

# DOLLAR GENERAL CORP

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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended May 5, 2006

Commission file number: 001-11421

**DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**TENNESSEE**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**61-0502302**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**100 MISSION RIDGE**  
**GOODLETTSVILLE, TENNESSEE 37072**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(615) 855-4000**

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, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

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

The number of shares of common stock outstanding on May 26, 2006, was 311,756,653.

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**PART I—FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

*(In thousands)*

	May 5, 2006	February 3, 2006
	(Unaudited)	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 71,876	\$ 200,609
Short-term investments	18,825	8,850
Merchandise inventories	1,636,118	1,474,414
Deferred income taxes	2,367	11,912
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	79,569	67,140
Total current assets	1,808,755	1,762,925
Net property and equipment	1,212,386	1,192,172
Other assets, net	42,326	37,090
Total assets	\$ 3,063,467	\$ 2,992,187
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term obligations	\$ 8,800	\$ 8,785
Accounts payable	569,447	508,386
Accrued expenses and other	379,218	372,920
Income taxes payable	22,027	43,706
Total current liabilities	979,492	933,797
Long-term obligations	333,471	269,962
Deferred income taxes	63,690	67,633
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock	-	-
Common stock	155,859	157,840
Additional paid-in capital	470,878	462,383
Retained earnings	1,060,427	1,106,165
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(740)	(794)
Other shareholders' equity	390	(4,799)
Total shareholders' equity	1,686,814	1,720,795
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 3,063,467	\$ 2,992,187

*See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.*

**DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**

(Unaudited)

*(In thousands except per share amounts)*

	For the 13 weeks ended	
	May 5, 2006	April 29, 2005
Net sales	\$ 2,151,387	\$ 1,977,829
Cost of goods sold	1,567,113	1,414,480
Gross profit	584,274	563,349
Selling, general and administrative	502,989	456,428
Operating profit	81,285	106,921
Interest income	(2,450)	(2,616)
Interest expense	7,247	5,968
Income before income taxes	76,488	103,569
Income taxes	28,818	38,669
Net income	\$ 47,670	\$ 64,900
Earnings per share:		
Basic	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.20
Diluted	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.20
Weighted average shares outstanding:		
Basic	313,997	328,208
Diluted	315,233	331,218
Dividends per share	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.04

*See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.*

**DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(Unaudited)  
(In thousands)

	For the 13 weeks ended	
	May 5, 2006	April 29, 2005
<i>Cash flows from operating activities:</i>		
Net income	\$ 47,670	\$ 64,900
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	48,778	44,006
Deferred income taxes	5,602	3,340
Tax benefit from stock option exercises	(1,461)	2,967
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Merchandise inventories	(161,704)	(89,444)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(12,429)	(5,464)
Accounts payable	69,467	60,526
Accrued expenses and other	6,118	(10,824)
Income taxes	(20,236)	(15,086)
Other	2,079	199
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(16,116)	55,120
<i>Cash flows from investing activities:</i>		
Purchases of property and equipment	(77,102)	(65,061)
Purchases of short-term investments	(10,476)	(21,250)
Sales of short-term investments	6,000	64,175
Purchases of long-term investments	(10,809)	-
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	303	122
Net cash used in investing activities	(92,084)	(22,014)
<i>Cash flows from financing activities:</i>		
Borrowings under revolving credit facilities	116,500	-
Repayments of borrowings under revolving credit facilities	(51,500)	-
Repayments of long-term obligations	(2,364)	(4,722)
Payment of cash dividends	(15,686)	(13,145)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	10,934	13,494
Repurchases of common stock	(79,947)	(25,062)
Tax benefit from stock option exercises	1,461	-
Other financing activities	69	22
Net cash used in financing activities	(20,533)	(29,413)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(128,733)	3,693
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	200,609	232,830
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 71,876	\$ 236,523
<i>Supplemental schedule of noncash investing and financing activities:</i>		
Purchases of property and equipment awaiting processing for payment, included in Accounts payable	\$ 16,344	\$ 2,810
Purchases of property and equipment under capital lease obligations	\$ 877	\$ 578

*See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.*

**DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**(Unaudited)**

**1. Basis of presentation and accounting policies**

**Basis of presentation**

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Dollar General Corporation and its subsidiaries (the "Company") have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") for interim financial information and are presented in accordance with the requirements of Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Such financial statements consequently do not include all of the disclosures normally required by GAAP or those normally made in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K. Accordingly, the reader of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q should refer to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended February 3, 2006 for additional information.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Company's customary accounting practices. In management's opinion, all adjustments (which are of a normal recurring nature) necessary for a fair presentation of the consolidated financial position and results of operations for the 13-week periods ended May 5, 2006 and April 29, 2005 have been made.

Certain prior amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation. Ongoing estimates of inventory shrinkage and initial markups and markdowns are included in the interim cost of goods sold calculation.

Because the Company's business is moderately seasonal, the results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the entire year.

**2. Share-based payments**

The Company has a shareholder-approved stock incentive plan under which stock options, nonvested shares in the form of restricted stock and restricted stock units (which represent the right to receive one share of common stock for each unit upon vesting), and other equity-based awards may be granted to certain officers, directors and key employees. The plan authorizes the issuance of up to 29.375 million shares of the Company's common stock, up to 4 million of which may be issued in the form of restricted stock or restricted stock units. As of May 5, 2006, there were approximately 5.5 million shares available for future grant, approximately 3.4 million of which may be issued as restricted stock or restricted stock units. The Company believes that stock-based awards assist in retaining employees and better align the interests of its employees with those of its shareholders.

Stock options granted under the plan are generally non-qualified stock options issued at an exercise price equal to the market price of the Company's common stock on the grant date, vest ratably over a four-year period (subject to earlier vesting upon a change in control), and

expire no more than 10 years following the grant date (subject to earlier termination upon death, disability or cessation of employment). The number of options granted is based on individual job grade levels, which are determined based upon competitive market data. Dividends are not paid or accrued on stock options.

Unvested options generally are forfeited upon the cessation of an optionee's employment with the Company. In the event an optionee's employment terminates for a reason other than cause, death, disability or retirement (each of cause, disability and retirement as defined in the plan), that optionee generally may exercise any outstanding vested options issued under the plan for a period of three months. In the event an optionee's employment terminates due to death, disability or retirement (each of disability and retirement as defined in the plan), that optionee generally may exercise any outstanding vested options issued under the plan for a period of three years. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no option may be exercised beyond its initial 10-year expiration date.

Restricted stock awards and restricted stock unit awards granted under the plan generally vest ratably over three years (subject to earlier vesting upon a change in control). Unvested restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards generally are forfeited upon the cessation of a grantee's employment with the Company. Recipients of restricted stock are entitled to receive cash dividends and to vote their respective shares, but are generally prohibited from selling or transferring restricted shares prior to vesting. Recipients of restricted stock units are entitled to accrue dividend equivalents on the units but are not entitled to vote, sell or transfer the shares underlying the units prior to both vesting and payout. Dividends or dividend equivalents, as the case may be, are paid or accrued on the grants of restricted stock and restricted stock units at the same rate that dividends are paid to shareholders generally. Dividend equivalents on restricted stock units vest at the same time that the underlying shares vest.

The plan provides for the automatic annual grant of 4,600 restricted stock units to each non-employee director (6,000 restricted stock units to any non-employee director serving as Chairman) that generally vest one year after the grant date (subject to earlier vesting upon retirement, change in control or other circumstances set forth in the plan) and are paid after the individual has ceased to be a member of the Company's Board of Directors.

On February 3, 2006, the vesting of all outstanding options granted prior to August 2, 2005, other than options previously granted to the Company's CEO and options granted in 2005 to the officers of the Company at the level of Executive Vice President or above, accelerated pursuant to a January 24, 2006 action of the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors. In addition, pursuant to that Compensation Committee action, the vesting of all outstanding options granted on or after August 2, 2005 but prior to January 24, 2006, other than options granted during that time period to the officers of the Company at the level of Executive Vice President or above, accelerated effective as of the date that is six months after the applicable grant date. Certain options granted on January 24, 2006 to certain newly hired officers below the level of Executive Vice President were granted with a six-month vesting period. The decision to accelerate stock options resulted in compensation expense of \$0.9 million, before income taxes, recognized during the fourth quarter of 2005, and was made primarily to reduce non-cash compensation expense to be recorded in future periods under the provisions of

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (“SFAS”) No. 123(R), “Share-Based Payment”. The future expense eliminated as a result of the decision to accelerate the vesting of these options was approximately \$28 million, or \$17 million net of income taxes, over the four-year period during which the stock options would have vested, subject to the impact of additional adjustments related to certain stock option forfeitures. The Company also believes this decision benefits employees.

Effective February 4, 2006, the Company adopted SFAS 123(R) and began recognizing compensation expense for stock options based on the fair value of the awards on the grant date. SFAS 123(R) requires share-based compensation expense recognized since February 4, 2006 to be based on the following: (a) grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of SFAS 123, “Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation,” for unvested options granted prior to the adoption date and (b) grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 123(R) for unvested options granted subsequent to the adoption date. Prior to February 4, 2006, the Company accounted for share-based payments using the intrinsic-value-based recognition method prescribed by Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, “Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees,” (“APB 25”) and had provided proforma disclosures as permitted under SFAS 123. Because stock options were granted at an exercise price equal to the market price of the underlying common stock on the date of grant, compensation cost related to stock options was not reflected in net income prior to adopting SFAS 123(R), except for fiscal 2005 compensation expense of \$0.9 million, before income taxes, related to the accelerated vesting of stock options discussed above.

The Company adopted SFAS 123(R) under the modified-prospective-transition method and therefore results from prior periods have not been restated. The following table illustrates the effect on net income and earnings per share as if the Company had applied the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS 123 to options granted under the Company's stock plans for the 13-week period ended April 29, 2005. For purposes of this pro forma disclosure, the value of the options is estimated using the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing model for all option grants.

<i>(Amounts in thousands except per share data)</i>	13 Weeks Ended April 29, 2005
Net income – as reported	\$ 64,900
Deduct: Total pro forma stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects per SFAS 123	(2,586)
<u>Net income – pro forma</u>	<u>\$ 62,314</u>
Earnings per share – as reported	
Basic	\$ 0.20
Diluted	\$ 0.20
Earnings per share – pro forma	
Basic	\$ 0.19
Diluted	\$ 0.19

Under SFAS 123(R) forfeitures are estimated at the time of valuation and reduce expense ratably over the vesting period. This estimate is adjusted periodically based on the extent to which actual forfeitures differ, or are expected to differ, from the previous estimate.



The forfeiture rate is the estimated percentage of options granted that are expected to be forfeited or canceled before becoming fully vested. The Company bases this estimate on historical experience. An increase in the forfeiture rate will decrease compensation expense. Under SFAS 123, the Company elected to account for forfeitures when awards were actually forfeited, at which time all previous pro forma expense (which after-tax, approximated \$1.7 million in the 13-week period ended April 29, 2005) was reversed to reduce pro forma expense for that period.

For the 13-week period ended May 5, 2006, the adoption of the fair value method of SFAS 123(R) resulted in additional share-based compensation expense (a component of SG&A expenses) and a corresponding reduction of pre-tax income in the amount of \$1.0 million, a reduction of net income of \$0.6 million, and a reduction in basic and diluted earnings per share of less than \$0.01.

SFAS 123(R) also requires the benefits of tax deductions in excess of recognized compensation cost to be reported as a financing cash flow, rather than as an operating cash flow as required prior to the adoption of SFAS 123 (R). For the 13-week period ended May 5, 2006, the \$1.5 million excess tax benefit classified as a financing cash inflow would have been classified as an operating cash inflow if the Company had not adopted SFAS 123(R). The impact of the adoption of SFAS 123(R) on future results will depend on, among other things, levels of share-based payments granted in the future, actual forfeiture rates and the timing of option exercises.

The fair value of each option grant is separately estimated. The fair value of each option is amortized into compensation expense on a straight-line basis between the grant date for the award and each vesting date. The Company has estimated the fair value of all stock option awards as of the date of the grant by applying the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing valuation model. The application of this valuation model involves assumptions that are judgmental and highly sensitive in the determination of compensation expense. The weighted average for key assumptions used in determining the fair value of options granted in the 13-week period ended May 5, 2006 and a summary of the methodology applied to develop each assumption are as follows. Assumptions used for grants in the prior year period were derived using methodologies prescribed by SFAS 123 and are presented for purposes of comparability.

	13 Weeks Ended	
	May 5, 2006	April 29, 2005
Expected dividend yield	0.82 %	0.85 %
Expected stock price volatility	28.7 %	27.4 %
Weighted average risk-free interest rate	4.7 %	4.3 %
Expected term of options (years)	5.7	5.0

Expected dividend yield – This is an estimate of the expected dividend yield on the Company’s stock. This estimate is based on historical dividend payment trends. An increase in the dividend yield will decrease compensation expense.

Expected stock price volatility - This is a measure of the amount by which a price has fluctuated or is expected to fluctuate. The Company uses actual historical changes in the market price of the Company’s common stock and implied volatility based upon traded options,

weighted equally, to calculate the volatility assumption, as it is the Company's belief that this methodology provides the best indicator of future volatility. For historical volatility, the Company calculates daily market price changes from the date of grant over a past period representative of the expected life of the options to determine volatility, excluding the period from April 30, 2001 to January 31, 2002 due to a restatement of the Company's financial statements for fiscal years 2001 and prior and due to the Company's inability, during a substantial portion of this period, to file annual and quarterly reports required by the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. The Company believes that the restatement and related inability to file periodic Exchange Act reports is an event specific to the Company that resulted in higher than normal share price volatility during this period and is not expected to recur during the estimated term of current option grants. An increase in the expected volatility will increase compensation expense.

Weighted average risk-free interest rate - This is the U.S. Treasury rate for the week of the grant having a term approximating the expected life of the option. An increase in the risk-free interest rate will increase compensation expense.

Expected term of options - This is the period of time over which the options granted are expected to remain outstanding. Because the terms of the Company's stock option grants prior to August 2002 were significantly different than grants issued on and after that date and the Company does not currently intend to grant stock options similar to those granted prior to August 2002 in future periods, the Company believes that the historical and post-vesting employee behavior patterns for grants prior to August 2002 are of little or no value in determining future expectations and therefore has generally excluded these pre-August 2002 grants from its analysis of expected term. The Company has estimated expected term using a computation based on an assumption that outstanding options will be exercised approximately halfway through their contractual term, taking into consideration such factors as grant date, expiration date, weighted-average time-to-vest, actual exercises and post-vesting cancellations. Options granted generally have a maximum term of ten years. An increase in the expected term will increase compensation expense.

The Company generally issues new shares when options are exercised. A summary of stock option activity during the 13 weeks ended May 5, 2006 is as follows:

	Options Issued	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Balance, February 3, 2006	20,258,324	\$ 18.19
Granted	2,534,500	17.54
Exercised	(841,179)	13.00
Canceled	(463,849)	20.21
Balance, May 5, 2006	21,487,796	\$ 18.27

During the 13-week periods ended May 5, 2006 and April 29, 2005, the weighted average grant date fair value of options granted was \$5.89 and \$6.56, respectively, 407,659 and 384,227 options vested, net of forfeitures, with a total fair value of approximately \$1.5 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, and the total intrinsic value of stock options exercised was \$3.8 million and \$7.5 million, respectively.

At May 5, 2006, the aggregate intrinsic value of all outstanding options was \$17.4 million with a weighted average remaining contractual term of 5.9 years, of which 18,599,096 of the outstanding options are currently exercisable with an aggregate intrinsic value of \$17.4 million, a weighted average exercise price of \$18.34 and a weighted average remaining contractual term of 5.3 years. At May 5, 2006, the total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested stock options was \$15.4 million, which is expected to be recognized through March 2010 (the final vesting date for non-vested stock options currently outstanding), with an expected weighted average expense recognition period of 2.3 years.

All stock options granted in the 13-week periods ended May 5, 2006 and April 29, 2005 under the terms of the Company's stock incentive plan were non-qualified stock options issued at a price equal to the fair market value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant, were originally scheduled to vest ratably over a four-year period, and expire 10 years following the date of grant.

A summary of activity related to nonvested restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards during the 13-week period ended May 5, 2006 is as follows:

	Nonvested Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Balance, February 3, 2006	363,687	\$ 19.66
Granted	137,251	17.54
Vested	(56,908)	19.50
Canceled	(20,678)	19.42
Balance, May 5, 2006	423,352	\$ 19.02

The purchase price was set at zero for all nonvested restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards in the 13-week period ended May 5, 2006. The Company is recording compensation expense on a straight-line basis over the restriction period based on the market price of the underlying stock on the date of grant. The nonvested restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards granted to employees during the 13-week period ended May 5, 2006 under the plan are scheduled to vest and become payable ratably over a three-year period from the respective grant dates.

The Company accounts for nonvested restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 123(R). The Company calculates compensation expense as the difference between the market price of the underlying stock on the date of grant and the purchase price, if any, and recognizes such amount on a straight-line basis over the period in which the recipient earns the nonvested restricted stock and restricted stock unit award. Under the provisions of SFAS 123(R), unearned compensation is not recorded within shareholders' equity, and accordingly, during the 13-week period ended May 5, 2006, the Company reversed its unearned compensation balance as of February 3, 2006 of approximately \$5.2 million, with an offset to common stock and additional paid in capital. The Company recognized compensation expense relating to its nonvested restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards of approximately \$0.8 million and \$0.4 million in the 13-week periods ended May 5, 2006 and

April 29, 2005. At May 5, 2006, the total compensation cost related to nonvested restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards not yet recognized was \$6.4 million.

There have been no modifications to any of the Company's outstanding share-based payment awards during the 13-week period ended May 5, 2006.

The Company has elected to determine its excess tax benefit pool upon adoption of SFAS 123(R) in accordance with the provisions of FASB Staff Position ("FSP") 123(R)-3, "Transition Election Related to Accounting for the Tax Effects of Share-Based Payment Awards." Under the provisions of this FSP, the cumulative benefit of stock option exercises included in additional paid in capital for the periods after the effective date of SFAS 123 is reduced by the cumulative income tax effect of the pro-forma stock option expense previously disclosed in accordance with the requirements of SFAS 123. (The provision of this FSP applies only to options that are fully vested before the date of adoption of SFAS 123(R). The amount of any excess tax benefit for options that are either granted after the adoption of SFAS 123(R) or are partially vested on the date of adoption will be computed in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 123(R).) The amount of any excess deferred tax asset over the actual income tax benefit realized for options that are exercised after the adoption of SFAS 123(R) will be absorbed by the excess tax benefit pool. Income tax expense will be increased should the Company's excess tax benefit pool be insufficient to absorb any future deferred tax asset amounts in excess of the actual tax benefit realized. The Company has determined that its excess tax benefit pool is approximately \$68 million as of the adoption of SFAS 123(R) on February 4, 2006.

### 3. Earnings per share

Earnings per share is computed as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

	13 Weeks Ended May 5, 2006		
	Net Income	Shares	Per Share Amount
Basic earnings per share	\$ 47,670	313,997	\$ 0.15
Effect of dilutive stock awards		1,236	
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 47,670	315,233	\$ 0.15

  

	13 Weeks Ended April 29, 2005		
	Net Income	Shares	Per Share Amount
Basic earnings per share	\$ 64,900	328,208	\$ 0.20
Effect of dilutive stock awards		3,010	
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 64,900	331,218	\$ 0.20

Basic earnings per share was computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share was determined based on the dilutive effect of stock options and other common stock equivalents using the treasury stock method.

#### 4. Commitments and contingencies

##### Legal proceedings

On March 14, 2002, a complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama ( *Edith Brown, on behalf of herself and others similarly situated v. Dolgencorp, Inc., and Dollar General Corporation* , CV02-C-0673-W ( “*Brown*” )). *Brown* is a collective action against the Company on behalf of current and former salaried store managers claiming that these individuals were entitled to overtime pay and should not have been classified as exempt employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act (“FLSA”). Plaintiffs seek to recover overtime pay, liquidated damages, declaratory relief and attorneys’ fees.

On January 12, 2004, the court certified an opt-in class of plaintiffs consisting of all persons employed by the Company as store managers at any time since March 14, 1999, who regularly worked more than 50 hours per week and either: (1) customarily supervised less than two employees at one time; (2) lacked authority to hire or discharge employees without supervisor approval; or (3) sometimes worked in non-managerial positions at stores other than the one he or she managed. The Company’s request to appeal the certification decision on a discretionary basis to the 11<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was denied.

Notice was sent to prospective class members and the deadline for individuals to opt in to the lawsuit was May 31, 2004. Approximately 5,000 individuals opted in. Following the close of discovery in April 2005, the Company filed several motions, including a motion to decertify the class as a collective action. On March 31, 2006, the Court denied the Company’s motion to decertify, but granted, either in whole or in part, certain other motions, thereby reducing the number of class members to approximately 2,500. Trial of this matter is scheduled to begin on July 31, 2006.

The outcome of any litigation is inherently uncertain. At trial, the Company bears the burden of establishing its entitlement to the exemption from the overtime requirements of the FLSA, and no assurances can be given that the Company will be successful. Prior rulings by the Court and limits the Court has imposed on the conduct of the trial, as well as future rulings by the Court on both substantive and procedural motions and issues, including evidentiary issues at trial, may significantly affect the course and outcome of these proceedings in a manner materially adverse to the Company’s financial statements as a whole.

Three additional lawsuits, *Tina Depasquales v. Dollar General Corp.* (Southern District of Georgia, Savannah Division, CV 404-096, filed May 12, 2004), *Karen Buckley v. Dollar General Corp.* (Southern District of Ohio, C-2-04-484, filed June 8, 2004), and *Sheila Ann Hunsucker v. Dollar General Corp. et al.* (Western District of Oklahoma, Civ-04-165-R, filed February 19, 2004), were filed asserting essentially the same claims as the *Brown* case, and were subsequently consolidated in the Northern District of Alabama where the *Brown* litigation is pending. The plaintiffs in the *Depasquales* and the *Hunsucker* lawsuits have since dismissed their cases and opted into the *Brown* case. Following the *Buckley* plaintiff’s abandonment of her federal FLSA claim, the Court dismissed her remaining state law claims without prejudice based on lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

On October 10, 2005, the Company was served with an additional lawsuit, *Moldoon, et al. v. Dolgencorp, Inc., et al.* (Western District of Louisiana, Lake Charles Division, CV05-0852, filed May 19, 2005), filed as a putative collective action in which five current or former store managers claim to have been improperly classified as exempt executive employees under the FLSA. Plaintiffs seek injunctive relief, back wages, liquidated damages and attorneys' fees.

Although the Company has answered the *Moldoon* complaint, discovery has not yet begun. On April 26, 2006, this action was conditionally transferred to the Northern District of Alabama and consolidated with the *Brown* case. The Company intends to oppose the transfer and consolidation of this matter. At this time, it is not possible to predict whether the Court will permit this action to proceed collectively or whether the action ultimately will be consolidated with the *Brown* litigation.

The Company believes that its store managers are and have been properly classified as exempt employees under the FLSA and that the actions described above are not appropriate for collective action treatment. The Company intends to vigorously defend these actions. However, no assurances can be given that the Company will be successful in that defense on the merits or otherwise, and, if it is not, the resolution or resolutions could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial statements as a whole.

On May 18, 2006, the Company was served with a lawsuit entitled *Tammy Brickey, Becky Norman, Rose Rochow, Sandra Cogswell and Melinda Sappington v. Dolgencorp, Inc. and Dollar General Corporation* (Western District of New York, Case 6:06-cv-06084-DGL, originally filed on February 9, 2006 and amended on May 12, 2006 ("Brickey" )). The *Brickey* plaintiffs seek to proceed collectively under the FLSA and as a class under New York, Ohio, Maryland and North Carolina wage and hour statutes on behalf of, among others, individuals employed by the Company as Assistant Store Managers who claim to be owed wages (including overtime wages) under those statutes. At this time, it is not possible to predict whether the court will permit this action to proceed collectively or as a class. However, the Company believes that this action is not appropriate for either collective or class treatment, and believes that its wage and hour policies and practices comply with both federal and state law. The Company plans to vigorously defend this action; however, no assurances can be given that the Company will be successful in its defense on the merits or otherwise, and, if it is not, the resolution of this action could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial statements as a whole.

On March 7, 2006, a complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama ( *Janet Calvert v. Dolgencorp, Inc.* , Case 2:06-cv-00465-VEH) ("Calvert" ) , in which the plaintiff, a former Store Manager, alleged that she was paid less than male Store Managers because of her sex, in violation of the Equal Pay Act ("EPA") and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended ("Title VII"). On March 9, 2006, the *Calvert* complaint was amended to include seven additional plaintiffs, who also allege to have been paid less than males because of their sex, and to add allegations of sex discrimination in promotional opportunities and undefined terms and conditions of employment. In addition to allegations of intentional sex discrimination, the amended *Calvert* complaint also alleges that the Company's employment policies and practices have a disparate impact on females. The amended *Calvert* complaint seeks to proceed collectively under the EPA and as a class under Title VII, and

requests back wages, injunctive and declaratory relief, liquidated damages and attorney's fees and costs.

The Company has filed its Answer to the *Calvert* amended complaint, but discovery has not yet begun. At this time, it is not possible to predict whether the Court will permit this action to proceed collectively or as a class. However, the Company believes that this case is not appropriate for either collective or class treatment, and believes that its policies and practices comply with the EPA and Title VII. Although the Company intends to vigorously defend this action, no assurances can be given that the Company will be successful in its defense on the merits or otherwise, and if it is not, the resolution of this action could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial statements as a whole.

On April 28, 2006, the Company was served with an additional lawsuit, *Linda Beeman, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, v. Dolgencorp, Inc. d/b/a Dollar General*, 06-CV-0250 ("Beeman"), filed on February 28, 2006 in the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York, in which the plaintiff, a former store manager, raises claims substantially similar to those raised in the *Calvert* matter. Specifically, the plaintiff in *Beeman* alleges that she was paid less than similarly situated male store managers, denied promotional opportunities and treated less favorably with respect to other, undefined terms and conditions of employment because of her sex in violation of the EPA and Title VII. The *Beeman* plaintiff seeks to proceed collectively under the EPA and as a class under Title VII, and requests back wages, injunctive and declaratory relief, liquidated damages and attorney's fees and costs. Because the *Beeman* plaintiff asserts essentially the same claims for essentially the same putative class as the *Calvert* matter, the Company believes that the *Beeman* filing does not materially increase the exposure that the Company potentially faces as a result of the claims in *Calvert*.

The Company has filed its Answer to the *Beeman* complaint. At this time, it is not possible to predict whether the Court will permit this action to proceed collectively or as a class. However, as with the *Calvert* action, the Company believes that this case is not appropriate for class or collective treatment, and believes that its policies and practices comply with the EPA and Title VII. The Company intends to vigorously defend this action; however, no assurances can be given that the Company will be successful in its defense on the merits or otherwise. If the Company is not successful in defending this action, its resolution could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial statements as a whole.

In addition to the matters described above, the Company is involved in other legal actions and claims arising in the ordinary course of business. The Company believes, based upon information currently available, that such other litigation and claims, both individually and in the aggregate, will be resolved without a material effect on the Company's financial statements as a whole. However, litigation involves an element of uncertainty. Future developments could cause these actions or claims to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial statements as a whole.

## 5. Income taxes

The effective income tax rates for the 13-week periods ended May 5, 2006 and April 29, 2005 were 37.7% and 37.3%, respectively. The increase consisted of an approximate 0.5% increase in the effective income tax rate as a result of the December 31, 2005 expiration of the federal laws which allow the Company to claim certain federal jobs credits for employees hired after that date, partially offset by an approximate 0.1% increase in state job related tax credits due principally to jobs added at the Company's South Carolina distribution center.

## 6. Repurchases of common stock

On September 30, 2005, the Board of Directors authorized a repurchase program for up to 10 million shares of the Company's outstanding common stock, which was scheduled to expire on September 30, 2006. During the 13-week period ended May 5, 2006, the Company purchased approximately 4.5 million shares at a cost of \$79.9 million, thereby completing this share repurchase authorization.

## 7. Segment reporting

The Company manages its business on the basis of one reportable segment. As of May 5, 2006, all of the Company's operations were located within the United States, with the exception of a Hong Kong subsidiary, the assets and revenues of which are not material. The following data is presented in accordance with SFAS No. 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information."

<i>(In thousands)</i>	13 Weeks Ended	
	May 5, 2006	April 29, 2005
Classes of similar products:		
Highly consumable	\$ 1,455,984	\$ 1,321,306
Seasonal	309,583	275,295
Home products	211,665	211,752
Basic clothing	174,155	169,476
Net sales	\$ 2,151,387	\$ 1,977,829

## 8. Guarantor subsidiaries

All of the Company's subsidiaries, except for its not-for-profit subsidiary, the assets and revenues of which are not material (the "Guarantors"), have fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a joint and several basis the Company's obligations under certain outstanding debt obligations. Each of the Guarantors is a direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

The following consolidating schedules present condensed financial information on a combined basis.



(In thousands)

As of May 5, 2006

	<b>DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION</b>	<b>GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES</b>	<b>ELIMINATIONS</b>	<b>CONSOLIDATED TOTAL</b>
<b>BALANCE SHEET:</b>				
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 33	\$ 71,843	\$ -	\$ 71,876
Short-term investments	-	18,825	-	18,825
Merchandise inventories	-	1,636,118	-	1,636,118
Deferred income taxes	10,385	(8,018)	-	2,367
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	97,042	722,417	(739,890)	79,569
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>107,460</b>	<b>2,441,185</b>	<b>(739,890)</b>	<b>1,808,755</b>
Property and equipment, at cost	199,419	2,087,145	-	2,286,564
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	99,726	974,452	-	1,074,178
<b>Net property and equipment</b>	<b>99,693</b>	<b>1,112,693</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,212,386</b>
Other assets, net	2,449,214	36,994	(2,443,882)	42,326
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,656,367</b>	<b>\$ 3,590,872</b>	<b>\$ (3,183,772)</b>	<b>\$ 3,063,467</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>				
Current liabilities:				
Current portion of long-term obligations	\$ (1,290)	\$ 10,090	\$ -	\$ 8,800
Accounts payable	717,517	592,350	(740,420)	569,447
Accrued expenses and other	31,594	347,094	530	379,218
Income taxes payable	(2,623)	24,650	-	22,027
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>745,198</b>	<b>974,184</b>	<b>(739,890)</b>	<b>979,492</b>
Long-term obligations	219,491	1,463,830	(1,349,850)	333,471
Deferred income taxes	4,864	58,826	-	63,690
Shareholders' equity:				
Preferred stock	-	-	-	-
Common stock	155,859	23,853	(23,853)	155,859
Additional paid-in capital	470,878	673,611	(673,611)	470,878
Retained earnings	1,060,427	396,568	(396,568)	1,060,427
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(740)	-	-	(740)
Other shareholders' equity	390	-	-	390
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>1,686,814</b>	<b>1,094,032</b>	<b>(1,094,032)</b>	<b>1,686,814</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 2,656,367</b>	<b>\$ 3,590,872</b>	<b>\$ (3,183,772)</b>	<b>\$ 3,063,467</b>

(In thousands)

As of February 3, 2006

	<b>DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION</b>	<b>GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES</b>	<b>ELIMINATIONS</b>	<b>CONSOLIDATED TOTAL</b>
<b>BALANCE SHEET:</b>				
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 110,410	\$ 90,199	\$ -	\$ 200,609
Short-term investments	-	8,850	-	8,850
Merchandise inventories	-	1,474,414	-	1,474,414
Deferred income taxes	11,808	104	-	11,912
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	89,100	794,873	(816,833)	67,140
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>211,318</b>	<b>2,368,440</b>	<b>(816,833)</b>	<b>1,762,925</b>
Property and equipment, at cost	199,396	2,022,144	-	2,221,540
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	94,701	934,667	-	1,029,368
<b>Net property and equipment</b>	<b>104,695</b>	<b>1,087,477</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,192,172</b>
Other assets, net	2,379,255	31,603	(2,373,768)	37,090
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,695,268</b>	<b>\$ 3,487,520</b>	<b>\$ (3,190,601)</b>	<b>\$ 2,992,187</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>				
Current liabilities:				
Current portion of long-term obligations	\$ (800)	\$ 9,585	\$ -	\$ 8,785
Accounts payable	789,497	536,097	(817,208)	508,386
Accrued expenses and other	25,473	347,072	375	372,920
Income taxes payable	89	43,617	-	43,706
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>814,259</b>	<b>936,371</b>	<b>(816,833)</b>	<b>933,797</b>
Long-term obligations	153,756	1,429,116	(1,312,910)	269,962
Deferred income taxes	6,458	61,175	-	67,633
Shareholders' equity:				
Preferred stock	-	-	-	-
Common stock	157,840	23,853	(23,853)	157,840
Additional paid-in capital	462,383	673,612	(673,612)	462,383
Retained earnings	1,106,165	363,393	(363,393)	1,106,165
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(794)	-	-	(794)
Other shareholders' equity	(4,799)	-	-	(4,799)
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>1,720,795</b>	<b>1,060,858</b>	<b>(1,060,858)</b>	<b>1,720,795</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 2,695,268</b>	<b>\$ 3,487,520</b>	<b>\$ (3,190,601)</b>	<b>\$ 2,992,187</b>



(In thousands)

**For the 13 weeks ended  
May 5, 2006**

	<b>DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION</b>	<b>GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES</b>	<b>ELIMINATIONS</b>	<b>CONSOLIDATED TOTAL</b>
<b>STATEMENTS OF INCOME:</b>				
Net sales	\$ 38,653	\$ 2,151,387	\$ (38,653)	\$ 2,151,387
Cost of goods sold	-	1,567,113	-	1,567,113
Gross profit	38,653	584,274	(38,653)	584,274
Selling, general and administrative	34,329	507,313	(38,653)	502,989
Operating profit	4,324	76,961	-	81,285
Interest income	(22,382)	(1,748)	21,680	(2,450)
Interest expense	3,798	25,129	(21,680)	7,247
Income before income taxes	22,908	53,580	-	76,488
Provision for income taxes	8,412	20,406	-	28,818
Equity in subsidiaries' earnings, net of taxes	33,174	-	(33,174)	-
Net income	\$ 47,670	\$ 33,174	\$ (33,174)	\$ 47,670

(In thousands)

**For the 13 weeks ended  
April 29, 2005**

	<b>DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION</b>	<b>GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES</b>	<b>ELIMINATIONS</b>	<b>CONSOLIDATED TOTAL</b>
<b>STATEMENTS OF INCOME:</b>				
Net sales	\$ 46,034	\$ 1,977,829	\$ (46,034)	\$ 1,977,829
Cost of goods sold	-	1,414,480	-	1,414,480
Gross profit	46,034	563,349	(46,034)	563,349
Selling, general and administrative	37,221	465,241	(46,034)	456,428
Operating profit	8,813	98,108	-	106,921
Interest income	(2,368)	(248)	-	(2,616)
Interest expense	1,981	3,987	-	5,968
Income before income taxes	9,200	94,369	-	103,569
Provision for income taxes	3,594	35,075	-	38,669
Equity in subsidiaries' earnings, net of taxes	59,294	-	(59,294)	-
Net income	\$ 64,900	\$ 59,294	\$ (59,294)	\$ 64,900

(In thousands)

For the 13 weeks ended  
May 5, 2006

	<b>DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION</b>	<b>GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES</b>	<b>ELIMINATIONS</b>	<b>CONSOLIDATED TOTAL</b>
<b>STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS:</b>				
<i>Cash flows from operating activities:</i>				
Net income	\$ 47,670	\$ 33,174	\$ (33,174)	\$ 47,670
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	5,287	43,491	-	48,778
Deferred income taxes	(171)	5,773	-	5,602
Tax benefit from stock option exercises	(1,461)	-	-	(1,461)
Equity in subsidiaries' earnings, net	(33,174)	-	33,174	-
Change in operating assets and liabilities:				
Merchandise inventories	-	(161,704)	-	(161,704)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(4,115)	(8,314)	-	(12,429)
Accounts payable	11,294	58,173	-	69,467
Accrued expenses and other	5,845	273	-	6,118
Income taxes	(1,269)	(18,967)	-	(20,236)
Other	1,807	272	-	2,079
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	31,713	(47,829)	-	(16,116)
<i>Cash flows from investing activities:</i>				
Purchases of property and equipment	(2,754)	(74,348)	-	(77,102)
Purchases of short-term investments	(6,000)	(4,476)	-	(10,476)
Sales of short-term investments	6,000	-	-	6,000
Purchases of long-term investments	-	(10,809)	-	(10,809)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	136	167	-	303
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,618)	(89,466)	-	(92,084)
<i>Cash flows from financing activities:</i>				
Borrowings under revolving credit facility	116,500	-	-	116,500
Repayments of borrowings under revolving credit facility	(51,500)	-	-	(51,500)
Repayments of long-term obligations, net	234	(2,598)	-	(2,364)
Payment of cash dividends	(15,686)	-	-	(15,686)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	10,934	-	-	10,934
Repurchases of common stock	(79,947)	-	-	(79,947)
Changes in intercompany note balances, net	(121,536)	121,536	-	-
Tax benefit from stock option exercises	1,461	-	-	1,461
Other financing activities	68	1	-	69
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(139,472)	118,939	-	(20,533)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(110,377)	(18,356)	-	(128,733)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	110,410	90,199	-	200,609
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 33	\$ 71,843	\$ -	\$ 71,876



(In thousands)

For the 13 weeks ended  
April 29, 2005

	<b>DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION</b>	<b>GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES</b>	<b>ELIMINATIONS</b>	<b>CONSOLIDATED TOTAL</b>
<b>STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS:</b>				
<i>Cash flows from operating activities:</i>				
Net income	\$ 64,900	\$ 59,294	\$ (59,294)	\$ 64,900
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	5,301	38,705	-	44,006
Deferred income taxes	575	2,765	-	3,340
Tax benefit from stock option exercises	2,967	-	-	2,967
Equity in subsidiaries' earnings, net	(59,294)	-	59,294	-
Change in operating assets and liabilities:				
Merchandise inventories	-	(89,444)	-	(89,444)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(2,010)	(3,454)	-	(5,464)
Accounts payable	(8,583)	69,109	-	60,526
Accrued expenses and other	(7,397)	(3,427)	-	(10,824)
Income taxes	(27)	(15,059)	-	(15,086)
Other	2,421	(2,222)	-	199
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(1,147)	56,267	-	55,120
<i>Cash flows from investing activities:</i>				
Purchases of property and equipment	(2,912)	(62,149)	-	(65,061)
Purchases of short-term investments	(21,250)	-	-	(21,250)
Sales of short-term investments	63,675	500	-	64,175
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	-	122	-	122
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	39,513	(61,527)	-	(22,014)
<i>Cash flows from financing activities:</i>				
Repayments of long-term obligations	(1,641)	(3,081)	-	(4,722)
Payment of cash dividends	(13,145)	-	-	(13,145)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	13,494	-	-	13,494
Repurchases of common stock	(25,062)	-	-	(25,062)
Changes in intercompany note balances, net	15,059	(15,059)	-	-
Other financing activities	22	-	-	22
Net cash used in financing activities	(11,273)	(18,140)	-	(29,413)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	27,093	(23,400)	-	3,693
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	127,170	105,660	-	232,830
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 154,263	\$ 82,260	\$ -	\$ 236,523

## **ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

### **Accounting Periods**

The Company follows the concept of a 52-53 week fiscal year that ends on the Friday nearest to January 31. The following text contains references to years 2006 and 2005, which represent fiscal years ending or ended February 2, 2007 and February 3, 2006, respectively. Fiscal 2006 will be a 52-week accounting period and fiscal 2005 was a 53-week accounting period. This discussion and analysis is based on, should be read with, and is qualified in its entirety by, the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and the notes thereto. It also should be read in conjunction with the Forward-Looking Statements/Risk Factors disclosure set forth in Part II, Item 1A of this report.

### **Results of Operations**

The nature of the Company's business is moderately seasonal. Historically, sales and net income in the fourth quarter have been higher than sales and net income achieved in each of the first three quarters of the fiscal year. Expenses, and to a greater extent operating income, vary by quarter. Results of a period shorter than a full year may not be indicative of results expected for the entire year. Furthermore, the seasonal nature of the Company's business may affect comparisons between periods.

*Executive Overview.* For the 13-week period ended May 5, 2006, the Company had net income of \$47.7 million, or \$0.15 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$64.9 million, or \$0.20 per diluted share, for the 13-week period ended April 29, 2005. In summary, the Company increased revenue by 8.8%, aided by new stores and a same-store sales increase of 1.6%, based on comparable calendar weeks in the prior year. The gross profit rate declined compared to the prior year period and operating expenses increased, as a rate to sales, compared to the prior year period. See detailed discussions below for additional comments on financial performance in the current year period as compared with the prior year period.

Despite the continued difficult economic environment for its customers, the Company has made progress in implementing many of the important operating initiatives outlined in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2006. That progress includes the following for the 13-week period ended May 5, 2006:

- Testing of a new store layout which the Company expects to implement in many of the traditional stores remaining to be opened in fiscal 2006;
- Continued focus on improvement in sales performance of same-stores and new stores, including the distribution of the Company's first advertising circular in nine years, with continued emphasis on the seasonal, home products, and basic clothing merchandise categories;
- Continued development and testing of the Dollar General Market concept;



- Continued investment in the EZstore project, which is designed to reduce store labor and related costs, while remaining on pace to implement this project in all stores by the end of 2006;
- Continued focus on controlling inventory shrink in the stores, which remains above acceptable levels as a percentage of sales;
- The opening of 182 new stores, including five new Dollar General Market stores, with continued expectations of reaching the 2006 new store goal of 800; and
- Continued investment in the Company's infrastructure and information technology, while continuing construction of a ninth distribution center in Marion, Indiana.

While the Company provides no assurance that it will be successful or continue to be successful, as applicable, in executing these initiatives, and does not guarantee that their successful implementation will result in improved financial performance, management continues to believe that they are appropriate initiatives for the long-term success of the business.

The following table contains results of operations data for the first 13 weeks of each of 2006 and 2005, and the dollar and percentage variances among those periods:

<i>(amounts in millions, excluding per share amounts)</i>	13 Weeks Ended		2006 vs. 2005	
	May 5, 2006	April 29, 2005	Amount change	% change
Net sales by category:				
Highly consumable	\$ 1,456.0	\$ 1,321.3	\$ 134.7	10.2 %
<i>% of net sales</i>	67.68%	66.81%		
Seasonal	309.6	275.3	34.3	12.5
<i>% of net sales</i>	14.39%	13.92%		
Home products	211.7	211.8	(0.1)	-
<i>% of net sales</i>	9.84%	10.71%		
Basic clothing	174.2	169.5	4.7	2.8
<i>% of net sales</i>	8.10%	8.57%		
Net sales	\$ 2,151.4	\$ 1,977.8	\$ 173.6	8.8 %
Cost of goods sold	1,567.1	1,414.5	152.6	10.8
<i>% of net sales</i>	72.84%	71.52%		
Gross profit	584.3	563.3	20.9	3.7
<i>% of net sales</i>	27.16%	28.48%		
Selling, general and administrative	503.0	456.4	46.6	10.2
<i>% of net sales</i>	23.38%	23.08%		
Operating profit	81.3	106.9	(25.6)	(24.0)
<i>% of net sales</i>	3.78%	5.41%		
Interest income	(2.5)	(2.6)	0.2	(6.3)
<i>% of net sales</i>	(0.11)%	(0.13)%		
Interest expense	7.2	6.0	1.3	21.5
<i>% of net sales</i>	0.34%	0.30%		
Income before income taxes	76.5	103.6	(27.1)	(26.1)
<i>% of net sales</i>	3.56%	5.24%		
Income taxes	28.8	38.7	(9.9)	(25.5)
<i>% of net sales</i>	1.34%	1.96%		
Net income	\$ 47.7	\$ 64.9	\$ (17.2)	(26.5) %
<i>% of net sales</i>	2.22%	3.28%		
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.20	\$ (0.05)	(25.0) %
Weighted average diluted shares	315.2	331.2	(16.0)	(4.8)

## **13 WEEKS ENDED MAY 5, 2006 AND APRIL 29, 2005**

*Net Sales* . The \$173.6 million increase in net sales resulted primarily from opening additional stores, including 527 net new stores since April 29, 2005, and a same-store sales increase of 1.6% for the 2006 period compared to the 2005 period. The increase in same-store sales accounted for approximately \$41.0 million of the increase in sales while stores opened since the end of the first quarter of 2005 were the primary contributor to the remaining \$132.6 million sales increase during the 2006 period.

Beginning in fiscal 2006, the Company revised its method for determining the stores that are included in the Company's publicly released same-store sales calculations. This methodology for same-store sales calculations includes those stores that have been open at least 13 full fiscal months and remain open at the end of the reporting period.

The Company monitors its sales internally by the four major categories noted above: highly consumable, seasonal, home products and basic clothing. Over the past three years the sales in the highly consumable category have become a greater percentage of the Company's overall sales mix while the sales of seasonal, home products and basic clothing have declined as a percentage to total sales. This trend has a negative impact on gross profit. The Company believes the shift has been caused in part by changes in customers' needs and also by the Company's efforts to attract and retain customers by broadening consumable product offerings and including more recognizable brands. Because of the impact of sales mix on margin, the Company continually reviews its merchandise mix and strives to adjust it when appropriate. Maintaining an appropriate sales mix among the four categories is an integral part of achieving the Company's gross profit and sales goals. These ongoing reviews may result in a shift in the Company's merchandising strategy which could increase permanent markdowns in the future.

The Company's same store sales increase in the 2006 period compared to the 2005 period was primarily attributable to increased sales in the highly consumable category, which increased by \$134.7 million, or 10.2% overall. An increase in sales of seasonal merchandise of \$34.3 million, or 12.5%, also contributed to overall sales growth. The Company believes that future same-store sales growth is dependent upon an increase in the number of customer transactions as well as an increase in the dollar value of the average transaction.

*Gross Profit* . The gross profit rate declined by 132 basis points in the 2006 period as compared with the 2005 period due to a number of factors, including but not limited to: an increase in markdowns as a percentage of sales primarily as a result of the Company's enhanced promotional activities; a decrease in the markups on purchases during the period, primarily attributable to the continued shift to highly consumable products, which generally have lower average markups; lower sales (as a percentage of total sales) in the Company's home products and basic clothing categories, which generally have higher average markups; an increase in the Company's shrink rate; and higher transportation expenses primarily attributable to increased fuel costs. These factors were partially offset by higher average mark-ups on the Company's beginning inventory in the 2006 period as compared with the 2005 period.

In the 2006 period the Company's shrink, expressed in retail dollars as a percentage of sales, was 3.31% compared to 3.01% in the 2005 period.

*Selling, General and Administrative ("SG&A") Expense* . The increase in SG&A expense as a percentage of sales in the 2006 period as compared with the 2005 period was due to a number of factors, including but not limited to increases in the following expense categories: advertising costs (increased 426.9%) due to the distribution of an advertising circular in the current year period; store occupancy costs (increased 13.4%) primarily due to rising average monthly rentals associated with the Company's leased store locations; store labor costs (increased 10.2%) primarily due to increased labor related to the Company's advertising efforts during the current year period; and administrative labor costs (increased 26.0%) primarily due to recent additions to the Company's executive team and the expensing of stock options as discussed below. These increases were partially offset by a \$5.1 million reduction in SG&A expenses related to hurricane-related insurance recoveries recorded by the Company during the current year period; and a 3.0% increase in depreciation expense, which increased at a rate less than the rate of sales growth.

*Interest Income*. Interest income was relatively constant in the 2006 period compared to the 2005 period as increased interest rates on short-term investments were offset by reduced balances of cash and short term investments.

*Interest Expense* . The increase in interest expense in the 2006 period compared to the 2005 period is due primarily to an increase in interest expense on income tax contingencies. In the 2006 period, the Company increased its interest expense on income tax contingencies in response to changes in anticipated state tax audit settlements. In the 2005 period, the Company recorded a reduction in its interest expense on income tax contingencies due principally to the expiration of a state statute of limitations on a previously filed tax return.

*Income Taxes* . The effective income tax rates for the 2006 and 2005 periods were 37.7% and 37.3%, respectively. In recent years, the Company has derived a significant benefit from federal jobs credits for newly hired employees. On December 31, 2005, federal laws which provided for a significant portion of these credits expired. The Company currently anticipates that Congress will renew these credit programs on a retroactive basis; however, renewal cannot currently be assured. The Company anticipates that its annualized effective tax rate, excluding non-recurring items, will be approximately 37.3% should these credit programs not be re-enacted retroactively and approximately 36.7% with re-enactment on a retroactive basis. The actual 2006 first quarter effective income tax rate exceeded the anticipated fiscal 2006 effective income tax rate (excluding the benefit of certain jobs credits) due principally to additional amounts that were accrued for potential state income tax assessments.

### **Recently Adopted Accounting Standard**

Prior to February 4, 2006, the Company accounted for share-based payments using the intrinsic-value-based recognition method prescribed by Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees," ("APB 25"). Because stock options were granted at an exercise price equal to the market value of the underlying common stock on the

date of grant, employee compensation cost related to stock options generally was not reflected in net income prior to the adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (“SFAS”) No. 123(R) “Share-Based Payment.” The Compensation Committee of the Company’s Board of Directors took action to accelerate the vesting, effective February 3, 2006, of most of the Company’s outstanding stock options granted prior thereto. The decision to accelerate stock options was made primarily to reduce non-cash compensation expense to be recorded in future periods under the provisions of SFAS 123(R). The Company also believes this decision benefits employees.

Effective February 4, 2006, the Company adopted SFAS 123(R) using the modified prospective transition method and began recognizing compensation expense for its share-based payments based on the fair value of the awards on the grant date. For the 13-week period ended May 5, 2006, the adoption of the fair value method of SFAS 123(R) resulted in additional share-based compensation expense (a component of SG&A expenses) and a corresponding reduction of pre-tax income in the amount of \$1.0 million, a reduction of net income of \$0.6 million, and a reduction in basic and diluted earnings per share of less than \$0.01.

The Company estimates the fair value of stock options using the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing model for all option grants. The Company estimates expected term using a computation based on an assumption that outstanding options will be exercised approximately halfway through their contractual term, taking into consideration such factors as grant date, expiration date, weighted-average time-to-vest, actual exercises and post-vesting cancellations. The Company calculates volatility assumptions using actual historical changes in the market value of the stock and implied volatility based upon traded options, weighted equally. The Company believes that this methodology provides the best indicator of future volatility.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

*Current Financial Condition / Recent Developments* . At May 5, 2006, the Company had total debt (including the current portion of long-term obligations) of \$342.3 million and \$71.9 million of cash and cash equivalents, compared with total debt of \$278.7 million and \$200.6 million of cash and cash equivalents at February 3, 2006. The Company’s net debt position increased during the first 13 weeks of 2006 due primarily to purchases of inventory, property and equipment, and repurchases of common stock, all as further described below.

The Company’s inventory balance represented approximately 53% of its total assets as of May 5, 2006. The Company’s proficiency in managing its inventory balances can have a significant impact on the Company’s cash flows from operations during a given period or fiscal year. In addition, inventory purchases can be somewhat seasonal in nature, such as the purchase of warm-weather or Christmas-related merchandise. Inventory turns, calculated on a rolling annualized basis using balances from each quarter, were 4.1 times for the period ended May 5, 2006 (a 53-week period) compared to 4.0 times for the period ended April 29, 2005.

As described in Note 4 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, the Company is involved in a number of legal actions and claims, some of which could potentially result in material cash payments. Adverse developments in those actions could materially and

adversely affect the Company's liquidity. The Company also has certain income tax-related contingencies as more fully described below under "Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates". Estimates of these contingent liabilities are included in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. However, future negative developments could have a material adverse effect on the Company's liquidity.

On September 30, 2005, the Board of Directors authorized a repurchase program for up to 10 million shares of the Company's outstanding common stock, which was scheduled to expire on September 30, 2006. As of May 5, 2006, the Company had completed this program.

The Company has a \$250 million revolving credit facility (the "Credit Facility"), which expires in June 2009. As of May 5, 2006, the Company had \$65.0 million of outstanding borrowings, and no standby letters of credit outstanding under the Credit Facility. Outstanding standby letters of credit reduce the borrowing capacity of the Credit Facility. At May 5, 2006, the Company was in compliance with all financial covenants contained in the Credit Facility.

The Company has \$200 million (principal amount) of 8 5/8% unsecured notes due June 15, 2010. This indebtedness was incurred to assist in funding the Company's growth. Interest on the notes is payable semi-annually on June 15 and December 15 of each year. The Company may seek, from time to time, to retire the notes through cash purchases on the open market, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. Such repurchases, if any, will depend on prevailing market conditions, the Company's liquidity requirements, contractual restrictions and other factors. The amounts involved may be material.

Terms of the Company's outstanding debt obligations could limit the Company's ability to incur additional debt financing. The Credit Facility contains financial covenants which include certain debt to cash flow ratios, a fixed charge coverage test, and minimum allowable consolidated net worth. The Credit Facility also places certain specified limitations on secured and unsecured debt. The Company's outstanding notes discussed above place certain specified limitations on secured debt and place certain limitations on the Company's ability to execute sale-leaseback transactions. The Company has generated significant cash flows from its operations during recent years. Therefore, the Company does not believe that any existing limitations on its ability to incur additional indebtedness will have a material impact on its liquidity.

At May 5, 2006 and February 3, 2006, the Company had commercial letter of credit facilities totaling \$195.0 million, of which \$85.5 million and \$85.1 million, respectively, were outstanding for the funding of imported merchandise purchases.

The Company believes that its existing cash balances, anticipated cash flows from operations, the Credit Facility and its anticipated ongoing access to the capital markets, if necessary, are sufficient to meet the Company's currently foreseeable liquidity and capital resource needs.

*Cash flows from operating activities* . The most significant components of the change in cash flows from operating activities in the 2006 period as compared to the 2005 period were

changes in inventory balances. The most significant change in inventory levels occurred in the highly consumable category, which increased by 22% in the 2006 period as compared to a 7% increase in the 2005 period, and the seasonal category, which increased by 20% in the 2006 period as compared to a 5% increase in the 2005 period. Offsetting these increases was a decline in inventory levels in the basic clothing category, which declined by 15% in the 2006 period compared with a 9% increase in the 2005 period. The decline in net income, as described in more detail above, also contributed to the decline in cash flows from operating activities.

*Cash flows from investing activities* . Significant components of the Company's property and equipment purchases in the 2006 period included the following approximate amounts: \$22 million for the EZstore project; \$17 million for new stores; \$15 million for distribution and transportation-related capital expenditures; and \$9 million for capital projects in existing stores. During the 2006 period, the Company opened 182 new stores.

Significant components of property and equipment purchases in the 2005 period included the following approximate amounts: \$18 million for new stores; \$15 million for the EZstore project; \$13 million for distribution and transportation-related capital expenditures; and \$5 million for systems-related capital projects. During the 2005 period, the Company opened 255 new stores.

Net purchases of short-term and long-term investments of \$4.5 million and \$10.8 million, respectively, during the 2006 period relate primarily to the Company's captive insurance subsidiary. Net sales of short-term investments increased net cash from investing activities by \$42.9 million in the 2005 period and primarily reflected the Company's investment activities in tax-exempt auction market securities.

Capital expenditures for the 2006 fiscal year are projected to be approximately \$375 million. The Company anticipates funding its 2006 capital requirements with cash flows from operations and the Credit Facility, if necessary.

*Cash flows from financing activities* . The Company had borrowings under the Credit Facility, net of repayments, of \$65.0 million during the 2006 period. The Company repurchased approximately 4.5 million shares of its common stock during the 2006 period at a total cost of \$79.9 million, and repurchased approximately 1.2 million shares of its common stock during the 2005 period at a total cost of \$25.1 million. The Company paid cash dividends of \$15.7 million and \$13.1 million, or \$0.05 and \$0.04 per share, respectively, on its outstanding common stock during the 2006 and 2005 periods. These uses of cash were offset by stock option proceeds of \$10.9 million and \$13.5 million, respectively, during the 2006 and 2005 periods.

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts and related disclosures. In addition to the estimates presented below, there are other items within the Company's financial statements that require estimation, but are not deemed critical as defined below. The Company believes these estimates are reasonable and appropriate. However, if actual experience differs

from the assumptions and other considerations used, the resulting changes could have a material effect on the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management believes the following policies and estimates are critical because they involve significant judgments, assumptions, and estimates. Management has discussed the development and selection of its critical accounting estimates with the Audit Committee of the Company's Board of Directors, and the Audit Committee has reviewed the disclosures presented below relating to those policies and estimates.

*Merchandise Inventories.* Merchandise inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market with cost determined using the retail last-in, first-out ("LIFO") method. Under the Company's retail inventory method ("RIM"), the calculation of gross profit and the resulting valuation of inventories at cost are computed by applying a calculated cost-to-retail inventory ratio to the retail value of sales. The RIM is an averaging method that has been widely used in the retail industry due to its practicality. Also, it is recognized that the use of the RIM will result in valuing inventories at the lower of cost or market if markdowns are currently taken as a reduction of the retail value of inventories.

Inherent in the RIM calculation are certain significant management judgments and estimates including, among others, initial markups, markdowns, and shrinkage, which significantly impact the gross profit calculation as well as the ending inventory valuation at cost. These significant estimates, coupled with the fact that the RIM is an averaging process, can, under certain circumstances, produce distorted cost figures. Factors that can lead to distortion in the calculation of the inventory balance include:

- applying the RIM to a group of products that is not fairly uniform in terms of its cost and selling price relationship and turnover;
- applying the RIM to transactions over a period of time that include different rates of gross profit, such as those relating to seasonal merchandise;
- inaccurate estimates of inventory shrinkage between the date of the last physical inventory at a store and the financial statement date; and
- inaccurate estimates of lower of cost or market ("LCM") and/or LIFO reserves.

To reduce the potential of such distortions in the valuation of inventory, the Company expanded the number of departments it utilizes for its gross profit calculation from 10 to 23 in 2005. Other factors that reduce potential distortion include the use of historical experience in estimating the shrink provision (see discussion below) and the utilization of an independent statistician to assist in the LIFO sampling process and index formulation. Also, on an ongoing basis, the Company reviews and evaluates the salability of its inventory and records LCM reserves, if necessary.

The Company calculates its shrink provision based on actual physical inventory results during the fiscal period and an accrual for estimated shrink occurring subsequent to a physical

inventory through the end of the fiscal reporting period. This accrual is calculated as a percentage of sales at retail store and department level and is determined by dividing the book-to-physical inventory adjustments recorded during the previous twelve months by the related sales for the same period for each store. To the extent that subsequent physical inventories yield different results than this estimated accrual, the Company's effective shrink rate for a given reporting period will include the impact of adjusting the estimated results to the actual results. Although the Company performs physical inventories in all of its stores on an annual basis, the same stores do not necessarily get counted in the same reporting periods from year to year, which could impact comparability in a given reporting period.

*Property and Equipment.* Property and equipment are recorded at cost. The Company groups its assets into relatively homogeneous classes and generally provides for depreciation on a straight-line basis over the estimated average useful life of each asset class, except for leasehold improvements, which are amortized over the shorter of the applicable lease term or the estimated useful life of the asset. The valuation and classification of these assets and the assignment of useful depreciable lives involves significant judgments and the use of estimates. Property and equipment are reviewed for impairment periodically and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable.

*Insurance Reserves.* The Company retains a significant portion of the risk for its workers' compensation, employee health insurance, general liability, property loss and automobile coverage. These costs are significant primarily due to the large employee base and number of stores. Provisions are made to this insurance liability on an undiscounted basis based on actual claim data and estimates of incurred but not reported claims developed by independent actuaries utilizing historical claim trends. If future claim trends deviate from recent historical patterns, the Company may be required to record additional expenses or expense reductions, which could be material to the Company's future financial results.

*Contingent Liabilities – Income Taxes .* The Company is subject to routine income tax audits that occur periodically in the normal course of business. The Company estimates its contingent income tax liabilities based on its assessment of probable income tax-related exposures and the anticipated settlement of those exposures translating into actual future liabilities. The contingent liabilities are estimated based on both historical audit experiences with various state and federal taxing authorities and the Company's interpretation of current income tax-related trends. If the Company's income tax contingent liability estimates prove to be inaccurate, the resulting adjustments could be material to the Company's future financial results.

*Contingent Liabilities - Legal Matters.* The Company is subject to legal, regulatory and other proceedings and claims. Reserves, if any, are established for these claims and proceedings based upon the probability and estimability of losses and to fairly present, in conjunction with the disclosures of these matters in the Company's financial statements and SEC filings, management's view of the Company's exposure. The Company reviews outstanding claims and proceedings with external counsel to assess probability and estimates of loss. These assessments are re-evaluated each quarter or as new and significant information becomes available to determine whether a reserve should be established or if any existing reserve should be adjusted. The actual cost of resolving a claim or proceeding ultimately may be substantially different than



the amount of the recorded reserve. In addition, because it is not permissible under GAAP to establish a litigation reserve until the loss is both probable and estimable, in some cases there may be insufficient time to establish a reserve prior to the actual incurrence of the loss (upon verdict and judgment at trial, for example, or in the case of a quickly negotiated settlement). See Note 4 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

*Lease Accounting.* The majority of the Company's stores are subject to short-term leases (usually with initial or primary terms of 3 to 5 years) with multiple renewal options when available. The Company also has stores subject to build-to-suit arrangements with landlords, which typically carry a primary lease term of between 7 and 10 years with multiple renewal options. Approximately half of the Company's stores have provisions for contingent rentals based upon a percentage of defined sales volume. The Company recognizes contingent rental expense when the achievement of specified sales targets are considered probable. Rent expense is recognized over the term of the lease. The Company records minimum rental expense on a straight-line basis over the base, non-cancelable lease term commencing on the date that the Company takes physical possession of the property from the landlord, which normally includes a period prior to store opening to make necessary leasehold improvements and install store fixtures. When a lease contains a predetermined fixed escalation of the minimum rent, the Company recognizes the related rent expense on a straight-line basis and records the difference between the recognized rental expense and the amounts payable under the lease as deferred rent. The Company also receives tenant allowances, which are recorded in deferred incentive rent and are amortized as a reduction to rent expense over the term of the lease. Any difference between the calculated expense and the amounts actually paid are reflected as a liability. Improvements of leased properties are amortized over the shorter of the life of the applicable lease term or the estimated useful life of the asset.

*Impairment of Long-Lived Assets.* When indicators of impairment are present, the Company evaluates the carrying value of long-lived assets, other than goodwill, in relation to the operating performance and future undiscounted cash flows or the appraised values of the underlying assets. The Company may adjust the net book value of the underlying assets based upon such cash flow analysis compared to the book value and may also consider appraised values. Assets to be disposed of are adjusted to the fair value less the cost to sell if less than the book value. The Company also records impairment charges to reduce the carrying value of certain of its stores' assets as deemed necessary due to negative sales trends and cash flows.

### **ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

There have been no material changes to the disclosures relating to this item from those set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2006.

### **ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

(a) *Disclosure Controls and Procedures* . The Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information relating to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries required to be disclosed in the Company's periodic filings under the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), is recorded, processed, summarized and reported in a timely manner in accordance with the requirements of the Exchange Act, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Company’s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of these disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e), as of May 5, 2006. Based on this evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer each concluded that the Company’s disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of May 5, 2006.

(b) *Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting* . There have been no changes in the Company’s internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f)) identified in connection with the evaluation of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as required by Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(d) that occurred during the quarter ended May 5, 2006 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company’s internal control over financial reporting.

## **PART II—OTHER INFORMATION**

### **ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

The information contained in Note 4 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements under the heading “Legal Proceedings” contained in Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q is incorporated herein by this reference.

### **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

#### **Forward-Looking Statements / Risk Factors**

Except for specific historical information, the discussions in this report and in the documents incorporated by reference into this report may express or imply projections of revenues or expenditures; plans and objectives for future operations, growth or initiatives (such as expectations regarding the Company’s fiscal 2006 new store growth and implementation of the Company’s EZstore project); expected future economic performance; the expected outcome or impact of pending or threatened litigation; or the Company’s effective tax rate and the anticipated renewal of federal jobs tax credits. These and similar statements regarding events or results which the Company expects will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements concerning matters that involve risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual performance of the Company to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these statements. All forward-looking information should be evaluated in the context of these risks, uncertainties and other factors. In addition, the words “believe,” “anticipate,” “project,” “plan,” “expect,” “estimate,” “objective,” “forecast,” “goal,” “intend,” “will likely result,” or “will continue” and similar expressions generally identify forward-looking statements. The Company believes the assumptions underlying these forward-looking statements are reasonable;

however, any of the assumptions could be inaccurate, and therefore, actual results may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Factors and risks that may result in actual results differing from this forward-looking information include, but are not limited to, those listed below, as well as other factors discussed throughout this document, including, without limitation, the factors described under “Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates” in Part I, Item 2 above or, from time to time, in the Company’s filings with the SEC, press releases and other communications. Except with respect to the enhanced disclosures relating to the risk of changes in merchandise mix and the potential for customer trip consolidation, as well as the additional risk factor disclosure regarding the effectiveness of merchandising, marketing and advertising programs, there have been no significant changes to the risk factors set forth in Part I, Item 1A of the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2006.

*Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements made in this document, since the statements speak only as of the document’s date. The Company has no obligation, and does not intend, to publicly update or revise any of these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of this document or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. Readers are advised, however, to consult any further disclosures the Company may make on related subjects in its documents filed with or furnished to the SEC or in its other public disclosures.*

The Company encourages investors to carefully consider the risks described below and other information contained in this document when considering an investment decision with respect to Dollar General’s securities. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to management, or that management currently deems immaterial, may also impair the Company’s business operations. Any of the events discussed in the risk factors below may occur. If one or more of these events do occur, the Company’s business, results of operations or financial condition could be materially adversely affected. In that instance, the trading price of Dollar General securities could decline, and investors might lose all or part of their investment.

*The Company’s business is moderately seasonal with the highest portion of sales occurring during the fourth quarter. Adverse events during the fourth quarter could, therefore, materially affect the Company’s financial statements as a whole .* The Company realizes a significant portion of its net sales and net income during the Christmas selling season in the fourth quarter. In anticipation of this holiday, the Company purchases substantial amounts of seasonal inventory and hires many temporary employees. A seasonal merchandise inventory imbalance could result if for any reason the Company’s net sales during the Christmas selling season were to fall below seasonal norms. If such an imbalance were to occur, more markdowns than anticipated might be required to minimize the imbalance. The Company’s profitability and operating results could be adversely affected by unanticipated markdowns and by lower than anticipated sales. Lower than anticipated sales in the Christmas selling season would also negatively impact the Company’s ability to leverage the increased labor costs.

*Competition in the retail industry could limit the Company’s growth opportunities and reduce its profitability .* The Company operates in the discount retail merchandise business, which is highly competitive. This competitive environment subjects the Company to the risk of

reduced profitability because of the lower prices, and thus the lower margins, required to maintain the Company's competitive position. The Company competes with discount stores and with many other retailers, including mass merchandise, grocery, drug, convenience, variety and other specialty stores. These other retail companies operate stores in many of the areas where the Company operates. The Company's direct competitors in the dollar store retail category include, without limitation, Family Dollar, Dollar Tree, Fred's, and various local, independent operators. Competitors from other retail categories include Wal-Mart and Walgreens, among others. Some of the Company's competitors utilize aggressive promotional activities, advertising programs, and pricing discounts and the Company's results of operations could be adversely affected if the Company does not respond effectively to these efforts.

The discount retail merchandise business is subject to excess capacity, and some of the Company's competitors are much larger and have substantially greater resources than the Company. The competition for customers has intensified in recent years as larger competitors, such as Wal-Mart, have moved into, or increased their presence in, the Company's geographic markets. The Company remains vulnerable to the marketing power and high level of consumer recognition of these major national discount chains and to the risk that these chains or others could venture into the "dollar store" industry in a significant way. Generally, the Company expects an increase in competition.

*The Company's financial performance is highly sensitive to changes in overall economic conditions that may impact consumer spending and the Company's costs of doing business .* A general slowdown in the United States economy or rising personal debt levels may adversely affect the spending of the Company's consumers, which would likely result in lower net sales than expected on a quarterly or annual basis. Economic conditions affecting disposable consumer income, such as employment levels, business conditions, fuel and energy costs, inflation, interest rates, and tax rates, could also adversely affect the Company's business by reducing consumer spending, causing consumers to reduce or consolidate the number of shopping trips they make or causing consumers to shift their spending to other products. The Company might be unable to anticipate these buying patterns and implement appropriate inventory strategies, which would adversely affect its sales and gross profit performance. In addition, continued increases in fuel and energy costs would increase the Company's transportation costs and overall cost of doing business and could adversely affect the Company's financial statements as a whole.

*The Company's profitability is affected by the mix of merchandise that it sells.* In recent years, the percentage of the Company's sales of highly consumable products to total sales has increased, and the percentage of the Company's sales of seasonal, home products and basic clothing merchandise to total sales has decreased. The seasonal category typically accounts for the highest gross profit rate and the highly consumable category typically accounts for the lowest gross profit rate. The Company's gross profit margin could decrease if the percentage of highly consumable products it sells continues to increase or if customers shift their spending to lower margin items.

*The Company's financial performance could be adversely affected if its merchandising, marketing and advertising programs are not as effective as management anticipates or if the cost*

*of those efforts materially exceeds management's estimates.* The Company periodically undertakes new programs and refines existing programs to increase its net sales and customer base. The Company may be adversely impacted if these merchandising, marketing and advertising programs fail to attract additional customers into its stores or if the merchandising programs implemented by the Company are not as effective as planned. The Company has historically engaged in limited advertising and marketing efforts, and in 2005 advertising expenses were less than 1% of sales. As part of its initiatives to improve net sales, the Company may execute a variety of new marketing, promotional and/or advertising strategies. If these initiatives are not effective in producing sufficient additional sales, or if the cost of these programs exceeds management's estimates, the Company's financial performance could be adversely affected.

*Natural disasters, pandemic outbreaks, unusually adverse weather conditions or boycotts could adversely affect the Company's net sales or financial condition and supply chain efficiency.* Unusually adverse weather conditions, natural disasters, pandemic outbreaks, boycotts or similar disruptions, especially during the peak Christmas selling season, but also at other times, could significantly reduce the Company's net sales or adversely affect the Company's financial condition. Such events could also result in physical damage to one or more of the Company's properties, the temporary or permanent closure of one or more stores or distribution centers or the temporary lack of an adequate work force in a market. In addition, these disruptions could also adversely affect the Company's supply chain efficiency and make it more difficult for the Company to obtain sufficient quantities of merchandise from its suppliers.

*Existing military efforts and the possibility of war and acts of terrorism could disrupt the Company's information or distribution systems or increase our costs of doing business.* Existing U.S. military efforts, as well as the involvement of the United States in other military engagements, or a significant act of terrorism on U.S. soil or elsewhere, could have an adverse impact on the Company by, among other things, disrupting its information or distribution systems; causing dramatic increases in fuel prices thereby increasing the costs of doing business; or impeding the flow of imports or domestic products to the Company.

*The Company's business is dependent on its ability to obtain attractive pricing and other terms from its vendors .* The Company believes that it has generally good relations with its vendors and that it is generally able to obtain attractive pricing and other terms from vendors. However, if the Company fails to maintain good relations with its vendors, it may not be able to obtain attractive pricing with the consequence that its net sales or profit margins would be reduced. Also, prolonged or repeated price increases of certain raw materials could affect our vendors' product costs and, ultimately, the Company's profitability. The Company's ability to pass on incremental pricing changes may be limited due to operational and competitive factors, which could negatively affect the Company's profitability and sales.

*The efficient operation of the Company's business is heavily dependent on its information systems .* The Company depends on a variety of information technology systems for the efficient functioning of its business. The Company relies on certain software vendors to maintain and periodically upgrade many of these systems so that they can continue to support the Company's business. The software programs supporting many of the Company's systems were licensed to

the Company by independent software developers. The inability of these developers or the Company to continue to maintain and upgrade these information systems and software programs would disrupt or reduce the efficiency of the Company's operations if it were unable to convert to alternate systems in an efficient and timely manner. In addition, costs and potential problems and interruptions associated with the implementation of new or upgraded systems and technology or with maintenance or adequate support of existing systems could also disrupt or reduce the efficiency of the Company's operations. The Company also relies heavily on its information technology staff. If the Company cannot meet its staffing needs in this area, the Company may not be able to fulfill its technology initiatives while continuing to provide maintenance on existing systems.

*The Company is dependent upon the smooth functioning of its distribution network, the capacity of its DCs, and the timely receipt of inventory .* The Company relies upon the ability to replenish depleted inventory through deliveries to its DCs from vendors and from the DCs to its stores by various means of transportation, including shipments by air, sea and truck. Labor shortages in the transportation industry could negatively affect transportation costs. In addition, long-term disruptions to the national and international transportation infrastructure that lead to delays or interruptions of service would adversely affect the Company's business. The Company also may face difficulty in obtaining needed inventory from its vendors because of interruptions in production, adverse weather conditions, outbreaks of pandemics, foreign trade restrictions or government regulations, or for other reasons, which would adversely affect the Company's sales. Moreover, if the Company were unable to achieve functionality of new DCs in the time frame expected, the Company's ability to achieve the expected growth could be inhibited.

Construction and expansion projects relating to the Company's DCs entail risks which could cause delays and cost overruns, such as: shortages of materials; shortages of skilled labor or work stoppages; unforeseen construction, scheduling, engineering, environmental or geological problems; weather interference; fires or other casualty losses; and unanticipated cost increases. The completion dates and ultimate costs of these projects could differ significantly from initial expectations due to construction-related or other reasons. The Company cannot guarantee that any project will be completed on time or within established budgets.

*The Company's success depends to a significant extent upon the abilities of its senior management team and the performance of its employees .* The loss of services of key members of the Company's senior management team or of certain other key employees could negatively affect the Company's business. The risk of key employee turnover intensifies as a greater number of public corporations locate in the vicinity of the Company's headquarters. In addition, future performance will depend upon the Company's ability to attract, retain and motivate qualified employees to keep pace with its expansion schedule. The inability to do so may limit the Company's ability to effectively penetrate new market areas. Also, the Company's stores are decentralized and are managed through a network of geographically dispersed management personnel. The inability of the Company to effectively and efficiently operate its stores, including the ability to control losses resulting from inventory and cash shrinkage, may negatively impact the Company's sales and/or operating margins.

*If the Company cannot open new stores on schedule, its growth will be impeded which would adversely affect sales .* The Company's growth is dependent on both increases in sales in existing stores and the ability to open new stores. Delays in store openings could adversely affect the Company's future operations by slowing new store growth, which may in turn reduce its revenue growth. The Company's ability to timely open new stores and to expand into additional market areas depends in part on the following factors: the availability of attractive store locations; the ability to negotiate favorable lease terms; the ability to hire and train new personnel, especially store managers; the ability to identify customer demand in different geographic areas; general economic conditions; and the availability of sufficient funds for expansion. Many of these factors are beyond the Company's control. In addition, the Company may not anticipate all of the challenges imposed by the expansion of its operations and, as a result, may not meet its targets for opening new stores or expanding profitably.

*The inability to execute operating initiatives could negatively affect the Company's future operating results .* The Company is involved in a significant number of operating initiatives that have the potential to be disruptive in the short term if they are not implemented effectively. Ineffective implementation or execution of some or all of these initiatives could also negatively impact the Company's operating results. Please reference the discussion of the initiatives in the "Results of Operations – Executive Overview" section in Part I, Item 2 above.

*The Company's cost of doing business could increase as a result of changes in federal, state or local regulations .* Unanticipated changes in the federal or state minimum wage or living wage requirements or changes in other wage or workplace regulations could adversely affect the Company's ability to meet financial targets. In addition, changes in federal, state or local regulations governing the sale of the Company's products, particularly "over-the-counter" medications or health products, could increase the Company's cost of doing business and could adversely affect the Company's sales results. Also, the Company's inability to comply with these regulatory changes in a timely fashion or to adequately execute a required recall could result in significant fines or penalties that could affect the Company's financial statements as a whole.

*Unanticipated increases in insurance costs or loss experience could negatively impact profitability .* The costs of some insurance (workers' compensation insurance, general liability insurance, health insurance and property insurance) and loss experience have risen in recent years. Higher than expected increases in these costs or other insurance costs or unexpected escalations in the Company's loss rates could have an unanticipated negative impact on the Company's profitability.

*The Company is subject to certain legal proceedings that may adversely affect its financial statements as a whole.* The Company is involved in a number of legal proceedings, which include, for instance, consumer, employment, tort and other litigation. Certain of these lawsuits, if decided adversely to the Company or settled by the Company, may result in liability material to the Company's financial statements as a whole or may negatively impact the Company's operating results if changes to the operation of the business are required. Please see Note 4 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1 above for further details regarding certain of these pending matters.

*The Company may be unable to rely on liability indemnities given by foreign vendors which could adversely affect its financial statements as a whole.* The Company imports approximately 13% of its merchandise globally. Sources of supply may prove to be unreliable, or the quality of the globally sourced products may vary from the Company's expectations. The Company's ability to obtain indemnification from the manufacturers of these products may be hindered by the manufacturers' lack of understanding of U.S. product liability laws, which may make it more likely that the Company may have to respond to claims or complaints from its customers as if the Company were the manufacturer of the products. Any of these circumstances could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and its financial statements as a whole.

*The Company is subject to interest rate risk which could impact profitability .* The Company is subject to market risk from exposure to changes in interest rates based on its financing, investing and cash management activities. Changes in interest rates could have an unanticipated negative impact on the Company's profitability.

## **ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS**

The following table contains information regarding purchases of the Company's common stock made during the quarter ended May 5, 2006 by or on behalf of the Company or any "affiliated purchaser," as defined by Rule 10b-18(a) (3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Total Number of Shares Purchased (a)</u>	<u>Average Price Paid per Share</u>	<u>Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (b)</u>	<u>Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (b)</u>
02/04/06-02/28/06	163	\$16.80	-	4,483,200
03/01/06-03/31/06	2,004,000	\$17.71	2,004,000	2,479,200
04/01/06-05/05/06	2,484,438	\$17.93	2,479,200	-
Total	4,488,601	\$17.83	-	-

(a) Includes 1,230 shares purchased in open market transactions in satisfaction of the Company's obligations under certain employee benefit plans and 4,171 shares accepted in lieu of cash to pay employee tax liabilities upon lapse of restrictions on restricted stock.

(b) On September 30, 2005, the Company announced that its Board of Directors had approved a share repurchase program of up to 10 million shares, which program was scheduled to expire on September 30, 2006. The Company completed this repurchase program in the first quarter of 2006.

## **ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

See Exhibit Index immediately following the signature page hereto, which Exhibit Index is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.



## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized, both on behalf of the Registrant and in his capacity as principal financial and accounting officer of the Registrant.

DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION

Date: June 1, 2006

By: /s/ David M. Tehle

David M. Tehle

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

## EXHIBIT INDEX

- 10.1 Extension of Employment Agreement, dated February 7, 2006, by and between Dollar General Corporation and Stonie R. O'Briant (incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 7, 2006, filed February 13, 2006).
- 10.2 Extension of Employment Agreement, dated February 7, 2006, by and between Dollar General Corporation and Kathleen Guion (incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 7, 2006, filed February 13, 2006). During the quarter ended May 5, 2006, the Employment Agreement extended by this document was superseded and replaced by the Employment Agreement referenced in Exhibit 10.3 below.
- 10.3 Employment Agreement with Kathleen R. Guion effective April 1, 2006 (incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 30, 2006, filed April 5, 2006).
- 10.4 Employment Agreement with David M. Tehle effective April 1, 2006 (incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 30, 2006, filed April 5, 2006).
- 10.5 Employment Agreement with Beryl J. Buley effective April 1, 2006 (incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 6, 2006, filed April 12, 2006).
- 10.6 Dollar General Corporation 2006 Teamshare Bonus Program for Named Executive Officers.
- 31 Certifications of CEO and CFO under Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a).
- 32 Certifications of CEO and CFO under 18 U.S.C. 1350.

**2006  
TEAMSHARE**

**Serve your Customers, Simplify Processes, Control Expenses, Work Smart. . .**

TEAMSHARE is an annual incentive program designed to encourage high performance, while rewarding employees for their commitment to Dollar General's success. It's called TEAMSHARE because it *requires teamwork. . .our TEAMSHARE goals can only be met through the effort of every DG employee.* Reaching our goals requires dedication to establishing cost efficiencies, simplifying processes and focusing on customers. *Strive for excellence in 2006!*

**Your 2006 TEAMSHARE Plan**

<b>Fiscal Year-end Total Net Income</b>	<b>Bonus Level</b>	<b>Your Bonus</b>
\$ _____	3	_____ %
\$ _____	2	_____ %
\$ _____	1	_____ %

*\* Plan information is non-public and confidential.*

**How Does it Work?**

Your TEAMSHARE bonus is based on the Company's total net income at fiscal year-end. That means if Dollar General's year-end net income is \$ \_\_\_\_\_, you will receive a "1<sup>st</sup> Level" TEAMSHARE bonus. If the year-end net income is \$ \_\_\_\_\_, you will receive a "2<sup>nd</sup> Level" TEAMSHARE bonus. Payout opportunities between "levels" are possible.

You can calculate your bonus using the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Base Pay} \times \text{Bonus Payout Opportunity} \times \text{mos. of service}}{12 \text{ months}}$$

Please refer to program guidelines (on back of page) for more details.

**What is Net Income?**

**Net Income** = Gross Margin – Operating Expenses, Interest Expense & Taxes

Note: May exclude unusual items as approved from time to time by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors.

- **Operating Expenses** = Payroll, Supplies, Operating Costs, Utilities, etc.

**Strive for excellence in 2006!**

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## GUIDELINES

### Who's Eligible?

An employee must meet **each** of the following criteria:

1. Regular, full-time or part-time Store Support or DC employee during the fiscal year.
2. Actively employed with Dollar General on the date of bonus payout.\*  
*\*Except where prohibited by state law.*
3. Receive a year-end performance rating of "meets standard" (1.75) or greater.

### Months of Service

Bonuses are prorated based on the number of months employed during the fiscal year. *An employee must be hired/rehired on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to receive credit for the month.*

#### *Example*

Jane Doe hired on June 20, 2006.

Jane will not receive credit for June as the majority of the month is over.

Jane will receive credit for July, 2006 – January, 2007.

Jane will receive a prorated bonus for seven months = 7/12

### Rehired Employees

Employees who leave the company and are rehired during the same fiscal year will be bonus eligible from the date of rehire *unless* rehired within 30 days from the date of termination. Service will be bridged for persons who are away from the Company less than 30 days. Persons who are rehired after 30 days forfeit any bonus amount earned during the fiscal year prior to termination.

### Transfers/Promotions

Employees who also worked in a retail position during the fiscal year are eligible for a prorated bonus from each bonus plan. *Note: Eligibility requirements must be met in each respective plan to receive a bonus from that plan.*

#### *Example*

Division Manager from Feb. 4, 2006 – June 12, 2006 = 4/12 Division bonus plan

Corporate employee from June 13, 2006 – Feb 2, 2007 = 8/12 Store Support bonus plan

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**Employees on Leave of Absence**

Employees on leave are eligible for a prorated bonus based on the number of months worked during the fiscal year (provided employment has not terminated before bonus checks are issued).

**Bonus Payout**

If the *Company* meets its performance goals and *you* meet the eligibility guidelines, you will be eligible for a TEAMSHARE bonus! Please note that the IRS considers a bonus to be supplemental income. Therefore, the minimum federal tax, as well as FICA and any other applicable state taxes, are deducted as required.

Your bonus will be paid as soon as possible after the Company year-end performance results are available. Generally, checks are issued in April.

\* Dollar General reserves the right to adjust, amend or suspend the TEAMSHARE program at any time.

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The individual 2006 TEAMSHARE Bonus Program document for each of the Company's named executive officers is substantially identical to the form of 2006 TEAMSHARE Bonus Program document shown here, except for the bonus percentages set forth on the first page. The applicable bonus percentages for each of the Company's named executive officers are set forth below.

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Bonus at Bonus Level 1</u></b>	<b><u>Bonus at Bonus Level 2</u></b>	<b><u>Bonus at Bonus Level 3</u></b>
David A. Perdue	50%	100%	200%
David M. Tehle	32.5%	65%	130%
Beryl J. Buley	32.5%	65%	130%
Kathleen R. Guion	32.5%	65%	130%

## CERTIFICATIONS

I, David A. Perdue, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Dollar General Corporation;
  2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
  3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
  4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
    - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
    - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
    - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
    - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
  5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
    - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely
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to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information;  
and

(b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: June 1, 2006

/s/ David A. Perdue

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David A. Perdue

Chief Executive Officer

I, David M. Tehle, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Dollar General Corporation;
  2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
  3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
  4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
    - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
    - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
    - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
    - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter
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(the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

(a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

(b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: June 1, 2006

/s/ David M. Tehle

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David M. Tehle  
Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATIONS**  
**Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350**

Each of the undersigned hereby certifies that to his knowledge the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended May 5, 2006 of Dollar General Corporation (the "Company") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in such report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ David A. Perdue

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Name: David A. Perdue  
Title: Chief Executive Officer  
Date: June 1, 2006

/s/ David M. Tehle

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Name: David M. Tehle  
Title: Chief Financial Officer  
Date: June 1, 2006