 percentage points, due primarily to Speed Racer sales and higher sales of Tyco® R/C, Hot Wheels®, and Matchbox® products. Worldwide gross sales of Entertainment products increased 4%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 5 percentage points, primarily driven by sales of products tied to this Summer's key movie properties: Batman®: *The Dark Knight*, *Speed Racer*, and *Kung Fu Panda*, partially offset by sales decline in CARS.

Worldwide gross sales of Fisher-Price Brands were \$1.60 billion in the first nine months of 2008, flat with the first nine months of 2007, including a 3 percentage point benefit from currency exchange rates. Worldwide gross sales of Core Fisher-Price® increased 6%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 3 percentage points. Worldwide gross sales of Fisher-Price® Friends decreased by 18%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 1 percentage point, primarily driven by sales declines in Dora the Explorer® and Sesame Street® products as compared to strong levels in the prior year.

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American Girl Brands gross sales were \$209.0 million, up 10% in the first nine months of 2008, as compared to \$189.7 million in the first nine months of 2007, primarily as a result of strong sales of products tied to the Kit Kittredge® movie, and contributions from the American Girl Boutique and Bistros in Atlanta, Georgia and Dallas, Texas, which opened during the second half of 2007.

Cost of Sales

Cost of sales in the first nine months of 2008 were \$2.19 billion, up \$130.9 million, or 6%, from \$2.05 billion in 2007, as compared to a 5% increase in net sales. On an overall basis, cost of sales increased primarily due to higher input costs, partially offset by lower product recall costs during the first nine months of 2008. Within cost of sales, product costs increased by \$91.7 million, or 6%, from \$1.66 billion in the first nine months of 2007 to \$1.75 billion in the first nine months of 2008. Royalty expense increased \$8.1 million, or 5%, from \$157.4 million in the first nine months of 2007 to \$165.5 million in first nine months of 2008. Freight and logistics expenses increased by \$31.1 million, or 13%, from \$235.1 million in the first nine months of 2007 to \$266.2 million in the first nine months of 2008.

Gross Profit

Gross profit, as a percentage of net sales, was 45.1% in the first nine months of 2008 as compared to 45.7% in the first nine months of 2007. The decrease in gross profit was primarily driven by higher input costs, partially offset by lower recall costs as compared to the first nine months of 2007, the benefit of price increases, and foreign currency exchange benefits.

Advertising and Promotion Expenses

Advertising and promotion expenses remained flat at 11.2% of net sales for the first nine months of 2008 and 2007.

Other Selling and Administrative Expenses

Other selling and administrative expenses were \$1.0 billion, or 26.1% of net sales, in the first nine months of 2008 as compared to \$934.7 million, or 24.7% of net sales, in the first nine months of 2007. The increase in other selling and administrative expenses is primarily due to incremental MGA and product recall-related litigation fees of approximately \$44 million, the impact of foreign currency exchange rates, higher bad debt expense, and higher compensation expense related to stock options and RSUs. Compensation expense related to stock options and RSUs totaled \$25.1 million in the first nine months of 2008 as compared to \$13.9 million in the first nine months of 2007.

Non-Operating Income (Expense)

Interest expense increased from \$45.0 million in the first nine months of 2007 to \$53.0 million in the first nine months of 2008, due to higher average borrowings, partially offset by lower average interest rates. Interest income decreased from \$28.6 million in the first nine months of 2007 to \$21.8 million in the first nine months of 2008, due to lower average interest rates, partially offset by higher average invested cash balances. Other non-operating expense was \$16.0 million in the first nine months of 2008, primarily due to foreign currency exchange losses caused by local currency revaluation of US dollar cash balances held by a Latin American subsidiary and an investment impairment charge of \$4.0 million. Other non-operating income was \$8.1 million in the first nine months of 2007 primarily due to foreign currency exchange gains caused by local currency revaluation of US dollar cash balances held by a Latin American subsidiary.

Table of Contents*Provision for Income Taxes*

Mattel's provision for income taxes was \$59.0 million for the first nine months of 2008, as compared to \$88.3 million for the first nine months of 2007. Mattel's effective income tax rate for the first nine months of 2008 was 22.5%. During the first nine months of 2007, Mattel recognized tax expense of \$5.3 million related to a change in a New York state tax law.

Business Segment Results

Mattel's reportable segments are separately managed business units and are divided on a geographic basis between domestic and international. The Domestic segment is further divided into Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US, Fisher-Price Brands US and American Girl Brands.

Domestic Segment

Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US gross sales were \$957.4 million in the first nine months of 2008, up \$36.4 million or 4%, as compared to \$921.0 million in the first nine months of 2007. Within this segment, gross sales of Barbie® products decreased 7%, primarily driven by sales declines of Barbie® Collector and My Scene® products, partially offset by higher sales of Barbie® Fantasy products. Gross sales of Other Girls products increased 19%, primarily due to higher sales of High School Musical products. Gross sales of Wheels products increased 20%, primarily due to Speed Racer sales. Gross sales of Entertainment products decreased 4% for the first nine months of 2008, primarily due to sales declines in CARS and Radica®, partially offset by sales of products tied to this Summer's key movie properties: Batman®: *The Dark Knight*, *Speed Racer*, and *Kung Fu Panda*. Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US segment income decreased \$24.3 million, from \$112.2 million in the first nine months of 2007 to \$87.9 million in the first nine months of 2008, primarily driven by lower gross profit, partially offset by higher sales volume.

Fisher-Price Brands US gross sales decreased 5% in the first nine months of 2008 as compared to the first nine months of 2007, reflecting sales declines of Fisher-Price® Friends and Core Fisher-Price® products, primarily driven by sales declines in Dora the Explorer® and Sesame Street® as compared to strong levels in the prior year. Fisher-Price Brands US segment income decreased \$35.6 million to \$106.7 million in the first nine months of 2008 from \$142.3 million in the first nine months of 2007, primarily due to lower gross profit and lower sales volume.

American Girl Brands gross sales increased 10% in the first nine months of 2008 as compared to the first nine months of 2007, primarily as a result of strong sales of products tied to the Kit Kittredge® movie, and contributions from the American Girl Boutique and Bistros in Atlanta, Georgia and Dallas, Texas, which opened during the second half of 2007. American Girl Brands segment loss was \$7.4 million in the first nine months of 2008 compared to income of \$0.6 million in the first nine months of 2007, primarily due to higher other selling and administrative expenses related to retail pre-opening costs, partially offset by higher sales volume.

International Segment

The following table provides a summary of percentage changes in gross sales within the International segment for the first nine months of 2008 versus 2007:

| | % Change in Gross Sales | Impact of Change in Currency (in % pts) |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Non-US Regions: | | |
| Total International | 9 | 8 |
| Europe | 4 | 8 |
| Latin America | 19 | 10 |
| Asia Pacific | 11 | 5 |
| Other | 5 | 4 |

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International gross sales increased by 9% in the first nine months of 2008 as compared to the first nine months of 2007, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 8 percentage points. Gross sales of Barbie® increased 1% in the first nine months of 2008, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 8 percentage points, primarily due to higher sales of Barbie® Reality and Barbie® Fantasy products, partially offset by sales declines in My Scene® and Barbie® Collector products. Gross sales of Other Girls products increased 27% in the first nine months of 2008, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 10 percentage points, primarily due to sales of High School Musical products. Gross sales of Wheels products increased 12%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 9 percentage points, primarily due to Speed Racer sales. Gross sales of Entertainment products increased 11%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 9 percentage points, primarily driven by sales of products tied to this Summer's key movie properties: Batman®, *The Dark Knight*, *Speed Racer*, and *Kung Fu Panda*. Gross sales of Fisher-Price Brands increased 8%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 6 percentage points, driven by strong sales of Core Fisher-Price® products, partially offset by sales declines of Fisher-Price® Friends products. International segment income increased by \$8.9 million to \$249.6 million in the first nine months of 2008, from \$240.7 million in the first nine months of 2007, primarily due to increased sales volume, partially offset by higher other selling and administrative expenses and lower gross profit.

Income Taxes

Mattel's provision for income taxes was \$59.0 million for the first nine months of 2008 as compared to \$88.3 million for the first nine months of 2007. Mattel's effective income tax rate for the first nine months of 2008 was 22.5%. During the first nine months of 2007, Mattel recognized tax expense of \$5.3 million related to a change in a New York state tax law.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Mattel's primary sources of liquidity are its cash and equivalents balances and its access to short-term borrowing facilities. Cash flows from operating activities could be negatively impacted by decreased demand for Mattel's products, which could result from factors such as adverse economic conditions and changes in public and consumer preferences, or by increased costs associated with manufacturing and distribution of products or shortages in raw materials or component parts. Additionally, Mattel's ability to issue long-term debt and obtain seasonal financing could be adversely affected by factors such as an inability to meet its debt covenant requirements, which include maintaining consolidated debt-to-capital and interest coverage ratios, or a deterioration of Mattel's credit ratings. Mattel's ability to conduct its operations could be negatively impacted should these or other adverse conditions affect its primary sources of liquidity.

Current Market Conditions

Mattel is exposed to financial market risk resulting from changes in interest and foreign currency rates, and recent developments in the financial markets have increased Mattel's exposure to the possible liquidity and credit risks of its counterparties. Mattel believes that it has ample liquidity to fund its business needs, including beginning of the year cash and equivalents, cash flows from operations, and access to its \$1.3 billion domestic unsecured committed revolving credit facility, which it uses for seasonal working capital requirements. As of September 30, 2008, Mattel had available incremental borrowing resources totaling approximately \$672 million under this unsecured committed revolving credit facility, and Mattel has not experienced any limitations on its ability to access this source of liquidity. Mattel's domestic credit facility expires on March 23, 2010, and market conditions could affect certain terms of the replacement facility along with terms of other debt instruments that Mattel enters into from time to time.

Mattel monitors the third-party depository institutions that hold the company's cash and equivalents. Mattel's emphasis is primarily on safety of principal and secondarily on maximizing the yield on those funds. Mattel diversifies its cash and equivalents among counterparties to minimize exposure to any one of these

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entities. As of September 30, 2008, Mattel had a money market investment with an original cost basis of \$85.3 million, which was reclassified from cash and equivalents to noncurrent assets as a result of the money market investment fund halting redemption requests in September 2008. Additionally, during the three months ended September 30, 2008, Mattel recorded a \$4.0 million non-operating loss to recognize the estimated impairment of underlying securities associated with this investment. Mattel expects to receive the proceeds of this investment, net of the impairment charge, by the end of 2009, when the underlying securities will have matured. As of September 30, 2008, September 30, 2007, and December 31, 2007, Mattel also had additional long-term investments of \$35.0 million.

Mattel is subject to credit risks relating to the ability of counterparties of hedging transactions to meet their contractual payment obligations. The risks related to creditworthiness and nonperformance have been considered in the fair value measurements of Mattel's foreign currency forward exchange contracts and interest rate swaps. Mattel continues to closely monitor its counterparties and will take action, as appropriate, to further manage its counterparty credit risk.

Mattel expects that some of its customers and vendors may experience difficulty in obtaining the liquidity required to buy inventory or raw materials. Mattel monitors its customers' financial condition and their liquidity in order to mitigate Mattel's accounts receivable collectibility risks. During the three months ended September 30, 2008, bad debt expense increased approximately \$10 million as compared to the corresponding period in the prior year as a result of certain customers facing financial difficulties.

Mattel sponsors defined benefit pension plans and post benefit retirement benefit plans for employees of the company. For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, actual returns for Mattel's defined benefit pension plans were below the expected rate of return due to adverse conditions in the equity and debt markets. Continued actual returns below the expected rate of return would impact the amount and timing of Mattel's future contributions to these plans.

Capital and Investment Framework

To guide future capital deployment decisions, with a goal of maximizing shareholder value, Mattel's Board of Directors in 2003 established the following capital and investment framework:

To maintain approximately \$800 million to \$1 billion in year-end cash available to fund a substantial portion of seasonal working capital;

To maintain a year-end debt-to-capital ratio of about 25%;

To invest approximately \$180 million to \$200 million in capital expenditures annually to maintain and grow the business;

To make strategic acquisitions consistent with Mattel's vision of providing the world's premier toy brands today and tomorrow; and

To return excess funds to shareholders through dividends and share repurchases.

Over the long-term, assuming cash flows from operating activities remain strong, Mattel plans to use its free cash flows to invest in strategic acquisitions and to return funds to shareholders through cash dividends and share repurchases. Mattel's share repurchase program has no expiration date and repurchases will take place from time to time, depending on market conditions. The ability to implement successfully the capital deployment plan is directly dependent on Mattel's ability to generate strong cash flows from operating activities. There is no assurance that Mattel will continue to generate strong cash flows from operating activities or achieve its targeted goals from investing activities.

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Cash flows used for operating activities were \$666.6 million in the first nine months of 2008, as compared to \$611.0 million used in the first nine months of 2007. The increase in cash flows used for operating activities was primarily due to changes in working capital requirements in 2008 and lower profitability.

Investing Activities

Cash flows used for investing activities in the first nine months of 2008 were \$224.0 million, as compared to \$237.3 million used in the first nine months of 2007. The decrease in cash flows used for investing activities was primarily due to the acquisition of Origin Products Limited in the first nine months of 2007 and proceeds from settled foreign exchange hedges during the first nine months of 2008, partially offset by an increase in long-term investments (included within other noncurrent assets), the acquisition of the intellectual property related to Whac-a-Mole®, and higher purchases of other property, plant, and equipment, and tools, dies, and molds in the first nine months of 2008.

Financing Activities

Cash flows provided by financing activities in the first nine months of 2008 were \$442.0 million, as compared to cash flows used for financing activities of \$87.9 million in the first nine months of 2007. The increase in cash flows provided by financing activities was primarily due to higher net proceeds from borrowings and lower share repurchases during the first nine months of 2008, partially offset by lower proceeds from the exercise of stock options.

Seasonal Financing

Mattel maintains and periodically amends or replaces a \$1.3 billion domestic unsecured committed revolving credit facility with a commercial bank group that is used as the primary source of financing for the seasonal working capital requirements of its domestic subsidiaries. As of September 30, 2008, Mattel had available incremental borrowing resources totaling approximately \$672 million under its domestic unsecured committed revolving credit facility. The agreement expires on March 23, 2010 and interest is charged at various rates selected by Mattel, ranging from market commercial paper rates to the bank reference rate. The credit facility contains a variety of covenants, including financial covenants that require Mattel to maintain certain consolidated debt-to-capital and interest coverage ratios. Specifically, Mattel is required to meet these financial covenant ratios at the end of each fiscal quarter and fiscal year, using the formulae specified in the credit agreement to calculate the ratios. Mattel was in compliance with such covenants at the end of the third quarter of 2008. As of September 30, 2008, Mattel's consolidated debt-to-capital ratio, as calculated per the terms of the credit agreement, was 0.39 to 1 (compared to a maximum allowed of 0.60 to 1) and Mattel's interest coverage ratio was 10.84 to 1 (compared to a minimum required of 3.50 to 1).

The domestic unsecured committed revolving credit facility is a material agreement and failure to comply with the financial covenant ratios may result in an event of default under the terms of the facility. If Mattel defaulted under the terms of the domestic unsecured committed revolving credit facility, its ability to meet its seasonal financing requirements could be adversely affected.

On December 9, 2005, Mattel, Mattel Asia Pacific Sourcing Limited (MAPS), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mattel, Bank of America, N.A., as a lender and administrative agent, and other financial institutions executed a credit agreement (the MAPS facility) which provided for (i) a term loan facility of \$225.0 million consisting of a term loan advanced to MAPS in the original principal amount of \$225.0 million, with \$50.0 million of such amount to be repaid on each of December 15, 2006 and December 15, 2007, and the remaining aggregate principal amount of \$125.0 million to be repaid on December 9, 2008, and (ii) a revolving loan facility consisting of revolving loans advanced to MAPS in the maximum aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding of

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\$100.0 million, with a maturity date of December 9, 2008. Interest was charged at various rates selected by Mattel based on Eurodollar rates or bank reference rates. On December 15, 2006, in addition to the required payment of \$50.0 million, MAPS prepaid an incremental \$125.0 million of the MAPS term loan facility. The remaining \$50.0 million principal amount, consisting of \$14.3 million due on December 15, 2007 and \$35.7 million due on December 9, 2008, was prepaid on January 16, 2007. As a result of such prepayments, the MAPS term loan facility terminated in accordance with its terms, but the MAPS revolving loan facility remained in effect. On March 26, 2007, Mattel terminated the MAPS revolving loan facility. Mattel did not incur any early termination penalties in connection with the termination of the MAPS revolving loan facility.

To finance seasonal working capital requirements of certain foreign subsidiaries, Mattel avails itself of individual short-term credit lines with a number of banks. Mattel expects to extend the majority of these credit lines throughout 2008.

In June 2006, Mattel issued \$100.0 million of unsecured floating rate senior notes (Floating Rate Senior Notes) due June 15, 2009 and \$200.0 million of unsecured 6.125% senior notes (6.125% Senior Notes) due June 15, 2011 (collectively 2006 Senior Notes). Interest on the Floating Rate Senior Notes is based on the three-month US Dollar London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus 40 basis points with interest payable quarterly beginning September 15, 2006. Interest on the 6.125% Senior Notes is payable semi-annually beginning December 15, 2006. The 6.125% Senior Notes may be redeemed at any time at the option of Mattel at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) the principal amount of the notes being redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date, or (ii) a make whole amount based on the yield of a comparable US Treasury security plus 20 basis points.

In June 2006, Mattel entered into two interest rate swap agreements on the \$100.0 million Floating Rate Senior Notes, each in a notional amount of \$50.0 million, for the purpose of hedging the variability of cash flows in the interest payments due to fluctuations of the LIBOR benchmark interest rate. These cash flow hedges are accounted for under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, whereby the hedges are reported in Mattel's consolidated balance sheets at fair value, with changes in the fair value of the hedges reflected in accumulated other comprehensive loss. Under the terms of the agreements, Mattel receives quarterly interest payments from the swap counterparties based on the three-month LIBOR plus 40 basis points and makes semi-annual interest payments to the swap counterparties based on a fixed rate of 5.871%. The three-month LIBOR used to determine interest payments under the interest rate swap agreements resets every three months, matching the variable interest on the Floating Rate Senior Notes. The agreements expire in June 2009, which corresponds with the maturity of the Floating Rate Senior Notes.

In March 2008, Mattel issued \$350.0 million of unsecured 5.625% Senior Notes (2008 Senior Notes) due March 15, 2013. Interest on the 2008 Senior Notes is payable semi-annually on March 15 and September 15 of each year, beginning September 15, 2008. Mattel may redeem all or part of the 2008 Senior Notes at any time or from time to time at its option at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the notes being redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, or (ii) a make-whole amount based on the yield of a comparable US Treasury security plus 50 basis points.

In September 2007, a major credit rating agency reaffirmed Mattel's long-term credit rating at BBB-, but changed the outlook from positive to stable. In August 2007, another major credit rating agency maintained its long-term credit rating at BBB, but changed its outlook to positive. In May 2007, an additional credit rating agency maintained its long-term rating for Mattel at Baa2, but changed its long-term outlook from negative to stable. Management does not expect these actions to have a significant impact on Mattel's ability to obtain financing or to have a significant negative impact on Mattel's liquidity or results of operations.

Mattel believes its cash on hand, amounts available under its domestic unsecured committed revolving credit facility, and its foreign credit lines will be adequate to meet its seasonal financing requirements in 2008.

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Mattel has a \$300.0 million domestic receivables sales facility that is a sub-facility of Mattel's domestic unsecured committed revolving credit facility. The outstanding amount of receivables sold under the domestic receivables facility may not exceed \$300.0 million at any given time, and the amount available to be borrowed under the credit facility is reduced to the extent of any such outstanding receivables sold. Under the domestic receivables facility, certain trade receivables are sold to a group of banks, which currently include, among others, Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, Citicorp USA, Inc. and Barclays Bank PLC, as co-syndication agents, and Societe Generale and BNP Paribas, as co-documentation agents. Pursuant to the domestic receivables facility, Mattel Sales Corp. and Fisher-Price, Inc. (which are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Mattel) can sell eligible trade receivables from Wal-Mart and Target to Mattel Factoring, Inc. (Mattel Factoring), a Delaware corporation and wholly-owned, consolidated subsidiary of Mattel. Mattel Factoring is a special purpose entity whose activities are limited to purchasing and selling receivables under this facility. Pursuant to the terms of the domestic receivables facility and simultaneous with each receivables purchase, Mattel Factoring sells those receivables to the bank group. Mattel records the transaction, reflecting cash proceeds and sale of accounts receivable in its consolidated balance sheet, at the time of the sale of the receivables to the bank group.

Until the Master Agreement was terminated on February 9, 2007, Mattel International Holdings B.V., a company incorporated in the Netherlands (the Depositor), Mattel France, a company incorporated in France (Mattel France), and Mattel GmbH, a company incorporated in Germany (Mattel Germany), each of which is a subsidiary of Mattel, and Societe Generale Bank Nederland N.V. (SGBN), were parties to a Master Agreement for the Transfer of Receivables that established a Euro 150 million European trade receivables facility (the European trade receivables facility), pursuant to which Mattel France and Mattel Germany sold trade receivables to SGBN. The European trade receivables facility was subject to conditions to funding, representations and warranties, undertakings and early termination events that were customary for transactions of this nature. Sales of receivables pursuant to the European trade receivables facility occurred monthly, with the last such sale occurring on January 10, 2007.

The outstanding amounts of accounts receivable that have been sold under these facilities and other factoring arrangements, net of collections from customers, have been excluded from Mattel's consolidated balance sheets and are summarized as follows:

| | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 | December 31, 2007 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | (In millions) | | |
| Receivables sold pursuant to the: | | | |
| Domestic receivables facility | \$ 82.5 | \$ 131.5 | \$ 251.7 |
| Other factoring arrangements | | | 74.7 |
| | \$ 82.5 | \$ 131.5 | \$ 326.4 |

Financial Position

Mattel's cash and equivalents at September 30, 2008 decreased \$454.3 million to \$446.8 million, as compared to year-end 2007, primarily due to the seasonal increases in accounts receivable and inventory, \$138.5 million of purchases of tools, dies, and molds, and other property, plant, and equipment, partially offset by \$350.0 million of proceeds from the issuance of the 2008 Senior Notes in March 2008, net income, the excess of proceeds of \$633.4 million from the issuance of short-term borrowings over repayment of \$451.3 million of short-term borrowings, and the timing of accrued liabilities and accounts payable payments.

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities increased by \$73.2 million from year-end 2007 to \$1.2 billion at September 30, 2008, mainly due to the timing of payments of accounts payable.

The current portion of long-term debt increased \$110.0 million to \$150.0 million at September 30, 2008, as compared to \$40.0 million at September 30, 2007, primarily due to the reclassification of \$100.0 million of 2006 Senior Notes and \$50.0 million of Medium-term notes to current at September 30, 2008, partially offset by Medium-term notes repayments of \$40.0 million.

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A summary of Mattel's capitalization is as follows:

| | September 30, 2008 | | September 30, 2007 | | December 31, 2007 | |
|---------------------------------|--|------|--------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| | (In millions, except percentage information) | | | | | |
| Medium-term notes | \$ 210.0 | 6% | \$ 260.0 | 8% | \$ 250.0 | 8% |
| 2006 Senior Notes | 200.0 | 5 | 300.0 | 9 | 300.0 | 9 |
| 2008 Senior Notes | 350.0 | 10 | | | | |
| Total noncurrent long-term debt | 760.0 | 21 | 560.0 | 17 | 550.0 | 17 |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | 391.5 | 11 | 454.8 | 13 | 378.3 | 12 |
| Stockholders' equity | 2,421.2 | 68 | 2,363.0 | 70 | 2,306.7 | 71 |
| | \$ 3,572.7 | 100% | \$ 3,377.8 | 100% | \$ 3,235.0 | 100% |

Total noncurrent long-term debt increased by \$200.0 million at September 30, 2008, as compared to September 30, 2007, due primarily to the \$350.0 million issuance of 2008 Senior Notes in the first nine months of 2008 (all of which is classified as noncurrent at September 30, 2008), partially offset by the reclassification of \$100.0 million of the 2006 Senior Notes and \$50.0 million of Medium-term notes to current. Mattel expects to satisfy its future long-term capital needs through the generation of corporate earnings and issuance of long-term debt instruments, as needed. Stockholders' equity of \$2.42 billion increased \$58.2 million from September 30, 2007, primarily as a result of net income from operations and proceeds from the exercise of stock options, partially offset by the payment of the annual dividend in the fourth quarter of 2007 and share repurchases.

Mattel's debt-to-capital ratio, including short-term borrowings and current portion of long-term debt, increased from 29.0% at September 30, 2007 to 37.3% at September 30, 2008 due to the aforementioned increase in debt. Mattel's objective is to continue to maintain a year-end debt-to-capital ratio of approximately 25%.

Litigation

See Part II, Item 1 - Legal Proceedings.

Application of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Mattel's critical accounting policies and estimates are included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 and have not changed during the first nine months of 2008.

New Accounting Pronouncements

See Item 1 - Financial Statements - Note 22 to the Consolidated Financial Statements - New Accounting Pronouncements.

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In this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, Mattel includes a non-GAAP financial measure, gross sales, which it uses to analyze its continuing operations and to monitor, assess and identify meaningful trends in its operating and financial performance. Net sales, as reported in the consolidated statements of operations, include the impact of sales adjustments, such as trade discounts and other allowances. Gross sales represent sales to customers, excluding the impact of sales adjustments, the 2007 Product Recalls, and the 2008 Product Withdrawal. Consistent with its segment reporting, Mattel presents changes in gross sales as a metric for comparing its aggregate, business unit, brand and geographic results to highlight significant trends in Mattel's business. Changes in gross sales are discussed because, while Mattel records the detail of such sales adjustments in its financial accounting systems at the time of sale, such sales adjustments are generally not associated with individual products, making net sales less meaningful. A reconciliation of gross sales to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, net sales, is as follows:

| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 | September 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 |
| | (In thousands) | | | |
| Worldwide Revenues | | | | |
| Mattel Girls & Boys Brands | \$ 1,211,648 | \$ 1,143,129 | \$ 2,526,155 | \$ 2,348,538 |
| Fisher-Price Brands | 833,067 | 799,788 | 1,602,389 | 1,601,421 |
| American Girl Brands | 78,840 | 71,031 | 209,011 | 189,717 |
| Other | 4,832 | 4,834 | 11,939 | 12,635 |
| Gross sales | 2,128,387 | 2,018,782 | 4,349,494 | 4,152,311 |
| Sales adjustments | (182,072) | (180,208) | (371,449) | (370,847) |
| Net sales | \$ 1,946,315 | \$ 1,838,574 | \$ 3,978,045 | \$ 3,781,464 |

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.*Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk*

Currency exchange rate fluctuations may impact Mattel's results of operations and cash flows. Inventory purchase transactions denominated in the Euro, British pound sterling, Mexican peso, and Venezuelan bolivar fuerte are the primary transactions that cause foreign currency transaction exposure for Mattel. Mattel seeks to mitigate its exposure to market risk by monitoring its currency transaction exposure for the year and partially hedging such exposure using foreign currency forward exchange contracts primarily to hedge its purchases and sales of inventory, and other intercompany transactions denominated in foreign currencies. These contracts generally have maturity dates of up to 18 months. For those intercompany receivables and payables that are not hedged, along with US dollar cash balances held by certain international subsidiaries, the transaction gains or losses are recorded in the consolidated statement of operations in the period in which the exchange rate changes as part of operating income or other non-operating (income) expense, net based on the nature of the underlying transaction. Transaction gains or losses on intercompany inventory transactions are recorded in the consolidated statement of operations in the period in which the inventory is sold to customers. In addition, Mattel manages its exposure to currency exchange rate fluctuations through the selection of currencies used for international borrowings. Mattel does not trade in financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Mattel's financial position is also impacted by currency exchange rate fluctuations on translation of its net investment in subsidiaries with non-US dollar functional currencies. Assets and liabilities of subsidiaries with non-US dollar functional currencies are translated into US dollars at fiscal period-end exchange rates. Income, expense, and cash flow items are translated at weighted average exchange rates prevailing during the fiscal year. The resulting currency translation adjustments are recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss within stockholders' equity. Mattel's primary currency translation exposures for the third quarter of 2008 were related to its net investment in entities having functional currencies denominated in the Euro, British pound sterling, Mexican peso, and Brazilian real.

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Interest Rate Risk

In June 2006, Mattel issued \$100.0 million of Floating Rate Senior Notes due June 15, 2009 and \$200.0 million of 6.125% Senior Notes due June 15, 2011 (collectively 2006 Senior Notes). Interest on the Floating Rate Senior Notes is based on the three-month US Dollar LIBOR plus 40 basis points with interest payable quarterly beginning September 15, 2006. Interest on the 6.125% Senior Notes is payable semi-annually beginning December 15, 2006. The 6.125% Senior Notes may be redeemed at any time at the option of Mattel at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) the principal amount of the notes being redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date, or (ii) a make whole amount based on the yield of a comparable US Treasury security plus 20 basis points.

In June 2006, Mattel entered into two interest rate swap agreements on the \$100.0 million Floating Rate Senior Notes, each in a notional amount of \$50.0 million, for the purpose of hedging the variability of cash flows in the interest payments due to fluctuations of the LIBOR benchmark interest rate. These cash flow hedges are accounted for under SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, whereby the hedges are reported in Mattel s consolidated balance sheets at fair value, with changes in the fair value of the hedges reflected in accumulated other comprehensive loss. Under the terms of the agreements, Mattel receives quarterly interest payments from the swap counterparties based on the three-month LIBOR plus 40 basis points and makes semi-annual interest payments to the swap counterparties based on a fixed rate of 5.871%. The three-month LIBOR used to determine interest payments under the interest rate swap agreements resets every three months, matching the variable interest on the Floating Rate Senior Notes. The agreements expire in June 2009, which corresponds with the maturity of the Floating Rate Senior Notes.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of September 30, 2008, Mattel s disclosure controls and procedures were evaluated to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by Mattel in the reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is accumulated and communicated to management, as appropriate, in a timely manner that would alert them to material information relating to Mattel that would be required to be included in Mattel s periodic reports and to provide reasonable assurance that such information was recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms. Based on this evaluation, Robert A. Eckert, Mattel s principal executive officer, and Kevin M. Farr, Mattel s principal financial officer, concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2008.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Mattel made no changes to its internal control over financial reporting or in other factors that materially affected, or were reasonably likely to have materially affected, its internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended September 30, 2008.

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PART II OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

The content of Note 20 (Contingencies) to the Consolidated Financial Statements of Mattel in Part I, Item 1, of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety in this Item 1. Set forth below are descriptions of proceedings for which information was furnished previously by Mattel in prior Annual Reports on Form 10-K or Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. Such descriptions have been updated to reflect any significant developments.

Derivative Litigation

Two consolidated stockholder derivative actions are pending, one in Los Angeles County Superior Court in California, captioned *In re Mattel, Inc. Derivative Litigation*, consolidating three derivative actions filed in September 2007 (the Superior Court Action), and one in US District Court, Central District of California, captioned *In re Mattel, Inc. Derivative Litigation*, consolidating three derivative actions filed in October 2007 (the Federal Action), each asserting claims ostensibly on behalf and for the benefit of Mattel. Another derivative action, filed in the Court of Chancery of Delaware in October 2007, has been voluntarily dismissed. The derivative actions allege that past and present members of Mattel s Board of Directors breached their fiduciary duties in connection with product safety and reporting practices allegedly related to Mattel s product recalls during August and September 2007. In the Superior Court Action, plaintiffs also sue certain executive officers of Mattel, and plaintiffs also allege that certain officers and current and former directors who sold stock during the first half of 2007 breached their fiduciary duties by selling while allegedly in possession of non-public information relating to alleged product defects and seek disgorgement of unspecified amounts of profits from such sales. The derivative plaintiffs have asked for damages in unspecified amounts and equitable relief. In the Federal Action, the Court on May 15, 2008 granted defendants motion to dismiss, and gave plaintiffs 30 days to file an amended complaint. Plaintiffs did not file an amended complaint but instead filed a motion to stay the Federal Action pending further efforts to develop facts. Defendants moved to dismiss the Federal Action based on the failure to amend the complaint, and the Court granted defendants motion and entered judgment on August 1, 2008. Plaintiffs filed a notice of appeal on September 2, 2008, which was dismissed on October 21, 2008 pursuant to a stipulated motion by Plaintiffs to dismiss their appeal. In the Superior Court Action, defendants filed a demurrer to the entire complaint on August 27, 2008, which was argued on October 15, 2008 and is under submission.

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Factors That May Affect Future Results****(Cautionary Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995)**

Certain written and oral statements made or incorporated by reference from time to time by Mattel or its representatives in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, other filings or reports filed with the SEC, press releases, conferences, or otherwise, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and may include, but are not limited to, statements about: sales and inventory levels; brand and customer management programs; increased competition; initiatives to promote revenue growth; globalization initiatives; restructuring and financial realignment plans; special charges and other non-recurring charges; initiatives aimed at anticipated cost savings; new entertainment properties; initiatives to invigorate the Barbie® brand, enhance innovation, improve the execution of the core business, leverage scale, extend brands, catch new trends, create new brands, enter new categories, develop people, improve productivity, simplify processes, and maintain customer service levels; quality control and safety testing; impact of product recalls; reserves for product recalls and other incremental recall-related costs; supply chain operations; import and export licenses; integration of acquired companies and assets; operating efficiencies; capital and investment framework (including statements about free cash flow, seasonal working capital, debt-to-total capital ratios, capital expenditures, strategic acquisitions, dividends and share repurchases); tax provisions; cost pressures and increases; advertising and promotion spending; profitability; price increases, retail store openings; and the impact of recent organizational changes. Mattel is including this Cautionary Statement to make applicable and take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 for any such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include any statement that may predict, forecast, indicate, or imply future results, performance, or achievements. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of terminology such as believe, anticipate, expect, estimate, may, will, should, project, continue, plans, aims, intends, likely, or other similar words or phrases. Except for historical matters discussed in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and other statements or filings made by Mattel from time-to-time may be forward-looking statements. Management cautions you that forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. In addition to the important factors detailed herein and from time-to-time in other reports filed by Mattel with the SEC, including Forms 8-K, 10-Q, and 10-K, the following important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from past results or those suggested by any forward-looking statements.

If Mattel does not successfully satisfy consumer preferences, enhance existing products, develop and introduce new products and achieve consumer acceptance of those products, Mattel's results of operations may be adversely affected.

Mattel's business and operating results depend largely upon the appeal of its toy products. Consumer preferences, particularly among end users of Mattel's products children are continuously changing. Significant, sudden shifts in demand are caused by hit toys and trends, which are often unpredictable. Mattel offers a diverse range of products for children of all ages and families that includes, among others, toys for infants and preschoolers, girls' toys, boys' toys, youth electronics, hand-held and other games, puzzles, educational toys, media-driven products, and fashion-related toys. Mattel competes domestically and internationally with a wide range of large and small manufacturers, marketers and sellers of toys, video games, consumer electronics and other play products, as well as retailers, which means that Mattel's market position is always at risk. Mattel's ability to maintain its current product sales, and increase its product sales or establish product sales with new, innovative toys, will depend on Mattel's ability to satisfy play preferences, enhance existing products, develop and introduce new products, and achieve market acceptance of these products. Competition for access to entertainment properties could lessen our ability to secure, maintain, and renew popular licenses to entertainment products or require us to pay licensors higher royalties and higher minimum guaranteed payments in order to obtain or retain these licenses. Competition is intensifying due to recent trends towards shorter life cycles for individual toy products, the phenomenon of children outgrowing toys at younger ages, and an increasing use of more sophisticated technology in toys. If Mattel does not successfully meet the challenges outlined above in a timely and cost-effective manner, demand for its products could decrease, and Mattel's revenues, profitability and results of operations may be adversely affected.

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Mattel's business is susceptible to changes in popular culture, media, fashion, and technology. Misperceptions of trends in popular culture, media and movies, fashion, or technology can negatively affect Mattel's sales.

Successful movies and characters in children's literature affect play preferences, and many toys depend on media-based intellectual property licenses. Media-based licenses can cause a line of toys to gain immediate success among children, parents, or families. Trends in media, movies, and children's characters change swiftly and contribute to the transience and uncertainty of play preferences. In addition, certain developments in the entertainment industry, including labor strikes, could cause delay or interruption in the release of new movies and television programs and could adversely affect the sales of Mattel's toys based on such movies and television programs. Mattel responds to such trends and developments by modifying, refreshing, extending, and expanding its product offerings on an annual basis. If Mattel does not accurately anticipate trends in popular culture, movies, media, fashion, or technology, its products may not be accepted by children, parents, or families and Mattel's revenues, profitability, and results of operations may be adversely affected.

Mattel's business is seasonal and therefore its operating results will depend, in large part, on sales during the relatively brief traditional holiday season. Improved inventory management by retailers resulting in shorter lead times for production and possible shipping disruptions during peak demand times may affect Mattel's ability to deliver its products in time to meet retailer demands.

Mattel's business is subject to risks associated with the underproduction of popular toys and the overproduction of toys that do not match consumer demand. Sales of toy products at retail are seasonal, with a majority of retail sales occurring during the period from September through December. As a result, Mattel's operating results will depend, in large part, on sales during the relatively brief traditional holiday season. Retailers are attempting to manage their inventories more tightly, requiring Mattel to ship products closer to the time the retailers expect to sell the products to consumers. This in turn results in shorter lead times for production. Management believes that the increase in last minute shopping during the holiday season and the popularity of gift cards (which often shift purchases to after the holiday season) may negatively impact customer re-orders during the holiday season. Shipping disruptions limiting the availability of ships or containers in Asia during peak demand times may affect Mattel's ability to deliver its products in time to meet retailer demand. These factors may decrease sales or increase the risks that Mattel may not be able to meet demand for certain products at peak demand times or that Mattel's own inventory levels may be adversely impacted by the need to pre-build products before orders are placed.

Uncertainty and adverse changes in the general economic conditions of markets in which Mattel participates may negatively affect Mattel's business.

Current and future conditions in the economy have an inherent degree of uncertainty. As a result, it is difficult to estimate the level of growth or contraction for the economy as a whole. It is even more difficult to estimate growth or contraction in various parts, sectors and regions of the economy, including the many different markets in which Mattel participates. Because all components of Mattel's budgeting and forecasting are dependent upon estimates of growth or contraction in the markets it serves and demand for its products, the prevailing economic uncertainties render estimates of future income and expenditures very difficult to make. Adverse changes may occur as a result of soft global or regional economic conditions, rising oil prices, wavering consumer confidence, unemployment, declines in stock markets, contraction of credit availability, declines in real estate values, or other factors affecting economic conditions generally. These changes may negatively affect the sales of Mattel's products, increase exposure to losses from bad debts, increase the cost and decrease the availability of financing, increase the risk of loss on investments, or increase costs associated with manufacturing and distributing products.

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The concentration of Mattel's business with a small retail customer base that makes no binding long-term commitments means that economic difficulties or changes in the purchasing policies of its major customers could have a significant impact on Mattel's business and operating results.

A small number of customers account for a large share of Mattel's net sales. In 2007, Mattel's three largest customers, Wal-Mart, Toys 'R Us and Target, in the aggregate, accounted for approximately 41% of net sales, and its ten largest customers, in the aggregate, accounted for approximately 50% of net sales. The concentration of Mattel's business with a relatively small number of customers may expose Mattel to a material adverse effect if one or more of Mattel's large customers were to significantly reduce purchases for any reason, favor competitors or new entrants, or increase their direct competition with Mattel by expanding their private-label business. Customers make no binding long-term commitments to Mattel regarding purchase volumes and make all purchases by delivering one-time purchase orders. Any customer could reduce its overall purchases of Mattel's products, reduce the number and variety of Mattel's products that it carries and the shelf space allotted for Mattel's products, or otherwise seek to materially change the terms of the business relationship at any time. Any such change could significantly harm Mattel's business and operating results.

The production and sale of private-label toys by Mattel's retail customers may result in lower purchases of Mattel-branded products by those retail customers.

In recent years, consumer goods companies generally, including those in the toy business, have experienced the phenomenon of retail customers developing their own private-label products that directly compete with the products of traditional manufacturers. Some retail chains that are customers of Mattel sell private-label toys designed, manufactured and branded by the retailers themselves. These toys may be sold at prices lower than comparable toys sold by Mattel and may result in lower purchases of Mattel-branded products by these retailers. In some cases, retailers who sell these private-label toys are larger than Mattel and may have substantially more resources than Mattel.

Liquidity problems or bankruptcy of Mattel's key customers could increase Mattel's exposure to losses from bad debts and could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Many of Mattel's key customers are mass-market retailers. The mass-market retail channel in the US has experienced significant shifts in market share among competitors in recent years, causing some large retailers to experience liquidity problems. From 2001 through early 2004, four large customers of Mattel filed for bankruptcy. In addition, Mattel's sales to customers are typically made on credit without collateral. There is a risk that customers will not pay, or that payment may be delayed, because of bankruptcy, contraction of credit availability to such customers or other factors beyond the control of Mattel, which could increase Mattel's exposure to losses from bad debts. In addition, if these or other customers were to cease doing business as a result of bankruptcy or significantly reduce the number of stores operated, it could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition, and results of operations.

A reduction or interruption in the delivery of raw materials, parts and components from its suppliers or of finished products or a significant increase in the price of supplies, transportation or labor could negatively impact the gross profit margins realized by Mattel on the sale of its products or result in lower sales.

Mattel's ability to meet customer demand depends, in part, on its ability to obtain timely and adequate delivery of materials, parts and components from its suppliers and internal manufacturing capacity. Mattel has experienced shortages in the past, including shortages of raw materials and components. Although Mattel works closely with suppliers to avoid these types of shortages, there can be no assurance that Mattel will not encounter these problems in the future. A reduction or interruption in supplies or in the delivery of finished products, whether resulting from more stringent regulatory requirements, suppliers, disruptions in transportation, port delays, labor strikes, lockouts, or otherwise, or a significant increase in the price of one or more supplies, such as

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fuel or resin (which is an oil-based product), could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business. Cost increases, whether resulting from shortages of materials or otherwise, including but not limited to rising costs of materials, compliance with existing or future regulatory requirements (including but not limited to the content of materials and testing protocols), transportation, services and labor (including but not limited to wages, expenses related to employee health plans and insurance), could impact the profit margins realized by Mattel on the sale of its products. Because of market conditions, timing of pricing decisions, and other factors, there can be no assurance that Mattel will be able to offset any of these increased costs by adjusting the prices of its products. Increases in prices of Mattel's products could result in lower sales.

Unfavorable resolution of pending and future litigation matters, and disputes, including those arising from recalls, withdrawals, or replacements of Mattel products, could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's financial condition.

Mattel is involved in a number of litigation and regulatory matters, including those arising from recalls, withdrawals, or replacements of Mattel products. An unfavorable resolution of these pending matters could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's financial condition and its operations. Regardless of its outcome, litigation may result in substantial costs and expenses, and significantly divert the attention of management. There can be no assurance that Mattel will be able to prevail in, or achieve a favorable settlement of, pending matters. In addition to the pending matters, future litigation, government proceedings, labor disputes, or environmental matters could lead to increased costs or interruption of Mattel's normal business operations.

Product recalls, product liability claims, absence or cost of insurance, and associated costs could harm Mattel's reputation, divert resources, reduce sales and increase costs and could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's financial condition.

Mattel is subject to regulation by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission and regulatory authorities in the states of the United States and in other countries. Its products could be subject to recalls and other actions by these authorities. Mattel has experienced, and may in the future experience, issues in products that result in recalls, withdrawals, or replacements of products. Enhanced testing implemented by Mattel, as well as increased scrutiny by retailers, consumers, and other parties, may reveal issues in Mattel products that may lead to regulatory actions by these authorities. Individuals have asserted claims, and may in the future assert claims, that they have sustained injuries from Mattel's products, and Mattel is and may be subject to lawsuits relating to these claims. There is a risk that these claims or liabilities may exceed, or fall outside of the scope of, Mattel's insurance coverage. Moreover, Mattel may be unable to obtain adequate liability insurance in the future. Any of the issues mentioned above could result in damage to Mattel's reputation, diversion of development and management resources, and reduced sales and increased costs, any of which could harm Mattel's business.

Recalls of Mattel products could materially and adversely affect Mattel by increasing costs in excess of current estimates.

Mattel has recorded, and in the future may record, charges and incremental costs relating to recalls, withdrawals, or replacements of Mattel products, based on its most recent estimates of retailer inventory returns, consumer product replacement costs, associated legal and professional fees, and costs associated with advertising and administration of product recalls. Because these current and expected future charges are based on estimates, they may increase as a result of numerous factors, many of which are beyond Mattel's control, including the amount of products that may be returned by consumers and retailers; the number and type of legal, regulatory, or legislative proceedings relating to product recalls, withdrawals, or replacements, or product safety in the United States and elsewhere that may involve Mattel; and regulatory or judicial orders or decrees in the United States and elsewhere that may require Mattel to take certain actions in connection with product recalls.

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Adverse governmental actions, including new legislation and regulations, may materially and adversely affect Mattel.

As a result of product recalls, withdrawals, or replacements, Mattel has been the subject of governmental actions, inquiries, and proceedings in several countries. Mattel has incurred expenses to respond and has experienced adverse effects on its business, including temporary suspension of its ability to import products into various countries and to export certain products from China. Product recalls, withdrawals, or replacements have resulted in increased governmental scrutiny of Mattel products. There can be no assurance that Mattel will not be subjected to future governmental actions and scrutiny that may lead to fines, settlements, increased costs or interruptions or disruptions of its normal business operations. Regulatory agencies and legislatures in various United States and foreign jurisdictions have undertaken reviews of product safety, and have enacted or are considering various proposals for additional, more stringent laws and regulations governing certain children's products. In particular, the United States Congress has enacted the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008, which imposes significant new requirements on the toy industry and the products Mattel produces, as well as enhancing penalties of noncompliance. Some of the new legal mandates may materially decrease Mattel's sales, increase its costs or otherwise have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business.

Mattel's current and future safety procedures may increase costs, materially and adversely affect its relationship with vendors and make it more difficult for Mattel to produce, purchase and deliver products on a timely basis to meet market demands. Future conditions may require Mattel to adopt further changes that may increase its costs and further affect its relationship with vendors.

Mattel's current operating procedures and requirements, including enhanced testing requirements and standards, have imposed additional costs on both Mattel and the vendors from which it purchases products. Changes in business conditions, including those resulting from new legislative and regulatory requirements, will cause further revisions in Mattel's operating procedures and requirements. Changes in Mattel's operating procedures and requirements may delay delivery of products and increase costs. Mattel's relationship with its existing vendors may be adversely affected as a result of these changes, making Mattel more dependent on a smaller number of vendors. Some vendors may choose not to continue to do business with Mattel or not to accommodate Mattel's needs to the extent that they have done in the past. In addition, rising production costs, contraction of credit availability and labor shortages have caused a substantial contraction in the number of toy manufacturers in China, decreasing the number of potential vendors to manufacture Mattel's products. Because of the seasonal nature of Mattel's business and the demands of its customers for deliveries with short lead times, Mattel depends upon the cooperation of its vendors to meet market demand for its products in a timely manner. There can be no assurance that existing and future events will not require Mattel to adopt additional requirements and incur additional costs, and impose those requirements and costs on its vendors, which may adversely affect its relationship with those vendors and Mattel's ability to meet market demand in a timely manner.

Product recalls may harm Mattel's reputation and acceptance of Mattel's products by consumers, licensors and Mattel's retailer customers, which may materially and adversely affect its business operations, decrease sales and increase costs. Recalls may also increase competitive pressures from other toy manufacturers.

Product recalls, withdrawals, or replacements have resulted in coverage critical of Mattel in the press and media. While Mattel believes that it has acted responsibly and in the interests of safety, product recalls, withdrawals, or replacements may harm Mattel's reputation and the acceptance of its products by consumers, licensors, and retailers. Mattel's ability to enter into licensing agreements for products on competitive terms may be adversely affected if licensors believe that products sold by Mattel will be less favorably received in the market. Mattel's retailer customers may be less willing to purchase Mattel products or to provide marketing support for those products, such as shelf space, promotions, and advertising, or have imposed or may impose additional requirements or product changes that would adversely affect Mattel's business operations, decrease sales, and increase costs. Product recalls, withdrawals, or replacements may also increase the amount of

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competition that Mattel confronts from other manufacturers. Some competitors may attempt to differentiate themselves from Mattel by claiming that their products are produced in a manner or geographic area that is insulated from the issues that preceded recalls, withdrawals, or replacements of Mattel products. To the extent that competitive manufacturers choose not to implement enhanced safety and testing protocols comparable to those that Mattel has adopted, those competitors could enjoy a cost advantage that will enable them to offer products at lower prices than those charged by Mattel.

Failure by Mattel to protect its proprietary intellectual property and information could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.

The value of Mattel's business depends to a large degree on its ability to protect its intellectual property and information, including its trademarks, trade names, copyrights, patents and trade secrets, in the US and around the world, as well as its customer, employee, and consumer data. Any failure by Mattel to protect its proprietary intellectual property and information, including any successful challenge to Mattel's ownership of its intellectual property or material infringements of its intellectual property, could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Political developments, including trade relations, and the threat or occurrence of war or terrorist activities could materially impact Mattel, its personnel and facilities, its customers and suppliers, retail and financial markets, and general economic conditions.

Mattel's business is worldwide in scope, including operations in 43 countries and territories. The deterioration of the political situation in a country in which Mattel has significant sales or operations, or the breakdown of trade relations between the US and a foreign country in which Mattel has significant manufacturing facilities or other operations, could adversely affect Mattel's business, financial condition, and results of operations. For example, a change in trade status for China could result in a substantial increase in the import duty of toys manufactured in China and imported into the US. In addition, the occurrence of war or hostilities between countries or threat of terrorist activities, and the responses to and results of these activities, could materially impact Mattel, its personnel and facilities, its customers and suppliers, retail and financial markets, and general economic conditions.

Disruptions in Mattel's manufacturing operations due to political instability, civil unrest, SARS, avian flu or other diseases could negatively impact Mattel's business, financial position and results of operations.

Mattel owns, operates and manages manufacturing facilities and utilizes third-party manufacturers throughout Asia, primarily in China, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. The risk of political instability and civil unrest exists in certain of these countries, which could temporarily or permanently damage Mattel's manufacturing operations located there. In the past, outbreaks of SARS have been significantly concentrated in Asia, particularly in Hong Kong, and in the Guangdong province of China, where many of Mattel's manufacturing facilities and third-party manufacturers are located. The design, development and manufacture of Mattel's products could suffer if a significant number of Mattel's employees or the employees of its third-party manufacturers or their suppliers contract SARS, avian flu or other communicable diseases, or otherwise are unable to fulfill their responsibilities. Mattel has developed contingency plans designed to help mitigate the impact of disruptions in its manufacturing operations. Mattel's business, financial position, and results of operations could be negatively impacted by a significant disruption to its manufacturing operations or suppliers.

Earthquakes or other catastrophic events out of our control may damage Mattel's facilities or those of its contractors and harm Mattel's results of operations.

Mattel has significant operations, including its corporate headquarters, near major earthquake faults in Southern California. Southern California has experienced earthquakes, wildfires and other natural disasters in recent years. A catastrophic event where Mattel has important operations, such as an earthquake, tsunami, flood,

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typhoon, fire, or other natural or manmade disaster, could disrupt Mattel's operations or those of its contractors and impair production or distribution of its products, damage inventory, interrupt critical functions, or otherwise affect its business negatively, harming Mattel's results of operations.

Significant changes in currency exchange rates could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business and results of operations.

Mattel's net investment in its foreign subsidiaries and its results of operations and cash flows are subject to changes in currency exchange rates and regulations. Mattel seeks to mitigate the exposure of its results of operations to fluctuations in currency exchange rates by partially hedging this exposure using foreign currency forward exchange contracts. These contracts are primarily used to hedge Mattel's purchase and sale of inventory, and other intercompany transactions denominated in foreign currencies. Government action may restrict Mattel's ability to transfer capital across borders and may also impact the fluctuation of currencies in the countries where Mattel conducts business or has invested capital. Significant changes in currency exchange rates, reductions in Mattel's ability to transfer its capital across borders, and changes in government-fixed currency exchange rates, including the Chinese yuan and Venezuelan bolivar fuerte, could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business and results of operations.

Increases in interest rates, reduction of Mattel's credit ratings, contraction of credit availability or the inability of Mattel to meet the debt covenant coverage requirements in its credit facilities could negatively impact Mattel's ability to conduct its operations.

Increases in interest rates, both domestically and internationally, could negatively affect Mattel's cost of financing both its operations and investments. Any reduction in Mattel's credit ratings could increase the cost of obtaining financing. Mattel may be hindered from obtaining additional credit in light of the current credit market environment. Mattel's domestic credit facility expires on March 23, 2010, and market conditions could affect certain terms of the replacement facility. Additionally, Mattel's ability to issue long-term debt and obtain seasonal financing could be adversely affected by factors such as market conditions and an inability to meet its debt covenant requirements, which include maintaining consolidated debt-to-capital and interest coverage ratios. Mattel's ability to conduct its operations could be negatively impacted should these or other adverse conditions affect its primary sources of liquidity.

Mattel's failure to successfully market or advertise its products could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Mattel's products are marketed worldwide through a diverse spectrum of advertising and promotional programs. Mattel's ability to sell products is dependent in part upon the success of these programs. If Mattel does not successfully market its products or if media or other advertising or promotional costs increase, these factors could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Failure to successfully implement new initiatives could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Mattel has announced, and in the future may announce, initiatives to improve the execution of its core business, globalize and extend Mattel's brands, catch new trends, create new brands, and offer new innovative products, enhance product safety, develop people, improve productivity, simplify processes, maintain customer service levels, as well as new initiatives designed to drive sales growth, manage costs, capitalize on Mattel's scale advantage, and improve its supply chain. These initiatives involve investment of capital and complex decision-making as well as extensive and intensive execution, and the success of these initiatives is not assured. Failure to successfully implement any of these initiatives could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition, and results of operations.

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Mattel depends on key personnel and may not be able to hire, retain and integrate sufficient qualified personnel to maintain and expand its business.

Mattel's future success depends partly on the continued contribution of key executives, designers, technical, sales, marketing, manufacturing, and administrative personnel. The loss of services of any of Mattel's key personnel could harm Mattel's business. Recruiting and retaining skilled personnel is costly and highly competitive. If Mattel fails to retain, hire, train, and integrate qualified employees and contractors, Mattel may not be able to maintain and expand its business.

Mattel is subject to various laws and government regulations, violation of which could subject it to sanctions. In addition, changes in such laws or regulations may lead to increased costs, changes in Mattel's effective tax rate, or the interruption of normal business operations that would negatively impact Mattel's financial condition and results of operations.

Mattel operates in a highly regulated environment in the US and international markets. US federal, state and local governmental entities, and foreign governments regulate many aspects of Mattel's business, including its products and the importation and exportation of its products. These regulations may include accounting standards, taxation requirements (including changes in applicable income tax rates, new tax laws and revised tax law interpretations), trade restrictions, regulations regarding financial matters, environmental regulations, advertising directed toward children, safety, product content, and other administrative and regulatory restrictions. While Mattel takes all the steps it believes are necessary to comply with these laws and regulations, there can be no assurance that Mattel will be in compliance in the future. Failure to comply could result in monetary liabilities and other sanctions which could have a negative impact on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, changes in laws or regulations may lead to increased costs, changes in Mattel's effective tax rate, or the interruption of normal business operations that would negatively impact its financial condition and results of operations.

Mattel may engage in acquisitions, mergers or dispositions, which may affect the profit, revenues, profit margins, debt-to-capital ratio, capital expenditures or other aspects of Mattel's business. In addition, Mattel has certain anti-takeover provisions in its by-laws that may make it more difficult for a third party to acquire Mattel without its consent, which may adversely affect Mattel's stock price.

Mattel may engage in acquisitions, mergers or dispositions, which may affect the profit, revenues, profit margins, debt-to-capital ratio, capital expenditures, or other aspects of Mattel's business. There can be no assurance that Mattel will be able to identify suitable acquisition targets or merger partners or that, if identified, it will be able to acquire these targets on acceptable terms or agree to terms with merger partners. There can also be no assurance that Mattel will be successful in integrating any acquired company into its overall operations, or that any such acquired company will operate profitably or will not otherwise adversely impact Mattel's results of operations. Further, Mattel cannot be certain that key talented individuals at these acquired companies will continue to work for Mattel after the acquisition or that they will continue to develop popular and profitable products or services. In addition, Mattel has certain anti-takeover provisions in its bylaws that may make it more difficult for a third party to acquire Mattel without its consent, which may adversely affect Mattel's stock price.

If any of the risks and uncertainties described in the cautionary factors listed above actually occurs, Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. The factors listed above are not exhaustive. Other sections of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q include additional factors that could materially and adversely impact Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations. Moreover, Mattel operates in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for management to predict the impact of all of these factors on Mattel's

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business, financial condition or results of operations, or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. Given these risks and uncertainties, investors should not rely on forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results. Any or all of the forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and any other public statement made by Mattel or its representatives may turn out to be wrong. Mattel expressly disclaims any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new developments or otherwise.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.*Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities*

During the third quarter of 2008, Mattel did not sell any unregistered securities.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

This table provides certain information with respect to Mattel's purchases of its common stock during the third quarter of 2008:

| Period | Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased | Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit) | Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs |
|---------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| July 1 - 31 | | | | |
| Repurchase program (1) | | \$ | | \$ 460,406,473 |
| Employee transactions (2) | | | N/A | N/A |
| August 1 - 31 | | | | |
| Repurchase program (1) | | \$ | | \$ 460,406,473 |
| Employee transactions (2) | 241,254 | 20.48 | N/A | N/A |
| September 1 - 30 | | | | |
| Repurchase program (1) | 2,170,995 | \$ 18.45 | 2,170,995 | \$ 420,342,597 |
| Employee transactions (2) | 25 | 18.32 | N/A | N/A |
| Total | | | | |
| Repurchase program (1) | 2,170,995 | \$ 18.45 | 2,170,995 | \$ 420,342,597 |
| Employee transactions (2) | 241,279 | \$ 20.48 | N/A | N/A |

(1) In January 2008, Mattel's Board of Directors authorized a \$500.0 million increase to Mattel's share repurchase program. Repurchases will take place from time to time, depending on market conditions. Mattel's share repurchase program has no expiration date.

(2) Includes the sale of restricted shares for employee tax withholding obligations that occur upon vesting.

N/A Not applicable.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.
None.

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Item 5. Other Information.

None.

Item 6. Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Exhibit Description |
|--------------------|---|
| 10.1* | Mattel Inc. Deferred Compensation and PIP Excess Plan (Post-2004) |
| 11.0* | Computation of Income per Common and Potential Common Share |
| 12.0* | Computation of Earnings to Fixed Charges |
| 31.0* | Certification of Principal Executive Officer dated October 24, 2008 pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |
| 31.1* | Certification of Principal Financial Officer dated October 24, 2008 pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |
| 32.0** | Certification of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer dated October 24, 2008 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 ⁽¹⁾ |

* *Filed herewith.*

** *Furnished herewith.*

(1) *This exhibit should not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.*

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SIGNATURE

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

MATTEL, INC.
Registrant

By:

H. Scott Topham
Senior Vice President and Corporate
Controller (Duly authorized officer and
chief accounting officer)

Date: October 24, 2008