

CASH AMERICA INTERNATIONAL INC

Form 10-Q

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
FORM 10-Q**

**(Mark One)**

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

**For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2008**

**OR**

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

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

**Commission File Number 1-9733**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Texas**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**75-2018239**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**1600 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Fort Worth, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**76102**  
(Zip Code)

(817) 335-1100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NONE

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

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. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

**APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS:**

29,128,189 common shares, \$.10 par value, were outstanding as of April 14, 2008

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**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**  
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**CASH AMERICA INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
*(in thousands, except share data)*

	March 31,		December
	2008	2007	31,
	(Unaudited)		2007
<b>Assets</b>			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,637	\$ 25,728	\$ 22,725
Pawn loans	124,775	112,009	137,319
Cash advances, net	74,179	67,384	88,148
Merchandise held for disposition, net	93,027	80,798	98,134
Finance and service charges receivable	24,496	22,338	26,963
Other receivables and prepaid expenses	17,944	19,058	16,292
Deferred tax assets	19,198	17,609	20,204
 Total current assets	 376,256	 344,924	 409,785
 Property and equipment, net	 168,586	 124,752	 161,676
Goodwill	347,434	238,836	306,221
Intangible assets, net	22,424	26,564	23,484
Other assets	5,185	12,810	3,478
 Total assets	 \$ 919,885	 \$ 747,886	 \$ 904,644
 <b>Liabilities and Stockholders Equity</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 60,921	\$ 57,169	\$ 65,399
Accrued supplemental acquisition payment	63,213		22,000
Customer deposits	8,682	8,358	7,856
Income taxes currently payable	12,196	12,000	3,755
Current portion of long-term debt	8,500	16,786	8,500
 Total current liabilities	 153,512	 94,313	 107,510
 Deferred tax liabilities	 20,482	 13,483	 18,584
Other liabilities	1,806	1,573	1,671
Long-term debt	224,970	181,330	280,277
 Total liabilities	 400,770	 290,699	 408,042

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Stockholders' equity:

Common stock, \$.10 par value per share, 80,000,000 shares authorized, 30,235,164 shares issued	3,024	3,024	3,024
Additional paid-in capital	162,240	161,858	163,581
Retained earnings	387,970	306,157	363,180
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	(1)	9	16
Notes receivable secured by common stock		(18)	
Treasury shares, at cost (1,161,482 shares, 592,192 shares and 1,136,203 shares at March 31, 2008 and 2007, and December 31, 2007, respectively)	(34,118)	(13,843)	(33,199)
Total stockholders' equity	519,115	457,187	496,602
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 919,885	\$ 747,886	\$ 904,644

*See notes to consolidated financial statements.*

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**CASH AMERICA INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
*(in thousands, except per share data)*

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2008	2007
	(Unaudited)	
<b>Revenue</b>		
Finance and service charges	\$ 43,421	\$ 38,431
Proceeds from disposition of merchandise	116,583	100,168
Cash advance fees	85,460	78,516
Check cashing fees, royalties and other	5,470	5,757
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>250,934</b>	<b>222,872</b>
<b>Cost of Revenue</b>		
Disposed merchandise	71,516	61,925
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>179,418</b>	<b>160,947</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Operations	79,722	72,868
Cash advance loss provision	27,134	32,748
Administration	18,959	13,799
Depreciation and amortization	9,131	7,534
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>134,946</b>	<b>126,949</b>
<b>Income from Operations</b>	<b>44,472</b>	<b>33,998</b>
Interest expense	(3,509)	(3,748)
Interest income	31	418
Foreign currency transaction (loss) gain	(4)	44
<b>Income before Income Taxes</b>	<b>40,990</b>	<b>30,712</b>
Provision for income taxes	15,179	11,478
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 25,811</b>	<b>\$ 19,234</b>
<b>Earnings Per Share:</b>		
Basic	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.64
Diluted	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.63

Weighted average common shares outstanding:

Basic	29,376	29,873
Diluted	29,995	30,602

Dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.035	\$ 0.035
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*See notes to consolidated financial statements.*

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**CASH AMERICA INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY**  
*(in thousands, except share data)*

	2008	March 31,		2007
	Shares	Amounts	Shares	Amounts
		(Unaudited)		
<b>Common stock</b>				
Balance at end of period	30,235,164	\$ 3,024	30,235,164	\$ 3,024
<b>Additional paid-in capital</b>				
Balance at beginning of year		163,581		161,683
Shares issued under stock based plans		(2,362)		(751)
Stock-based compensation expense		950		717
Income tax benefit from stock based compensation		71		209
Balance at end of period		162,240		161,858
<b>Retained earnings</b>				
Balance at beginning of year		363,180		287,962
Net income		25,811		19,234
Dividends declared		(1,021)		(1,039)
Balance at end of period		387,970		306,157
<b>Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)</b>				
Balance at beginning of year		16		20
Unrealized derivatives (loss) gain		(14)		(11)
Foreign currency translation loss, net of taxes		(3)		
Balance at end of period		(1)		9
<b>Notes receivable secured by common stock</b>				
Balance at beginning of year				(18)
Payments on notes receivable				
Balance at end of period				(18)
<b>Treasury shares, at cost</b>				
Balance at beginning of year	(1,136,203)	(33,199)	(565,840)	(11,943)



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Purchases of treasury shares	(112,281)	(3,511)	(60,850)	(2,651)
Shares issued under stock based plans	87,002	2,592	34,498	751
Balance at end of period	(1,161,482)	(34,118)	(592,192)	(13,843)
Total Stockholders Equity		\$ 519,115		\$ 457,187

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

*(in thousands)*

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2008	2007
	(Unaudited)	
<b>Net income</b>	\$ 25,811	\$ 19,234
<b>Other comprehensive income (loss):</b>		
Unrealized derivatives loss, net of tax benefit of \$8 and \$1	(14)	(11)
Foreign currency translation gain, net of tax benefit of \$2	(3)	
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>	\$ 25,794	\$ 19,223

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**CASH AMERICA INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
*(in thousands)*

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2008	2007
	(Unaudited)	
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Net income	\$ 25,811	\$ 19,234
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	9,131	7,534
Cash advance loss provision	27,134	32,748
Stock-based compensation	950	717
Foreign currency transaction loss (gain)	4	(44)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Merchandise held for disposition	(462)	3,435
Finance and service charges receivable	1,891	2,295
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(3,586)	(2,382)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(4,505)	361
Customer deposits, net	826	894
Current income taxes	8,512	9,518
Excess income tax benefit from stock-based compensation	(71)	(209)
Deferred income taxes, net	2,912	(571)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>68,547</b>	<b>73,530</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		
Pawn loans made	(109,370)	(92,261)
Pawn loans repaid	69,971	62,751
Principal recovered through dispositions of forfeited loans	57,512	48,231
Cash advances made, assigned or purchased	(270,576)	(252,913)
Cash advances repaid	258,147	233,636
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired		(35,640)
Purchases of property and equipment	(14,965)	(11,933)
Proceeds from property insurance	333	
<b>Net cash used by investing activities</b>	<b>(8,948)</b>	<b>(48,129)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>		
Net repayments under bank lines of credit	(55,307)	(17,347)
Payments on notes payable		(4,286)
Loan costs paid	(146)	(282)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	230	
Excess income tax benefit from stock-based compensation	71	209
Treasury shares purchased	(3,511)	(2,651)
Dividends paid	(1,021)	(1,039)
<b>Net cash used by financing activities</b>	<b>(59,684)</b>	<b>(25,396)</b>

Effect of exchange rates on cash	(3)	
<b>Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(88)</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	<b>22,725</b>	<b>25,723</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 22,637</b>	<b>\$ 25,728</b>

**Supplemental Disclosures**

**Non-cash investing and financing activities**

Pawn loans forfeited and transferred to merchandise held for disposition	\$ 51,943	\$ 45,289
Pawn loans renewed	\$ 22,611	\$ 17,911
Cash advances renewed	\$ 78,710	\$ 66,875

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**CASH AMERICA INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. Significant Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Presentation**

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Cash America International, Inc. and its majority-owned subsidiaries (the Company). All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The financial statements as of March 31, 2008 and 2007 and for the three month periods then ended are unaudited but, in management's opinion, include all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of the results for such interim periods. Operating results for the three month period are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full fiscal year.

Certain amounts in the consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2007 have been reclassified to conform to the presentation format adopted in 2008. These reclassifications have no effect on the net income previously reported.

These financial statements and related notes should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's 2007 Annual Report to Shareholders.

**Revenue Recognition**

***Pawn Lending*** Pawn loans are made on the pledge of tangible personal property. The Company accrues finance and service charges revenue only on those pawn loans that it deems collectible based on historical loan redemption statistics. Pawn loans written during each calendar month are aggregated and tracked for performance. The gathering of this empirical data allows the Company to analyze the characteristics of its outstanding pawn loan portfolio and estimate the probability of collection of finance and service charges. For loans not repaid, the carrying value of the forfeited collateral (merchandise held for disposition) is stated at the lower of cost (cash amount loaned) or market. Revenue is recognized at the time that merchandise is sold. Interim customer payments for layaway sales are recorded as customer deposits and subsequently recognized as revenue during the period in which the final payment is received.

***Cash Advances*** Cash advances provide customers with cash in exchange for a promissory note or other repayment agreement supported, in most cases, by that customer's personal check or authorization to debit that customer's account via an Automated Clearing House (ACH) transaction for the aggregate amount of the payment due. The customer may repay the cash advance either in cash, or, as applicable, by allowing the check to be presented for collection, or by allowing the customer's checking account to be debited through an ACH for the amount due. The Company accrues fees and interest on cash advances on a constant yield basis ratably over the period of the cash advance, pursuant to its terms. (Although cash advance transactions may take the form of loans or deferred check deposit transactions, the transactions are referred to throughout this discussion as cash advances for convenience.)

The Company provides a cash advance product in some markets under a credit services organization program, in which the Company assists in arranging loans for customers from independent third-party lenders. The Company also guarantees the customer's payment obligations in the event of default if the customer is approved for and accepts the loan. The borrower pays fees to the Company under the credit services organization program (CSO fees) for performing services on the borrower's behalf, including credit services, and for agreeing to guaranty the borrower's payment obligations to the lender. As a result of providing the guaranty, the CSO fees are deferred and amortized over the term of the loan and recorded as cash advance fees in the accompanying consolidated statements of income. The contingent loss on the guaranteed loans is accrued and recorded as a liability. See Note 3.

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***Check Cashing Fees, Royalties and Other*** The Company records check cashing fees derived from both check cashing locations it owns and many of its lending locations in the period in which the check cashing service is provided. It records royalties derived from franchise locations on an accrual basis. Revenues derived from other financial services such as money order commissions, prepaid debit card fees, etc. are recognized when earned.

**Allowance for Losses on Cash Advances**

In order to manage the portfolio of cash advances effectively, the Company utilizes a variety of underwriting criteria, monitors the performance of the portfolio, and maintains either an allowance or accrual for losses.

The Company maintains either an allowance or accrual for losses on cash advances (including fees and interest) at a level estimated to be adequate to absorb credit losses inherent in the outstanding combined Company and third-party lender portfolio (the portion owned by independent third-party lenders). The allowance for losses on Company-owned cash advances offsets the outstanding cash advance amounts in the consolidated balance sheets. Active third-party lender-originated cash advances are not included in the consolidated balance sheets. An accrual for contingent losses on third-party lender-owned cash advances that are guaranteed by the Company is maintained and included in

Accounts payable and accrued expenses in the consolidated balance sheets.

The Company aggregates and tracks cash advances written during each calendar month to develop a performance history. The Company stratifies the outstanding combined portfolio by age, delinquency, and stage of collection when assessing the adequacy of the allowance for losses. It uses historical collection performance adjusted for recent portfolio performance trends to develop the expected loss rates used to establish either the allowance or accrual. Increases in either the allowance or accrual are created by recording a cash advance loss provision in the consolidated statements of income. The Company charges off all cash advances once they have been in default for 60 days or sooner if deemed uncollectible. Recoveries on losses previously charged to the allowance are credited to the allowance when collected.

The Company's online distribution channel periodically sells selected cash advances that have been previously written off. Proceeds from these sales are recorded as recoveries on losses previously charged to the allowance for losses.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In September 2006, FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* ( SFAS 157 ). SFAS 157 defines fair value to be the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date and emphasizes that fair value is a market-based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement. It establishes a fair value hierarchy and expands disclosures about fair value measurements in both interim and annual periods. SFAS 157 was effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. In February 2008, FASB issued FASB Staff Position ( FSP ) FAS 157-2, *Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157* , which delays the effective date of SFAS 157 for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities that are recognized or disclosed in the financial statements on a nonrecurring basis. The FSP partially defers the effective date of SFAS 157 to fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years for items within the scope of this FSP. The adoption of SFAS 157 and FSP FAS 157-2 did not have a material effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations. The Company has not applied the provisions of

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SFAS 157 to its nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities in accordance with FSP FAS 157-2. The Company will apply the provisions of SFAS 157 to these assets and liabilities beginning January 1, 2009 as required by FSP FAS 157-2. See Note 9.

In February 2007, FASB issued SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities* ( SFAS 159 ). SFAS 159 permits entities to choose, at specified election dates, to measure eligible items at fair value (the fair value option ) and requires an entity to report unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. Upfront costs and fees related to items for which the fair value option is elected shall be recognized in earnings as incurred and not deferred. SFAS 159 was effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The adoption of SFAS 159 did not have a material effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

In December 2007, FASB issued SFAS No. 141, *Business Combinations Revised* ( SFAS 141(R) ). SFAS 141(R) establishes principles and requirements for how an acquirer in a business combination: recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any non-controlling interest in the acquiree; recognizes and measures the goodwill acquired in the business combination or a gain from a bargain purchase price; and, determines what information to disclose to enable users of the consolidated financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business combination. SFAS 141(R) applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. In the past, the Company has completed significant acquisitions. The application of SFAS 141(R) will cause management to evaluate future transaction returns under different conditions, particularly the near term and long term economic impact of expensing transaction costs up front.

In March 2008, FASB issued SFAS No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities - an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133* ( SFAS No. 161 ). SFAS No. 161 requires enhanced disclosures concerning (1) the manner in which an entity uses derivatives (and the reasons it uses them), (2) the manner in which derivatives and related hedged items are accounted for under SFAS No. 133 and interpretations thereof, and (3) the effects that derivatives and related hedged items have on an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. The standard is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. The Company does not expect SFAS 161 to have a material effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

**2. Acquisitions**

Pursuant to its business strategy of expanding its reach into new markets with new customers and new financial services, on September 15, 2006, the Company, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Cash America Net Holdings, LLC, purchased substantially all of the assets of The Check Giant LLC ( TCG ). TCG offered short-term cash advances exclusively over the internet under the name CashNetUSA. The Company paid an initial purchase price of approximately \$35.9 million in cash and transaction costs of approximately \$2.9 million, and has continued to use the CashNetUSA trade name in connection with its online operations.

The Company also agreed to pay up to five supplemental earn-out payments during the two-year period after the closing. The amount of each supplemental payment will be based on a multiple of earnings attributable to CashNetUSA's business as defined in the purchase agreement, for the twelve months preceding the date of determining each scheduled supplemental payment. Each supplemental payment will be reduced by amounts previously paid. The supplemental payments are to be paid in cash within 45 days of the payment measurement date. The Company may, at its option, pay up to 25% of each supplemental

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payment in shares of its common stock based on an average share price as of the measurement date thereby reducing the amount of the cash payment. Substantially all of these supplemental payments will be accounted for as goodwill.

The Company made supplemental payments in cash of approximately \$33.8 million and approximately \$43.4 million in February 2007 and November 2007, respectively. These payments were based on the trailing twelve months earnings of CashNetUSA through December 31, 2006 and September 30, 2007, respectively, and reflected adjustments for amounts previously paid. Another supplemental payment is scheduled in May 2008 and will be based on the trailing twelve months earnings of CashNetUSA as of March 31, 2008. As of March 31, 2008, the Company has accrued approximately \$63.2 million for the payment as an addition to goodwill and accounts payable based on the defined multiple of 5.0 times of trailing twelve months earnings through March 31, 2008. Pursuant to the terms of the purchase agreement with CashNetUSA, payments determined at the March 31 and September 30, 2007 measurement dates were calculated at 5.5 times trailing twelve month earnings. The March 31 and September 30, 2008 measurement dates will be calculated at 5 times trailing twelve month earnings.

**3. Cash Advances, Allowance for Losses and Accruals for Losses on Third-Party Lender-Owned Cash Advances**

The Company offers cash advance products through its cash advance locations, most of its pawnshops and over the internet. The cash advance products are generally offered as single payment cash advance loans. These cash advance loans typically have terms of 7 to 45 days and are generally payable on the customer's next payday. The Company originates cash advances in some of its locations and online. It arranges for customers to obtain cash advances from independent third-party lenders in other locations and online. In a cash advance transaction, a customer executes a promissory note or other repayment agreement typically supported by that customer's personal check or authorization to debit the customer's checking account via an ACH transaction. Customers may repay the amount due with cash, by allowing their check to be presented for collection, or by allowing their checking account to be debited via an ACH transaction.

The Company provides services in connection with single payment cash advances originated by independent third-party lenders, whereby the Company acts as a credit services organization on behalf of consumers in accordance with applicable state laws (the CSO program). The CSO program includes arranging loans with independent third-party lenders, assisting in the preparation of loan applications and loan documents, and accepting loan payments. To assist the customer in obtaining a loan through the CSO program, the Company also, as part of the credit services it provides to the customer, guarantees, on behalf of the customer, the customer's payment obligations to the third-party lender under the loan. A customer who obtains a loan through the CSO program pays the Company a fee for the credit services, including the guaranty, and enters into a contract with the Company governing the credit services arrangement. Losses on cash advances acquired by the Company as a result of its guaranty obligations are the responsibility of the Company. As of March 31, 2008, the CSO program was offered in Texas, Florida and Maryland. The Company discontinued the CSO program in Michigan in February 2007, and now offers only cash advances underwritten by the Company to customers in that state. In January 2008, the Company began offering a CSO program in the state of Maryland through the CashNetUSA online platform.

If the Company collects a customer's delinquent payment in an amount that is less than the amount the Company paid to the third-party lender pursuant to the guaranty, the Company must absorb the shortfall. If the amount collected exceeds the amount paid under the guaranty, the Company is entitled to the excess and recognizes the excess amount in income. Since the Company may not be successful in collecting delinquent amounts, the Company's cash advance loss provision includes amounts estimated to be adequate to absorb credit losses from cash advances in the aggregate cash advance portfolio, including those expected to be acquired by the Company as a result of its guaranty obligations. The estimated amounts of losses on portfolios owned by the third-party lenders are included in Accounts payable and accrued expenses in the consolidated balance sheets.

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Cash advances outstanding at March 31, 2008 and 2007, were as follows (in thousands):

	March 31,	
	2008	2007
<i>Funded by the Company</i>		
Active cash advances and fees receivable	\$ 63,952	\$ 57,077
Cash advances and fees in collection	21,104	21,436
<b>Total Funded by the Company</b>	<b>85,056</b>	<b>78,513</b>
<i>Purchased by the Company from third-party lenders</i>		
	9,938	12,012
Company-owned cash advances and fees receivable, gross	94,994	90,525
Less: Allowance for losses	20,815	23,141
<b>Cash advances and fees receivable, net</b>	<b>\$ 74,179</b>	<b>\$ 67,384</b>

Changes in the allowance for losses for the Company-owned portfolio and the accrued loss for the third-party lender-owned portfolio during the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 were as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2008	2007
<b>Company-owned cash advances</b>		
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 25,676	\$ 19,513
Cash advance loss provision	26,974	32,648
Charge-offs	(40,822)	(32,511)
Recoveries	8,987	3,491
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 20,815</b>	<b>\$ 23,141</b>
<b>Accrual for third-party lender-owned cash advances</b>		
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 1,828	\$ 1,153
Increase in loss provision	160	100
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 1,988</b>	<b>\$ 1,253</b>

Cash advances assigned to the Company for collection were \$22.4 million and \$18.1 million, for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

The Company sells selected cash advances originated from its online distribution channel which had been previously written off. These sales generated proceeds of \$1.1 million and \$-0- for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, which were recorded as recoveries on losses previously charged to the allowance for losses.

**4. Earnings Per Share Computation**

The following table sets forth the reconciliation of numerators and denominators for the basic and diluted earnings per share computation for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 (in thousands, except per share amounts):



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	Three months ended March 31,	
	2008	2007
Numerator:		
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 25,811	\$ 19,234
Denominator:		
Total weighted average basic shares <sup>(1)</sup>	29,376	29,873
Effect of shares applicable to stock option plans	334	371
Effect of restricted stock unit compensation plans	285	358
 Total weighted average diluted shares	 29,995	 30,602
 Net income basic	 \$ 0.88	 \$ 0.64
Net income diluted	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.63

(1) Included in Total weighted average basic shares are vested restricted stock units of 202 and 150 as well as shares in a non-qualified savings plan of 54 and 59 for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

**5. Long-Term Debt**

The Company's long-term debt instruments and balances outstanding at March 31, 2008 and 2007, were as follows (in thousands):

	2008	2007
Line of credit up to \$300,000 due 2012	\$ 116,470	\$ 64,330
6.21% senior unsecured notes due 2021	25,000	25,000
6.09% senior unsecured notes due 2016	35,000	35,000
6.12% senior unsecured notes due 2015	40,000	40,000
7.20% senior unsecured notes due 2009	17,000	25,500
7.10% senior unsecured notes due 2008		4,286
8.14% senior unsecured notes due 2007		4,000
 Total debt	 233,470	 198,116
Less current portion	8,500	16,786

Total long-term debt	\$ 224,970	\$ 181,330
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On February 29, 2008, the Company exercised the \$50 million accordion feature contained in its line of credit, increasing the committed amount under the line of credit from \$250 million to \$300 million. Interest on the amended line of credit is charged, at the Company's option, at either LIBOR plus a margin or at the agent's base rate. The margin on the line of credit varies from 0.875% to 1.875% (1.375% at March 31, 2008), depending on the Company's cash flow leverage ratios as defined in the amended agreement. The Company also pays a fee on the unused portion ranging from 0.25% to 0.30% (0.25% at March 31, 2008) based on the Company's cash flow leverage ratios. The weighted average interest rate (including margin) on the line of credit at March 31, 2008 was 4.15%. On December 27, 2007, the Company entered into an interest rate cap agreement with a notional amount of \$10.0 million of the Company's outstanding floating rate line of credit for a term of 24 months at a fixed rate of 4.75%.

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**6. Operating Segment Information**

The Company has three reportable operating segments: pawn lending, cash advance and check cashing. The cash advance and check cashing segments are managed separately due to the different operational strategies required and, therefore, are reported as separate segments. The Company realigned its administrative activities during the fourth quarter of 2007 to create more direct oversight of operations. For comparison purposes, all prior periods in the tables below have been revised to reflect this reclassification of expenses out of administrative expenses and into operations expenses. These revisions have not changed the consolidated performance of the Company for any period.

Information concerning the operating segments is set forth below (in thousands):

	Pawn Lending	Cash Advance <sup>(1)</sup>	Check Cashing	Consolidated
<b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2008:</b>				
Revenue				
Finance and service charges	\$ 43,421	\$	\$	\$ 43,421
Proceeds from disposition of merchandise	116,583			116,583
Cash advance fees	9,285	76,175		85,460
Check cashing fees, royalties and other	1,013	3,437	1,020	5,470
Total revenue	170,302	79,612	1,020	250,934
Cost of revenue disposed merchandise	71,516			71,516
Net revenue	98,786	79,612	1,020	179,418
Expenses				
Operations	52,908	26,431	383	79,722
Cash advance loss provision	2,265	24,869		27,134
Administration	11,675	7,071	213	18,959
Depreciation and amortization	5,591	3,476	64	9,131
Total expenses	72,439	61,847	660	134,946
Income from operations	\$ 26,347	\$ 17,765	\$ 360	\$ 44,472
<b>As of March 31, 2008:</b>				
Total assets	\$ 581,817	\$ 331,449	\$ 6,619	\$ 919,885
Goodwill	\$ 143,556	\$ 198,568	\$ 5,310	\$ 347,434

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	Pawn Lending	Cash Advance <sup>(1)</sup>	Check Cashing	Consolidated
<b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2007:</b>				
Revenue				
Finance and service charges	\$ 38,431	\$	\$	\$ 38,431
Proceeds from disposition of merchandise	100,168			100,168
Cash advance fees	10,120	68,396		78,516
Check cashing fees, royalties and other	930	3,687	1,140	5,757
Total revenue	149,649	72,083	1,140	222,872
Cost of revenue disposed merchandise	61,925			61,925
Net revenue	87,724	72,083	1,140	160,947
Expenses				
Operations	47,618	24,943	307	72,868
Cash advance loss provision	2,844	29,904		32,748
Administration	8,820	4,702	277	13,799
Depreciation and amortization	5,007	2,426	101	7,534
Total expenses	64,289	61,975	685	126,949
Income from operations	\$ 23,435	\$ 10,108	\$ 455	\$ 33,998
<b>As of March 31, 2007:</b>				
Total assets	\$ 526,088	\$ 214,648	\$ 7,150	\$ 747,886
Goodwill	\$ 142,052	\$ 91,474	\$ 5,310	\$ 238,836

(1) The Cash Advance segment is comprised of two distribution channels for the same product, a multi-unit, storefront platform of 304 units and an online, internet based lending platform. The following table

summarizes the results from each channel's contributions to the Cash Advance segment for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007:

	Storefront	Internet Lending	Total Cash Advance
<b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2008:</b>			
Revenue			
Cash advance fees	\$ 28,693	\$ 47,482	\$ 76,175
Check cashing fees, royalties and other	3,437		3,437
Total revenue	32,130	47,482	79,612
Expenses			
Operations	16,881	9,550	26,431
Cash advance loss provision	4,346	20,523	24,869
Administration	2,402	4,669	7,071
Depreciation and amortization	2,425	1,051	3,476
Total expenses	26,054	35,793	61,847
Income from operations	\$ 6,076	\$ 11,689	\$ 17,765
<b>As of March 31, 2008:</b>			
Total assets	\$ 110,511	\$ 220,938	\$ 331,449
Goodwill	\$ 44,618	\$ 153,950	\$ 198,568

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	Storefront	Internet Lending	Total Cash Advance
<b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2007:</b>			
Revenue			
Cash advance fees	\$ 29,741	\$ 38,655	\$ 68,396
Check cashing fees, royalties and other	3,685	2	3,687
Total revenue	33,426	38,657	72,083
Expenses			
Operations	15,910	9,033	24,943
Cash advance loss provision	7,232	22,672	29,904
Administration	2,305	2,397	4,702
Depreciation and amortization	1,883	543	2,426
Total expenses	27,330	34,645	61,975
Income from operations	\$ 6,096	\$ 4,012	\$ 10,108
<b>As of March 31, 2007:</b>			
Total assets	\$ 116,527	\$ 98,121	\$ 214,648
Goodwill	\$ 44,618	\$ 46,856	\$ 91,474

**7. Litigation**

On August 6, 2004, James E. Strong filed a purported class action lawsuit in the State Court of Cobb County, Georgia against Georgia Cash America, Inc., Cash America International, Inc. (together with Georgia Cash America, Inc., Cash America ), Daniel R. Feehan, and several unnamed officers, directors, owners and stakeholders of Cash America. The lawsuit alleges many different causes of action, among the most significant of which is that Cash America made illegal payday loans in Georgia in violation of Georgia's usury law, the Georgia Industrial Loan Act and Georgia's Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. Community State Bank (CSB) for some time made loans to Georgia residents through Cash America's Georgia operating locations. The complaint in this lawsuit claims that Cash America was the true lender with respect to the loans made to Georgia borrowers and that CSB's involvement in the process is a mere subterfuge. Based on this claim, the suit alleges that Cash America is the de facto lender and is illegally operating in Georgia. The complaint seeks unspecified compensatory damages, attorney's fees, punitive damages and the trebling of any compensatory damages. A previous decision by the trial judge to strike Cash America's affirmative defenses based on arbitration (without ruling on Cash America's previously filed motion to compel arbitration) was upheld by the Georgia Court of Appeals, and on September 24, 2007, the Georgia Supreme Court declined to review the decision. The case has been returned to the State Court of Cobb County, Georgia, where Cash America filed a motion requesting that the trial court rule on Cash America's pending motion to compel arbitration and stay the State Court proceedings. The Court denied the motion to stay and ruled that the motion to compel arbitration was rendered moot after the discovery sanction was handed down by the Court. Cash America is currently in the process of appealing the Court's ruling. If Cash America's further attempts to enforce the arbitration agreement are unsuccessful, discovery relating to the propriety of continuing this suit as a class action would proceed. Cash America believes that the plaintiffs' claims in this suit are without merit and is vigorously defending this lawsuit.

Cash America and CSB also commenced a federal lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia seeking to compel Plaintiffs to arbitrate their claims against Cash America and CSB. The U.S. District Court dismissed the federal action for lack of subject matter jurisdiction, and Cash America and CSB appealed the dismissal of their complaint to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. The 11th Circuit issued a panel decision on April 27, 2007 reversing the district court's dismissal of the action and remanding the action to the district court for a determination of the issue of the enforceability

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of the parties' arbitration agreements. Plaintiff requested the 11th Circuit to review this decision en banc and this request has been granted. The en banc rehearing took place on February 26, 2008. The parties are awaiting the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit's decision on this matter. The Strong litigation is still at an early stage, and neither the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome nor the ultimate liability, if any, with respect to this litigation can be determined at this time.

On October 23, 2007, a complaint styled *Ryan Bonner, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, v. Cash America International, Inc., Cash America Net of Nevada, LLC, Cash America Net of Pennsylvania, LLC and Cash America of PA, LLC, d/b/a CashNetUSA.com* (collectively, CashNetUSA), was filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, alleging, on behalf of the named plaintiff and a purported class of Pennsylvania borrowers, that CashNetUSA had violated Pennsylvania law by charging rates of interest in excess of the rates permitted by Pennsylvania law on loans made over the Internet from outside Pennsylvania. The complaint sought declaratory and injunctive relief, as well as treble damages and attorneys fees, on behalf of the plaintiff and the purported class. CashNetUSA filed a motion to compel individual arbitration of the plaintiff's claims and, thereafter, the parties settled the lawsuit on an individual basis in March 2008. In the settlement agreement, CashNetUSA expressly denied any liability to the plaintiff and agreed to make a nominal settlement payment to the named plaintiff. The plaintiff agreed to dismiss the lawsuit with prejudice and to provide CashNetUSA with a broad release of his claims. The settlement did not resolve or otherwise affect the potential claims of other Pennsylvania borrowers.

The Company is a defendant in certain lawsuits encountered in the ordinary course of its business. Certain of these matters are covered to an extent by insurance. In the opinion of management, the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

**8. Notes Receivable**

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, Cash America Holding, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, increased a loan to Primary Business Services, Inc. (PBSI) from \$200,000 as of December 31, 2007 to \$2.3 million at March 31, 2008. The increased loan (the Loan) is a revolving loan and was made to PBSI and its affiliates, Primary Processing, Inc., Primary Finance, Inc. and Primary Members Insurance Services, Inc. (collectively, the Borrowers). The Loan is secured by all the current and future assets of the Borrowers, by the personal guaranty of the Borrowers' principal stockholder and by a pledge of all outstanding shares of each of the Borrowers. The Loan matures on February 28, 2009, and bears interest at 12% per annum. The Borrowers are using the proceeds of the Loan to fund their business operations. The Borrowers are in the early stages of operations and are not related to the Company. Prospects for repayment of the Loan are based on the future success of the Borrowers' business plan. At this time the Borrowers are not profitable.

**9. Fair Value Measurements**

The Company adopted the provisions of SFAS 157 and FSP FAS 157-2 on January 1, 2008. The adoption of these pronouncements did not have a material effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations. SFAS 157 defines fair value to be the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date and emphasizes that fair value is a market-based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement. It establishes a fair value hierarchy and expands disclosures about fair value measurements in both interim and annual periods. SFAS 157 enables the reader of the financial statements to assess the inputs used to develop fair value measurements by establishing a hierarchy for ranking the quality and reliability of the information used to determine fair values. FSP FAS 157-2 defers the effective date of SFAS 157 until January 2009 for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities that are recognized or disclosed in the financial statements on



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a nonrecurring basis. SFAS 157 requires that assets and liabilities carried at fair value will be classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

Level 1: Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Observable market based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data.

The Company's financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2008 are as follows:

	March 31, 2008	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Financial assets:				
Interest rate cap	\$ 3	\$	\$ 3	\$
Foreign currency forward contracts	44		44	
Nonqualified savings plan assets	7,668	7,668		
Total	\$ 7,715	\$ 7,668	\$ 47	\$

The Company measures the value of its interest rate cap and foreign currency forward contract under Level 2 inputs as defined by SFAS 157. The Company relies on a mark to market valuation based on yield curves using observable market interest rates for the interest rate cap and the fair value of the foreign currency forward contract is valued using observable market transactions in either the listed or over-the-counter markets. The fair value of the nonqualified savings plan assets are measured under a Level 1 input. These assets are publicly traded equity securities for which market prices are readily observable.

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**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**  
**GENERAL**

The Company provides specialty financial services to individuals. These services include secured non-recourse loans, commonly referred to as pawn loans, to individuals through its pawn lending operations, unsecured cash advances in selected lending locations and on behalf of independent third-party lenders in other locations, and check cashing and related financial services through many of its lending locations and through franchised and Company-owned check cashing centers. The pawn loan portfolio generates finance and service charges revenue. A related activity of the pawn lending operations is the disposition of collateral from unredeemed pawn loans. In September 2006, the Company began offering online cash advances over the internet and began arranging loans online on behalf of independent third-party lenders in November 2006 through its internet distribution platform. In July 2007, the Company began offering short-term unsecured loans to customers who reside throughout the United Kingdom through its internet distribution platform.

As of March 31, 2008, the Company had 939 total locations offering products and services to its customers. The Company operates in three segments: pawn lending, cash advance and check cashing.

As of March 31, 2008, the Company's pawn lending operations consisted of 499 pawnshops, including 485 Company-owned units and 14 unconsolidated franchised units located in 22 states in the United States. During the 15 months ended March 31, 2008, the Company acquired five operating units, established six locations, and combined or closed one location for a net increase of 10 owned pawn lending units. In addition, it opened two franchise locations.

At March 31, 2008, the Company's cash advance operations consisted of 304 cash advance locations in seven states and its internet distribution channel. For the 15 months ended March 31, 2008, the Company established 14 locations and combined or closed five locations for a net increase of nine locations. CashNetUSA serves multiple markets through its internet distribution channel and had cash advances outstanding in 33 states and in the United Kingdom as of March 31, 2008.

As of March 31, 2008, the Company's check cashing operations consisted of 131 franchised and five company-owned check cashing centers in 16 states. For the 15 months ended March 31, 2008, the Company established 10 locations and combined or closed 10 locations.

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The following table sets forth the components of the consolidated statements of income as a percentage of total revenue for the periods indicated.

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2008	2007
<b>Revenue</b>		
Finance and service charges	17.3%	17.2%
Proceeds from disposition of merchandise	46.5	45.0
Cash advance fees	34.0	35.2
Check cashing fees, royalties and other	2.2	2.6
<b>Total Revenue</b>	100.0	100.0
<b>Cost of Revenue</b>		
Disposed merchandise	28.5	27.8
<b>Net Revenue</b>	71.5	72.2
<b>Expenses</b>		
Operations	31.8	32.7
Cash advance loss provision	10.8	14.7
Administration	7.6	6.2
Depreciation and amortization	3.6	3.4
<b>Total Expenses</b>	53.8	57.0
<b>Income from Operations</b>	17.7	15.2
Interest expense	(1.4)	(1.6)
Interest income		0.2
Foreign currency transaction gain		
<b>Income before Income Taxes</b>	16.3	13.8
Provision for income taxes	6.0	5.2
<b>Net Income</b>	10.3%	8.6%

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The following table sets forth certain selected consolidated financial and non-financial data as of March 31, 2008 and 2007, and for each of the three months then ended (\$ in thousands unless noted otherwise).

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2008	2007
<b>PAWN LENDING OPERATIONS:</b>		
<b>Pawn loans</b>		
Annualized yield on pawn loans	135.0%	131.8%
Total amount of pawn loans written and renewed	\$ 131,981	\$ 110,622
Average pawn loan balance outstanding	\$ 129,349	\$ 118,242
Average pawn loan balance per average location in operation	\$ 267	\$ 248
Ending pawn loan balance per location in operation	\$ 257	\$ 235
Average pawn loan amount at end of period (not in thousands)	\$ 117	\$ 106
Profit margin on disposition of merchandise as a percentage of proceeds from disposition of merchandise	38.7%	38.2%
Average annualized merchandise turnover	3.0x	3.0x
Average balance of merchandise held for disposition per average location in operation	\$ 199	\$ 178
Ending balance of merchandise held for disposition per location in operation	\$ 192	\$ 169
Pawnshop locations in operation		
Beginning of period, owned	485	475
Acquired		1
Start-ups		1
End of period, owned	485	477
Franchise locations at end of period	14	12
Total pawnshop locations at end of period	499	489
Average number of owned pawnshop locations	485	477
<b>Cash advances <sup>(a)</sup></b>		
Pawn locations offering cash advances at end of period	430	424
Average number of pawn locations offering cash advances	431	423
Amount of cash advances written at pawn locations:		
Funded by the Company	\$ 13,947	\$ 15,486
Funded by third-party lenders <sup>(b) (d)</sup>	37,996	44,985
Aggregate amount of cash advances written at pawn locations <sup>(b) (f)</sup>	\$ 51,943	\$ 60,471
Number of cash advances written at pawn locations (not in thousands):		
By the Company	45,146	50,268
By third-party lenders <sup>(b) (d)</sup>	80,389	98,126
Aggregate number of cash advances written at pawn locations <sup>(b) (f)</sup>	125,535	148,394

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Cash advance customer balances due at pawn locations (gross):		
Owned by the Company <sup>(c)</sup>	\$ 6,852	6,439
Owned by third-party lenders <sup>(b) (d)</sup>	6,788	7,800
Aggregate cash advance customer balances due at pawn locations (gross) <sup>(b) (f)</sup>	\$ 13,640	\$ 14,239

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	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2008	2007
<b>CASH ADVANCE OPERATIONS <sup>(e)</sup>:</b>		
<b>Storefront operations:</b>		
Amount of cash advances written:		
Funded by the Company	\$ 153,062	\$ 157,756
Funded by third-party lenders <sup>(b) (d)</sup>	25,564	27,079
Aggregate amount of cash advances written <sup>(b) (f)</sup>	\$ 178,626	\$ 184,835
Number of cash advances written (not in thousands):		
By the Company	418,597	428,951
By third-party lenders <sup>(b) (d)</sup>	45,709	50,363
Aggregate number of cash advances written <sup>(b) (f)</sup>	464,306	479,314
Cash advance customer balances due (gross):		
Owned by the Company <sup>(c)</sup>	\$ 39,181	\$ 40,277
Owned by third-party lenders <sup>(b) (d)</sup>	4,114	4,229
Aggregate cash advance customer balances due (gross) <sup>(b) (f)</sup>	\$ 43,295	\$ 44,506
Cash advance locations in operation (excluding online lending)		
Beginning of period	304	295
Start-ups		2
Combined or closed		(1)
End of period	304	296
Average number of cash advance locations	304	295
<b>Internet lending operations:</b>		
Amount of cash advances written:		
Funded by the Company	\$ 159,921	\$ 128,494
Funded by third-party lenders <sup>(b) (d)</sup>	98,543	70,024
Aggregate amount of cash advances written <sup>(b) (f)</sup>	\$ 258,464	\$ 198,518
Number of cash advances written (not in thousands):		
By the Company	389,416	329,315
By third-party lenders <sup>(b) (d)</sup>	148,947	127,737
Aggregate number of cash advances written <sup>(b) (f)</sup>	538,363	457,052
Cash advance customer balances due (gross):		
Owned by the Company <sup>(c)</sup>	\$ 48,961	\$ 43,809

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Owned by third-party lenders <sup>(b) (d)</sup>	18,567	12,993
Aggregate cash advance customer balances due (gross) <sup>(b) (f)</sup>	\$ 67,528	\$ 56,802
Number of states with online lending at end of period	33	30
Number of foreign countries with online lending at end of period	1	

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	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2008	2007
<b>Combined Storefront and Internet lending operations:</b>		
Amount of cash advances written:		
Funded by the Company	\$ 312,983	\$ 286,250
Funded by third-party lenders <sup>(b) (d)</sup>	124,107	97,103
Aggregate amount of cash advances written <sup>(b) (f)</sup>	\$ 437,090	\$ 383,353
Number of cash advances written (not in thousands):		
By the Company	808,013	758,266
By third-party lenders <sup>(b) (d)</sup>	194,656	178,100
Aggregate number of cash advances written <sup>(b) (f)</sup>	1,002,669	936,366
Cash advance customer balances due (gross):		
Owned by the Company <sup>(c)</sup>	\$ 88,142	\$ 84,086
Owned by third-party lenders <sup>(b) (d)</sup>	22,681	17,222
Aggregate cash advance customer balances due (gross) <sup>(b) (f)</sup>	\$ 110,823	\$ 101,308
<b>CONSOLIDATED CASH ADVANCE PRODUCT SUMMARY <sup>(a) (b) (e)</sup>:</b>		
Amount of cash advances written:		
Funded by the Company	\$ 326,930	\$ 301,736
Funded by third-party lenders <sup>(b) (d)</sup>	162,103	142,088
Aggregate amount of cash advances written <sup>(b) (f)</sup>	\$ 489,033	\$ 443,824
Number of cash advances written (not in thousands):		
By the Company	853,159	808,534
By third-party lenders <sup>(b) (d)</sup>	275,045	276,226
Aggregate number of cash advances written <sup>(b) (f)</sup>	1,128,204	1,084,760
Average amount per cash advance written (not in thousands):		
Funded by the Company	\$ 383	\$ 373
Funded by third-party lenders <sup>(b) (d)</sup>	589	514
Aggregate average amount per cash advance <sup>(b) (f)</sup>	\$ 433	\$ 409
Cash advance customer balances due (gross):		



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Owned by the Company <sup>(c)</sup>	\$ 94,994	\$ 90,525
Owned by third-party lenders <sup>(b) (d)</sup>	29,469	25,022
Aggregate cash advance customer balances due (gross) <sup>(b) (f)</sup>	\$ 124,463	\$ 115,547
Total locations offering cash advances at end of period (excluding online lending)	734	720
Average total locations offering cash advances (excluding online lending)	735	718
Number of states with online lending at end of period	33	30
Number of foreign countries with online lending at end of period	1	

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	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2008	2007
<b>CHECK CASHING OPERATIONS (Mr. Payroll):</b>		
Centers in operation at end of period:		
Company-owned locations	5	5
Franchised locations <sup>(b)</sup>	131	135
Combined centers in operation at end of period <sup>(b)</sup>	136	140
Revenue from Company-owned locations	\$ 122	\$ 161
Revenue from franchise royalties and other	898	979
Total revenue <sup>(c)</sup>	\$ 1,020	\$ 1,140
Face amount of checks cashed:		
Company-owned locations	\$ 7,674	\$ 9,610
Franchised locations <sup>(b)</sup>	362,136	367,221
Combined face amount of checks cashed <sup>(b)</sup>	\$ 369,810	\$ 376,831
Fees collected from customers:		
Company-owned locations	\$ 122	\$ 161
Franchised locations <sup>(b)</sup>	5,370	5,446
Combined fees collected from customers <sup>(b)</sup>	\$ 5,492	\$ 5,607
Fees as a percentage of checks cashed:		
Company-owned locations	1.6%	1.7%
Franchised locations <sup>(b)</sup>	1.5	1.5
Combined fees as a percentage of checks cashed <sup>(b)</sup>	1.5%	1.5%
Average check cashed (not in thousands):		
Company-owned locations	\$ 416	\$ 428
Franchised locations <sup>(b)</sup>	517	494
Combined average check cashed <sup>(b)</sup>	\$ 514	\$ 492

(a) Includes cash advance activities at the

Company's pawn  
lending  
locations.

- (b) Non-GAAP presentation. For informational purposes and to provide a greater understanding of the Company's businesses. Management believes that information provided with this level of detail is meaningful and useful in understanding the activities and business metrics of the Company's operations.
- (c) Amounts recorded in the Company's consolidated financial statements.
- (d) Cash advances written by third-party lenders that were arranged by the Company on behalf of the third-party lenders.
- (e) Includes cash advance activities at the Company's cash

advance  
locations and  
through the  
Company's  
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- (f) Includes (i) cash  
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written by the  
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**CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

There have been no changes of critical accounting policies since December 31, 2007.

**RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

In September 2006, FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* ( SFAS 157 ). SFAS 157 defines fair value to be the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date and emphasizes that fair value is a market-based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement. It establishes a fair value hierarchy and expands disclosures about fair value measurements in both interim and annual periods. SFAS 157 was effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. In February 2008, FASB issued FASB Staff Position ( FSP ) FAS 157-2, *Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157* , which delays the effective date of SFAS 157 for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities that are recognized or disclosed in the financial statements on a nonrecurring basis. The FSP partially defers the effective date of SFAS 157 to fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years for items within the scope of this FSP. The adoption of SFAS 157 and FSP FAS 157-2 did not have a material effect on the Company s financial position or results of operations. The Company has not applied the provisions of SFAS 157 to its nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities in accordance with FSP FAS 157-2. The Company will apply the provisions of SFAS 157 to these assets and liabilities beginning January 1, 2009 as required by FSP FAS 157-2.

In February 2007, FASB issued SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities* ( SFAS 159 ). SFAS 159 permits entities to choose, at specified election dates, to measure eligible items at fair value (the fair value option ) and requires an entity to report unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. Upfront costs and fees related to items for which the fair value option is elected shall be recognized in earnings as incurred and not deferred. SFAS 159 was effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The adoption of SFAS 159 did not have a material effect on the Company s financial position or results of operations.

In December 2007, FASB issued SFAS No. 141, *Business Combinations Revised* ( SFAS 141(R) ). SFAS 141(R) establishes principles and requirements for how an acquirer in a business combination: recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any non-controlling interest in the acquiree; recognizes and measures the goodwill acquired in the business combination or a gain from a bargain purchase price; and, determines what information to disclose to enable users of the consolidated financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business combination. SFAS 141(R) applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. In the past, the Company has completed significant acquisitions. The application of SFAS 141(R) will cause management to evaluate future transaction returns under different conditions, particularly the near term and long term economic impact of expensing transaction costs up front.

In March 2008, FASB issued SFAS No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133* ( SFAS No. 161 ). SFAS No. 161 requires enhanced disclosures concerning (1) the manner in which an entity uses derivatives (and the reasons it uses them), (2) the manner in which derivatives and related hedged items are accounted for under SFAS No. 133 and interpretations thereof, and (3) the effects that derivatives and related hedged items have on an entity s financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. The standard is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. The Company does not expect SFAS 161 to have a material effect on the Company s financial position or results of operations.

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**OVERVIEW**

**Components of Consolidated Net Revenue.** Consolidated net revenue is total revenue reduced by the cost of merchandise sold in the period. It represents the income available to satisfy expenses and is the measure management uses to evaluate top line performance. The components of consolidated net revenue are: finance and service charges from pawn loans, profit from the disposition of merchandise, cash advance fees, and other revenue. Other revenue is comprised mostly of check cashing fees but includes royalties and small miscellaneous other revenue items.

The growth in cash advance fees is primarily attributable to higher average balances from cash advances made through the Company's online distribution platform, which expanded into new markets early in 2007. The Company acquired the online cash advance business mid-September of 2006. Cash advance fees comprised 47.6% and 48.8% of net revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, and accounted for 37.6% of the net revenue increase for the three months ended March 31, 2008 compared to the same period in the prior year. Net revenue from pawn lending activities contributed 49.3% and 47.7% of net revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Net revenue derived from pawn lending activities accounted for 63.9% of net revenue growth for the current period ending March 31, 2008 compared to the same period in the prior year. The following graphs show consolidated net revenue and depict the mix of the components of net revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007:

**Table of Contents****Quarter Ended March 31, 2008 Compared To Quarter Ended March 31, 2007**

**Consolidated Net Revenue.** Consolidated net revenue increased \$18.5 million, or 11.5%, to \$179.4 million during the three months ended March 31, 2008 (the current quarter ) from \$160.9 million during the three months ended March 31, 2007 (the prior year quarter ). The following table sets forth net revenue by operating segment for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 (dollars in thousands):

	For the three months ended March 31,			
	2008	2007	Increase/(Decrease)	
Cash advance operations    storefront	\$ 32,130	\$ 33,426	\$ (1,296)	(3.9)%
Cash advance operations    internet lending	47,482	38,657	8,825	22.8
Total cash advance operations	79,612	72,083	7,529	10.4
Pawn lending operations	98,786	87,724	11,062	12.6
Check cashing operations	1,020	1,140	(120)	(10.5)
Consolidated net revenue	\$ 179,418	\$ 160,947	\$ 18,471	11.5%

The components of consolidated net revenue are finance and service charges from pawn loans, which increased \$5.0 million; profit from the disposition of merchandise, which increased \$6.8 million; cash advance fees generated from pawn locations, cash advance locations and via the internet distribution channel, which increased \$6.9 million; and combined segment revenue from check cashing fees, royalties and other, which decreased \$287,000.

**Finance and Service Charges.** Finance and service charges from pawn loans increased \$5.0 million, or 13.0%, from \$38.4 million in the prior year quarter to \$43.4 million in the current quarter. The increase is due primarily to higher loan balances attributable to the increased amount of pawn loans written through existing and new locations added during 2007. An increase in the average balance of pawn loans outstanding contributed \$3.6 million of the increase and the higher annualized yield, which is a function of the blend in permitted rates for fees and service charges on pawn loans in all operating locations, contributed \$1.4 million of the increase. Management believes the Company's decision to reduce the maximum loan term from 90 days to 60 days in 198 pawn locations in the last half of 2007 contributed to higher reported pawn loan yields as portfolio performance has improved, partially due to a shortening of the

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average loan period and customer payments of finance and service charges occurred earlier than in prior periods.

The average balances of pawn loans outstanding during the current quarter increased by \$11.1 million, or 9.4%, compared to the prior year quarter, primarily related to an increase in the average amount per loan made, and a slight increase in the number of loans written. Pawn loan balances at March 31, 2008 were \$124.8 million, which was 11.4% higher than at March 31, 2007. Annualized loan yield was 135.0% in the current quarter, compared to 131.8% in the prior year quarter. Same store pawn loan balances at March 31, 2008 increased \$11.5 million, or 10.3%, compared to March 31, 2007.

**Profit from Disposition of Merchandise.** Profit from disposition of merchandise is the amount by which the proceeds received from disposition of merchandise exceed the cost of disposed merchandise. The following table summarizes the proceeds from disposition of merchandise and the related profit for the current quarter compared to the prior year quarter (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,					
	Merch- andise	2008 Refined Gold	Total	Merch- andise	2007 Refined Gold	Total
Proceeds from dispositions	\$78,354	\$38,229	\$116,583	\$75,007	\$25,161	\$100,168
Profit on disposition	\$31,931	\$13,136	\$45,067	\$30,252	\$7,991	\$38,243
Profit margin	40.8%	34.4%	38.7%	40.3%	31.8%	38.2%
Percentage of total profit	70.9%	29.1%	100.0%	79.1%	20.9%	100.0%

The total proceeds from disposition of merchandise and refined gold increased \$16.4 million, or 16.4%, and the total profit from the disposition of merchandise and refined gold increased \$6.8 million, or 17.8%. Overall gross profit margin increased from 38.2% in the prior year quarter to 38.7% in the current quarter, primarily due to higher market prices for gold, which in turn caused the hedge-adjusted selling price per ounce to increase 26.8% in the current quarter compared to the prior year quarter. Proceeds from disposition of merchandise (including jewelry sales), excluding refined gold, increased \$3.3 million, or 4.5%, in the current quarter compared to the prior year quarter. Excluding the effect of the disposition of refined gold, the profit margin on the disposition of merchandise was 40.8% for the current quarter compared to 40.3% in the prior year quarter. The profit margin on the disposition of refined gold increased to 34.4% in the current quarter compared to 31.8% in the prior year quarter. The increase in gross profit dollars on the disposition of refined gold during the current quarter is primarily attributable to the 19% increase in the volume of refined gold sold and a 27% higher price per ounce. The price per ounce increase of 27% exceeded the cost per ounce increase of 24%, leading to a higher gross profit margin on refined gold compared to the prior year quarter.

The higher level of retail sales activity and refined gold sales was supported by higher levels of merchandise available for disposition entering the current quarter and by the net addition of eight pawn locations since March 31, 2007. The consolidated merchandise turnover rate was 3.0 times during both the current quarter and the prior year quarter. Management expects that profit margin on the disposition of merchandise in the near term will likely remain at or slightly below current levels mainly due to higher inventory levels and an increase in the percentage mix of refined gold sales, which typically have lower gross profit margins.



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The table below summarizes the age of merchandise held for disposition before valuation allowance of \$2.1 million and \$2.0 million at March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively (dollars in thousands).

	2008		2007	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
Merchandise held for 1 year or less				
Jewelry	\$ 61,076	64.2%	\$ 50,742	61.4%
Other merchandise	25,085	26.4	23,813	28.8
	86,161	90.6	74,555	90.2
Merchandise held for more than 1 year				
Jewelry	5,500	5.8	5,067	6.1
Other merchandise	3,415	3.6	3,046	3.7
	8,915	9.4	8,113	9.8
Total merchandise held for disposition	\$ 95,076	100.0%	\$ 82,668	100.0%

**Cash Advance Fees.** Cash advance fees increased \$6.9 million, or 8.8%, to \$85.5 million in the current quarter from \$78.5 million in the prior year quarter. The increase in revenue from cash advance fees is predominately due to the introduction of new markets for the online distribution channel, which contributed to an increase in customers. As of March 31, 2008, the cash advance products were available in 734 lending locations, including 430 pawnshops and 304 cash advance locations, and through the online distribution channel. Of these lending locations, 319 arrange for customers to obtain cash advance products from independent third-party lenders for a fee. Cash advance fees from same stores (both pawn and cash advance locations in business during the entire 24 month period ended March 31, 2008) decreased \$1.6 million, or 4.2%, to \$36.5 million in the current quarter as compared to \$38.1 million in the prior year quarter primarily due to lower levels of asset balances in storefront locations following a tightening of lending criteria during the last half of 2007.

Cash advance fees include revenue from the cash advance portfolio owned by the Company and fees paid to the Company for arranging for cash advance products from independent third-party lenders for customers. (Although cash advance transactions may take the form of loans or deferred check deposit transactions, the transactions are referred to throughout this discussion as cash advances for convenience.)

The following table sets forth cash advance fees by operating segment for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 (dollars in thousands):

	Three months ended March 31,			
	2008	2007	Increase/(Decrease)	
Cash advance operations storefront	\$ 28,693	\$ 29,741	\$ (1,048)	(3.5)%
Cash advance operations internet lending	47,482	38,655	8,827	22.8
Total cash advance operations	76,175	68,396	7,779	11.4%
Pawn lending operations	9,285	10,120	(835)	(8.3)
Consolidated cash advance fees	\$ 85,460	\$ 78,516	\$ 6,944	8.8%

The amount of cash advances written increased by \$45.2 million, or 10.2%, to \$489.0 million in the current quarter from \$443.8 million in the prior year quarter. Included in the amount of cash advances written in the current quarter and the prior year quarter were \$162.1 million and \$142.1 million, respectively, of cash advances extended to

customers by third-party lenders. The average amount per cash advance increased to \$433 from \$409. The average balances of cash advances outstanding during the current quarter increased by 9.6%, compared to the prior year quarter. The increase was driven by a 4.1% increase in the number of cash advances written during the current quarter and a 5.9% increase in the average amount per cash advance written during the current quarter. Gross cash advance balances at March 31, 2008 were \$124.5 million, which was 7.7% higher than at March 31, 2007.

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The outstanding combined portfolio balance of cash advances increased \$9.0 million, or 7.8%, to \$124.5 million at March 31, 2008 from \$115.5 million at March 31, 2007. Those amounts included \$95.0 million and \$90.5 million at March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, of cash advances which are owned by the Company and included in the Company's consolidated balance sheets. An allowance for losses of \$20.8 million and \$23.1 million has been provided in the consolidated financial statements for March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, which is netted against the outstanding cash advance amounts on the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

The following table summarizes cash advances outstanding at March 31, 2008 and 2007 and contains certain non-Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (non-GAAP) measures with respect to the cash advances owned by third-party lenders that are not included in the Company's consolidated balance sheets. The Company believes that presenting these non-GAAP measures is meaningful and necessary because management evaluates and measures the cash advance portfolio performance on an aggregate basis (dollars in thousands).

	March 31,	
	2008	2007
<i>Funded by the Company</i> <sup>(a)</sup>		
Active cash advances and fees receivable	\$ 63,952	\$ 57,077
Cash advances and fees in collection	21,104	21,436
<b>Total funded by the Company</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	85,056	78,513
<i>Funded by the third-party lenders</i> <sup>(b) (c)</sup>		
Active cash advances and fees receivable	29,469	25,022
Cash advances and fees in collection	9,938	12,012
<b>Total funded by third-party lenders</b> <sup>(b) (c)</sup>	39,407	37,034
<i>Combined gross portfolio</i> <sup>(b) (d)</sup>	124,463	115,547
Less: Elimination of cash advances owned by third-party lenders	29,469	25,022
<b>Company-owned cash advances and fees receivable, gross</b>	94,994	90,525
Less: Allowance for losses	20,815	23,141
<b>Cash advances and fees receivable, net</b>	\$ 74,179	\$ 67,384
Allowance for loss on Company-owned cash advances	\$ 20,815	\$ 23,141
Accrued losses on third-party lender owned cash advances	1,988	1,253
<b>Combined allowance for losses and accrued third-party lender losses</b>	\$ 22,803	\$ 24,394
<b>Combined allowance for losses and accrued third-party lender losses as a % of combined gross portfolio</b> <sup>(b)</sup>	18.3%	21.1%

<sup>(a)</sup> Cash advances written by the Company in its pawn and cash advance locations and through the

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channel.

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- (c) Cash advances written by third-party lenders that were arranged by the Company on behalf of the third-party lenders, all at the Company's pawn and cash advance locations and through the Company's internet distribution channel.

(d)

Includes (i) cash advances written by the Company, and (ii) cash advances written by third-party lenders that were arranged by the Company on behalf of the third-party lenders, all at the Company's pawn and cash advance locations and through the Company's internet distribution channel.

Management anticipates continued growth in consolidated cash advance fees for the remainder of 2008, primarily due to increased consumer awareness and demand for the cash advance product, higher outstanding balances at March 31, 2008 compared to March 31, 2007, the continued growth of the internet distribution channel, the growth of balances from new units opened in 2006 and 2007, and additional planned openings in 2008.

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**Check Cashing Fees, Royalties and Other.** Check cashing fees, royalties and other income from all segments decreased \$287,000 to \$5.5 million in the current quarter, or 5.0%, from \$5.8 million in the prior year quarter primarily due to a lower volume of checks being cashed potentially due to an increase in competition. The components of these fees are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Three months ended March 31,							
	2008				2007			
	Pawn Lending	Cash Advance	Check Cashing	Total	Pawn Lending	Cash Advance	Check Cashing	Total
Check cashing fees	\$ 237	\$ 2,016	\$ 123	\$ 2,376	\$ 289	\$ 2,406	\$ 161	\$ 2,856
Royalties	210		881	1,091	145		958	1,103
Other	566	1,421	16	2,003	496	1,281	21	1,798
	\$ 1,013	\$ 3,437	\$ 1,020	\$ 5,470	\$ 930	\$ 3,687	\$ 1,140	\$ 5,757

**Operations Expenses.** Consolidated operations expenses, as a percentage of total revenue, were 31.8% in the current quarter down from 32.7% in the prior year quarter. These expenses increased \$6.9 million, or 9.4%, in the current quarter compared to the prior year quarter. Pawn lending operating expenses increased \$5.3 million, or 11.1%, to \$52.9 million, primarily due to higher personnel related costs due to staffing increases, benefits and incentive payments. The increase in operations expenses for the cash advance operations of \$1.5 million, or 6.0%, is primarily attributable to the growth in the Company's online distribution channel, increased selling expenses and the net addition of cash advance locations.

As a multi-unit operator in the consumer finance industry, the Company's operations expenses are predominately related to personnel and occupancy expenses. Personnel expenses include base salary and wages, performance incentives, and benefits. Occupancy expenses include rent, property taxes, insurance, utilities, and maintenance. The combination of personnel and occupancy expenses represents 80.7% of total operations expenses in the current quarter and 79.9% in the prior year quarter. The comparison is as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2008		2007	
	Amount	% of Revenue	Amount	% of Revenue
Personnel	\$ 45,525	18.1%	\$ 40,870	18.3%
Occupancy	18,822	7.5	17,332	7.8
Other	15,375	6.2	14,666	6.6
Total	\$ 79,722	31.8%	\$ 72,868	32.7%

The increase in personnel expenses is mainly due to unit additions during 2007, an increase in staffing levels, the growth of the Company's online distribution channel and normal recurring salary adjustments. The increase in occupancy expense is primarily due to unit additions, as well as higher utility costs and property taxes. The increase in other operations expenses was primarily due to an increase in selling expenses.

**Cash Advance Loss Provision.** The Company maintains an allowance for losses on cash advances at a level projected to be adequate to absorb credit losses inherent in the outstanding combined cash advance portfolio. The cash advance loss provision is utilized to increase the allowance carried against the outstanding company owned cash advance portfolio as well as expected losses in the third-party lender-owned portfolios which are guaranteed by the Company. The allowance is based on historical trends in portfolio performance based on the status of the balance owed by the customer with the full amount of the customer's obligations being completely reserved when they become 60 days past due. The cash advance loss provision was \$27.1 million for the current quarter and \$32.7 million for the

prior year quarter. The loss provision reflected a \$5.6 million decrease, principally due to lower loss rates on improved portfolio performance.

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The loss provision expense as a percentage of cash advances written decreased to 5.5% compared to 7.4% in the prior year. The loss provision as a percentage of cash advance fees decreased to 31.8% in the current quarter from 41.7% in the prior year quarter. The decrease in the loss allowance is primarily due to an improved mix of customers, which is more heavily weighted to customers with better histories of repayment of loans and a lower concentration of new customers with no performance history. Total charge-offs less recoveries divided by total cash advances written was flat at 6.5% in the current quarter compared to the prior year quarter.

Due to the short-term nature of the cash advance product and the high velocity of loans written, seasonal trends are evidenced in quarter-to-quarter performance. The table below shows the Company's sequential loss experience for each of the five calendar quarters ending March 31, 2008 under multiple metrics used by the Company to evaluate performance. Management believes that the higher loss levels experienced in 2007 were due to a large increase in new customers during the early part of the year. Typically, the normal business cycle leads sequential losses, as measured by the current period loss provision as a percentage of combined loans written in the period, to be lowest in the first quarter and increase throughout the year, with the final two quarters experiencing the peak levels of losses. During 2007, the quarterly sequential performance deviated from this typical cycle as sequential loss rates decreased from the second to the third quarter and from the third quarter to the fourth quarter. Management believes that this sequential decrease was mainly due to the increase in customers who had established borrowing histories as a percent of all customers in the later half of the year. This change in mix was primarily in the portfolio of cash advances originated by the Company's online channel. In addition, management took steps to reduce losses in its storefront business beginning in the last half of 2007, including additional underwriting guidelines and more emphasis on collections activities. These changes accounted for a smaller portion of the decrease in relation to the customer composition mix. Management believes that the sequential trend in cash advance loan losses will return to its more traditional trend of lowest loss levels in the first half of the year in 2008.

	<b>2007</b>				<b>2008</b>
	<b>First Quarter</b>	<b>Second Quarter</b>	<b>Third Quarter</b>	<b>Fourth Quarter</b>	<b>First Quarter</b>
Combined cash advance loss provision as a % of combined cash advances written <sup>(a)</sup> <sup>(b)</sup>	7.4%	8.4%	8.1%	6.8%	5.5%
Charge-offs (net of recoveries) as a % of combined cash advances written <sup>(a)</sup> <sup>(b)</sup>	6.5%	6.5%	8.3%	7.8%	6.5%
Combined cash advance loss provision as a % of cash advance fees <sup>(a)</sup> <sup>(b)</sup>	41.7%	48.7%	45.7%	38.8%	31.8%
Combined cash advances and fees receivable, gross <sup>(a)</sup> <sup>(b)</sup>	\$ 115,547	\$ 139,576	\$ 144,779	\$ 148,404	\$ 124,463
Combined allowance for losses on cash advances	24,394	33,996	32,757	27,504	22,803
Combined cash advances and fees receivable, net <sup>(a)</sup> <sup>(b)</sup>	\$ 91,153	\$ 105,580	\$ 112,022	\$ 120,900	\$ 101,660
Combined allowance for losses and accrued third-party lender losses as a % of combined gross portfolio <sup>(a)</sup> <sup>(b)</sup>	21.1%	24.4%	22.6%	18.5%	18.3%



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The following table summarizes the cash advance loss provision for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, and contains certain non-GAAP measures with respect to the cash advances written by third-party lenders that are not included in the Company's consolidated balance sheets and related statistics. The Company believes that presenting these non-GAAP measures is meaningful and necessary because management evaluates and measures the cash advance portfolio performance on an aggregate basis including its evaluation of the loss provision for the Company-owned portfolio and the third-party lender-owned portfolio that the Company guarantees (dollars in thousands).

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2008	2007
Cash advance loss provision:		
Loss provision on Company-owned cash advances	\$ 26,974	\$ 32,648
Loss provision on third-party owned cash advances	160	100
Combined cash advance loss provision	\$ 27,134	\$ 32,748
Charge-offs, net of recoveries	\$ 31,835	\$ 29,020
Cash advances written:		
By the Company <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 326,930	\$ 301,736
By third-party lenders <sup>(b) (c)</sup>	162,103	142,088
Combined cash advances written <sup>(b) (d)</sup>	\$ 489,033	\$ 443,824
Combined cash advance loss provision as a % of combined cash advances written <sup>(b)</sup>	5.5%	7.4%
Charge-offs (net of recoveries) as a % of combined cash advances written <sup>(b)</sup>	6.5%	6.5%

(a) Cash advances written by the Company in its pawn and cash advance locations and through the Company's internet distribution channel.

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**Administration Expenses.** Consolidated administration expenses, as a percentage of total revenue, were 7.6% in the current quarter compared to 6.2% in the prior year quarter. The increase in administration expenses was principally attributable to increased staffing levels, annual salary adjustments and the growth in the Company's online distribution channel. The components of administration expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2008		2007	
	Amount	% of Revenue	Amount	% of Revenue
Personnel	\$ 12,621	5.0%	\$ 9,976	4.5%
Other	6,338	2.6	3,823	1.7
Total	\$ 18,959	7.6%	\$ 13,799	6.2%

**Depreciation and Amortization.** Depreciation and amortization expense as a percentage of total revenue was 3.6% in the current quarter and 3.4% in the prior year quarter. Total depreciation and amortization expense increased \$1.6 million, or 21.2%, primarily due to accelerated depreciation costs related to planned store closures as well as accelerated depreciation on legacy computer hardware which will be replaced during the deployment of the Company's new point-of-sale system.

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**Interest Expense.** Interest expense as a percentage of total revenue was 1.4% in the current quarter and 1.6% in the prior year quarter. Interest expense decreased \$0.2 million, or 6.4%, to \$3.5 million in the current quarter as compared to \$3.7 million in the prior year quarter. The decrease was primarily due to the lower weighted average floating interest rate (4.9% during the current quarter compared to 6.3% during the prior year quarter), partially offset by the increase in average floating rate borrowings (\$151.3 million during the current quarter compared to \$80.1 million in the prior year quarter). The average amount of debt outstanding increased during the current quarter to \$268.3 million from \$214.0 million during the prior year quarter. The effective blended borrowing cost was 5.5% in the current quarter and 6.3% in the prior year quarter.

**Interest Income.** Interest income was \$31,000 in the current quarter compared to \$418,000 in the prior year quarter. The prior year quarter interest income is primarily from the two notes receivable denominated in Swedish kronor that the Company held in connection with its 2004 sale of its foreign pawn lending operations. The notes were sold in August 2007.

**Foreign Currency Transaction Gain/Loss.** The Company held two notes receivable denominated in Swedish kronor until they were sold in August 2007. Exchange rate changes between the United States dollar and the Swedish kronor resulted in a net gain of \$44,000 (including a gain of \$242,000 from foreign currency forward contracts) in the prior year quarter.

In July 2007, the Company began offering cash advances to residents of the United Kingdom. The functional currency of the Company's United Kingdom operations is the British pound. In the current quarter, the Company recorded foreign currency transaction losses of approximately \$7,000 on the intercompany balances, which are denominated in U.S. dollars, between the U.S. and United Kingdom operations. These losses were partially offset by a gain of \$3,000 from foreign currency forward contracts.

**Income Taxes.** The Company's effective tax rate was 37.0% for the current quarter compared to 37.4% for the prior year quarter. The decrease in the effective tax rate is primarily attributable to state income taxes.

**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

The Company's cash flows and other key indicators of liquidity are summarized as follows (\$ in thousands):

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2008	2007
Operating activities cash flows	\$ 68,547	\$ 73,530
Investing activities cash flows:		
Pawn loans	\$ 18,113	\$ 18,721
Cash advances	(12,429)	(19,277)
Acquisitions		(35,640)
Property and equipment additions	(14,965)	(11,933)
Proceeds from property insurance	333	
Financing activities cash flows	\$ (59,684)	\$ (25,396)
Working capital	\$ 222,744	\$ 250,611
Current ratio	2.5x	3.7x
Merchandise turnover	3.0x	3.0x

**Cash flows from operating activities.** Net cash provided by operating activities from continuing operations was \$68.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2008, a decrease of 6.8% compared to the prior year quarter. Net cash generated by the Company's pawn lending operations, cash advance operations and check cashing operations were \$22.3 million, \$45.8 million and \$0.4 million, respectively. The decrease in cash flows from operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2008 as

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compared to the three months ended March 31, 2007 was primarily due to a reduction in accounts payable and accrued expenses of approximately \$4.5 million.

**Cash flows from investing activities.** The Company's pawn lending activities provided cash of \$18.1 million and cash advance activities used cash of \$12.4 million during the current period. The Company also invested \$15.0 million in property and equipment, including \$3.6 million for the development of a new point-of-sale system and \$11.4 million for the development and enhancements to communications and information systems, as well as remodeling of certain locations.

The Company expects to make two supplemental payments in 2008 in connection with the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of The Check Giant LLC (TCG). To the extent that the defined multiple of earnings attributable to the business acquired from TCG exceeds the total amounts paid through the supplemental payment measurement dates, as defined in the asset purchase agreement, the Company will make additional payments to the sellers in May and November of 2008. As of March 31, 2008, the Company has accrued approximately \$63.2 million for this payment based on the defined multiple of 5.0 times trailing twelve months earnings through March 31, 2008. The next measurement date will be September 30, 2008. The magnitude of these payments could be significant if the past success of the business continues throughout 2008.

Management anticipates that capital expenditures for 2008 will be approximately \$35 to \$45 million, primarily for the remodeling of selected operating units, for the continuing development and enhancements to communications and information systems, including the multi-year project to upgrade the Company's proprietary point-of-sale and information system, and for the establishment of approximately three to ten combined total of new cash advance-only locations and pawnshops. The additional capital required to make supplemental acquisition payments related to the CashNetUSA acquisition and to pursue other acquisition opportunities is not included in the estimate of capital expenditures because of the uncertainties surrounding such payments or any potential transaction of this nature at this time. However, the two supplemental acquisition payments related to the acquisition of CashNetUSA, made or accrued for the measurement dates of September 30, 2007 and March 31, 2008, respectively, averaged approximately \$53.3 million. Management expects the implementation of the new point-of-sale system, which will begin during 2008, will result in a substantial increase in depreciation expense.

**Cash flows from financing activities.** During the three months ended March 31, 2008, the Company repaid \$55.3 million under its bank lines of credit. Additional uses of cash included \$1.0 million for dividends paid. On October 24, 2007, the Board of Directors authorized the Company's repurchase of 1,500,000 shares. Management expects to purchase shares of the Company from time to time in the open market, and funding will come from operating cash flow. During the three months ended March 31, 2008, 95,000 shares were purchased for an aggregate amount of \$2.9 million under the 2007 authorization. In addition, 19,833 shares were acquired as partial payments of taxes for shares issued under stock-based compensation plans for an aggregate amount of \$0.6 million. During the three months ended March 31, 2008, stock options for 13,500 shares were exercised which generated \$0.2 million of additional equity.

On February 29, 2008, the Company exercised the \$50 million accordion feature contained in its existing line of credit. As a result, the committed amount under the line of credit increased from \$250 million to \$300 million. The line of credit agreement and the senior unsecured notes require that the Company maintain certain financial ratios. The Company is in compliance with all covenants and other requirements set forth in its debt agreements. A significant decline in demand for the Company's products and services may cause the Company to reduce its planned level of capital expenditures and lower its working capital needs in order to maintain compliance with the financial ratios in those agreements. A violation of the credit agreement or the senior unsecured note agreements could result in an acceleration of the Company's debt and increase the Company's borrowing costs and could adversely affect the Company's ability to renew its existing credit facility or obtain new credit on favorable terms in the future. The Company does not anticipate a significant decline in demand for its services and has historically been successful in maintaining compliance with and renewing its debt agreements.

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Management believes that the borrowings available (\$180.7 million at March 31, 2008) under the credit facilities, cash generated from operations and current working capital of \$222.7 million should be sufficient to meet the Company's anticipated capital requirements for the foreseeable future.

**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

Market risks relating to the Company's operations result primarily from changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, and gold prices. The Company does not engage in speculative or leveraged transactions, nor does it hold or issue financial instruments for trading purposes. There have been no material changes to the Company's exposure to market risks since December 31, 2007.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

Under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, management of the Company has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) as of March 31, 2008 (Evaluation Date). Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of the Evaluation Date, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective (i) to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports that the Company files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms; and (ii) to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that the Company files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

There was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended March 31, 2008, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

The Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, does not expect that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures or internal controls will prevent all possible error and fraud. The Company's disclosure controls and procedures are, however, designed to provide reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives, and the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Company's financial controls and procedures are effective at that reasonable assurance level.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

See Note 7 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

There have been no material changes from the risk factors disclosed in Part 1, Item 1A, of the Company's 2007 Form 10-K.



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(c) The following table provides the information with respect to purchases made by the Company of shares of its common stock during each of the months in the first three months of 2008:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plan	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plan (1)
January 1 to January 31	9,919 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 27.40		1,450,000
February 1 to February 29	51,455 <sup>(2)</sup>	32.69	40,000	1,410,000
March 1 to March 31	55,507 <sup>(2)</sup>	29.50	55,000	1,355,000
Total	116,881	30.73	95,000	

(1) On October 24, 2007, the Board of Directors authorized the Company's repurchase of up to a total of 1,500,000 shares of its common stock.

(2) Includes shares purchased on behalf of participants relating to the Company's Non-Qualified Savings Plan of 400, 1,141, and 507 shares for the months of January, February and March, respectively, and shares received as partial tax payments for

shares issued  
under  
stock-based  
compensation  
plans of 9,519  
and 10,314  
shares for the  
months of  
January and  
February,  
respectively.

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**Item 6. Exhibits**

- 10.1 First form of 2008 Long Term Incentive Plan Agreement under the 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan <sup>(1)</sup>
- 10.2 Second form of 2008 Long Term Incentive Plan Agreement under the 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan <sup>(1)</sup>
- 10.3 Form of 2008 Restricted Stock Unit Special Award Agreement under the 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

(1) Pursuant to 17 CFR 240.24b-2, portions of these exhibits have been omitted and have been filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to a Confidential Treatment Application filed with the Commission.

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**SIGNATURE**

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.

CASH AMERICA INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Thomas A. Bessant, Jr.  
Thomas A. Bessant, Jr.  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 25, 2008  
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