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Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011

Commission file number 1-11929

Dover Motorsports, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

51-0357525

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1131 North DuPont Highway, Dover, Delaware 19901

(Address of principal executive offices)

(302) 883-6500

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

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

Title of ClassCommon Stock, \$.10 Par Value

Name of Exchange on Which Registered New York Stock Exchange

| Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes o No x |
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| Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act. Yes o No x |
| 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 x No o |

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer o

Accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer o

Smaller reporting company x

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

The aggregate market value of common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$29,929,993 as of June 30, 2011 (the last day of our most recently completed second quarter).

As of February 24, 2012, the number of shares of each class of the registrant s common stock outstanding is as follows:

Common Stock - 18,378,198 shares Class A Common Stock - 18,510,975 shares

Documents Incorporated by Reference

Portions of the registrant s Proxy Statement in connection with the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held April 25, 2012 are incorporated by reference into Part III, Items 10 through 14 of this report.

References in this document to we, us and our mean Dover Motorsports, Inc. and/or its wholly owned subsidiaries, as appropriate.

Item 1. Business

Dover Motorsports, Inc. is a public holding company that is a leading marketer and promoter of motorsports entertainment in the United States. Through our subsidiaries, we own and operate Dover International Speedway® in Dover, Delaware and Nashville Superspeedway® near Nashville, Tennessee. These facilities promoted the following ten events during 2011, all of which were under the auspices of the premier sanctioning body in motorsports - the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR):

- 2 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series events;
- 4 NASCAR Nationwide Series events:
- 3 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series events; and
- 1 NASCAR K&N Pro Series East event.

In 2012, we are scheduled to promote six events, all of which will be sanctioned by NASCAR and held at Dover International Speedway.

We derive a substantial portion of our revenues from admissions, event-related and broadcasting revenues attributable to our NASCAR-sanctioned events at Dover International Speedway. Total revenues from these events were approximately 90%, 90% and 80% of total revenues for 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

We generate revenues primarily from the following sources:

- ticket sales;
- rights fees obtained for television and radio broadcasts of our events;
- sponsorship payments;
- luxury suite rentals;
- hospitality tent rentals and catering;

- concessions and souvenir sales and vendor commissions for the right to sell concessions and souvenirs at our facilities;
- expo space rentals; and
- track rentals and other event-related revenues.

We began our motorsports operations in 1969 in Dover, Delaware. Our predecessor, Dover Downs, Inc., was also engaged in harness horse racing operations and later ran our other gaming operations. As a result of several restructurings, our operations were segregated into two main operating subsidiaries - Dover International Speedway, Inc., incorporated in 1994, encompassed our motorsports operations, and Dover Downs, Inc., incorporated in 1967, conducted our gaming operations.

Effective March 31, 2002, we spun-off our gaming business which was then owned by our subsidiary, Dover Downs Gaming & Entertainment, Inc. (Gaming). On a tax-free basis, we made a pro rata distribution of all of the capital stock of Gaming to our stockholders. Our continuing operations subsequent to the spin-off consist solely of our motorsports activities.

On August 3, 2011, we announced that our wholly-owned subsidiary Nashville Superspeedway notified NASCAR that it will not seek 2012 sanction agreements for its two Nationwide Series and two Camping World Truck Series events. We continue to use the track for NASCAR team testing and are currently evaluating all of our options for the facility. We incurred a non-cash impairment charge of \$15,687,000 (see NOTE 3 Impairment Charges of the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this document for further discussion) and

severance costs of approximately \$150,000 in the third quarter of 2011 as a result of this event. Additionally, we recorded a \$2,250,000 provision for contingent obligation reflecting the present value of the estimated portion of the Wilson County bonds debt service that may not be covered by the projected sales and incremental property taxes from the facility (see NOTE 13 Commitments and Contingencies of the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this document for further discussion).

In November 2010, we announced the closing of our Gateway facility. The Gateway facility was located on approximately 290 acres of land in Madison, Illinois and the racetrack was primarily on leased property. We had long-term leases for approximately 150 acres with four landlords. In February 2011, three of the four landlords agreed to terminate the land leases in exchange for 18.5 acres of owned real estate and our agreement to abandon all improvements and certain personal property (including the racetrack) on the leased land. As a result, we recorded an expense for facility exit costs of \$324,000 at December 31, 2010 primarily to record a liability for the value of the real property we conveyed to the landlords in connection with terminating the leases. In December 2011, the one remaining land lease was terminated. We continue to own approximately 120 acres of undeveloped land near the Gateway facility. See NOTE 4 Discontinued Operation of the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this document for further discussion.

We closed our Memphis Motorsports Park facility in October 2009 and executed an agreement to sell it in December 2010. The real estate sale closed on January 31, 2011. After closing costs and including the proceeds from the separate sale of all personal property at the facility in December 2010, our net proceeds were approximately \$2,000,000, all of which was used to pay down indebtedness of the Memphis facility. Since the carrying amount of the long-lived assets of the Memphis facility exceeded the sales price, we recognized a non-cash impairment charge of \$809,000 in the fourth quarter of 2010. See NOTE 3 Impairment Charges of the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this document for further discussion.

Dover International Speedway

We have promoted NASCAR-sanctioned racing events for 43 consecutive years at Dover International Speedway and currently promote six NASCAR-sanctioned events at the facility annually. Two races are in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series professional stock car racing circuit, two races are in the NASCAR Nationwide Series racing circuit, one race is in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series racing circuit and one race is in the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East racing circuit. Both NASCAR Sprint Cup Series events at Dover are scheduled to be broadcast on network television in 2012.

Each of the NASCAR Nationwide Series events, the Camping World Truck Series event and the K&N Pro Series East event at Dover International Speedway are conducted on the days before a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series event. Dover International Speedway is one of only seven speedways in North America that presents two NASCAR Sprint Cup Series events and two NASCAR Nationwide Series events each year. Additionally, it is one of only five tracks to host three major NASCAR events at one facility on the same weekend. The spring and fall event dates have historically allowed Dover International Speedway to hold the first and last NASCAR Sprint Cup Series events in the Maryland to Maine region each year. Our fall event has historically been the second of ten races in the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup which determines the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series champion for the racing season. Starting in 2011, our fall event was the third race to determine the championship.

Dover International Speedway, widely known as the Monster Mile®, is a high-banked, one-mile, concrete superspeedway with permanent seating capacity of approximately 132,000. Unlike some superspeedways, substantially all grandstand and skybox seats offer an unobstructed view of the entire track. The concrete racing surface makes Dover International Speedway the only concrete superspeedway (one mile or greater in length) that conducts NASCAR Sprint Cup Series events. The superspeedway facility also features the Monster Bridge®. The climate controlled bridge spans across the width of the superspeedway at a height of 29 feet and houses 50-luxury seats, a refreshment bar and other amenities. The Monster Bridge is the only one of its kind in the motorsports industry and has been patented.

Nashville Superspeedway

In April 2001, we opened Nashville Superspeedway (Nashville) a motorsports complex approximately 35 miles from downtown Nashville in Wilson County, Tennessee. The 1.33-mile concrete superspeedway has 25,000 permanent grandstand seats with an infrastructure in place to expand to 150,000 seats as demand requires. Additionally, construction included lights at the superspeedway to allow for nighttime racing and the foundation work for a dirt track, short track and drag strip. Nashville Superspeedway promoted two NASCAR Nationwide Series events and two NASCAR Camping World Truck Series event during the 2011 season. The facility also hosted other regional and national touring events, as well as track rentals.

In the third quarter of 2011, we notified NASCAR that Nashville Superspeedway will not seek 2012 sanction agreements for its two Nationwide Series and two Camping World Truck Series events. We continue to lease the track for NASCAR team testing and are currently evaluating all of our options for the facility.

Gateway International Raceway

Gateway International Raceway (Gateway) promoted no events in 2011.

We closed the Gateway facility in the fourth quarter of 2010 and terminated all of our leases for the real property underlying the racetrack in 2011. We continue to own approximately 120 acres of undeveloped land near the Gateway facility.

Memphis Motorsports Park

Memphis Motorsports Park (Memphis) promoted no events in 2011.

We closed the Memphis facility in the fourth quarter of 2009 and held an auction for the real and personal property comprising the facility on December 14, 2010. An agreement of sale was entered into on that date and the sale closed on January 31, 2011.

Agreements with NASCAR

Sanction agreements are entered into with NASCAR on an annual basis. Pursuant to the typical NASCAR sanction agreement, NASCAR grants its sanction to a promoter, such as Dover International Speedway, to organize, promote and hold a particular competition. The promoter sells tickets to the competition, sells or arranges for the sale of merchandise and concessions, and sells advertising, sponsorships and hospitality services. NASCAR conducts the competition, arranges for the drivers, and has sole control over the competition, including the right to require alterations to the promoter s facility and the right to approve or disapprove any advertising or sponsorship of the promoter. NASCAR also has

exclusive rights to exploit live broadcast and certain broadcast and intellectual property rights related to the competition, and exclusive rights to sponsorship and promotional rights relative to the series to which a particular competition belongs. The promoter must pay the sanction fee and purse monies and receives a share of the live broadcast revenue contracted for by NASCAR. The promoter is responsible for the condition of the facility, for compliance with laws, for control of the public, for fire and medical equipment and personnel, for security, for insurance and for providing facilities and services required by NASCAR officials and the live broadcast personnel.

Dover International Speedway, Inc. has entered into two sanction agreements with NASCAR pursuant to which it will organize and promote two NASCAR Sprint Cup Series events in 2012. Our business is substantially dependent on these two agreements. The economic terms of the two sanction agreements between NASCAR and Dover International Speedway relative to its 2012 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series competitions are as follows: Total purse and sanction fee to be paid by Dover International Speedway is \$6,236,000 for the June event and \$5,567,000 for the September event. Estimated live broadcast revenue to be recognized by Dover International Speedway is \$13,573,000 for the June event and \$11,242,000 for the September event. Live broadcast revenue figures are based on the assumption that all events on the 2012 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series schedule take place and that all promoters

will be entitled to their respective percentage allocations as set by NASCAR. Dover International Speedway has historically been entitled to share, along with other promoters, in income which NASCAR derives from exploiting certain other broadcast and intellectual property rights. We anticipate that this income will not be material in 2012.

Under the terms of our sanction agreements, NASCAR retains 10% of the gross broadcast rights fees allocated to each NASCAR-sanctioned event as a component of its sanction fee. The remaining 90% is recorded as revenue. The event promoter is required to pay 25% of the gross broadcast rights fees to the event as part of the awards to the competitors, which we record as operating expenses.

Impairment Charges Recorded in 2011

Based upon the economic conditions that existed in the third quarter of 2011 and their impact on our current and projected operations and cash flows, and the potential impact on real estate valuations, combined with our decision to notify NASCAR that we would not seek 2012 sanctions for the two Nationwide Series and two Camping World Truck Series events at our Nashville facility, we concluded that it was necessary for us to review the carrying value of the long-lived assets at Nashville for impairment. In accordance with the provisions of ASC Topic 360, *Property, Plant and Equipment,* the recoverability of assets to be held and used was measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of the asset to the estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of the asset. As a result of the recoverability test, we concluded that the carrying amount of our Nashville facility exceeded the undiscounted cash flows.

Since the carrying amount of the assets exceeded the fair value, an impairment charge was recognized by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeded the fair value. Fair value of the assets for the Nashville facility was determined based on the value of owned real estate at the facility. The long-lived assets deemed to be impaired consisted of track facilities.

Based on the results of this analysis, we recorded a non-cash impairment charge in the third quarter of 2011 to write-down the carrying value of long-lived assets at our Nashville facility to fair value, as follows:

| | Carry | ing Value of | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|----|--------------------|--|
| | | | Fair Value of | | Non-Cash | |
| | Long-Lived Assets | | Long-Lived Assets | | Impairment Charges | |
| Nashville facility | \$ | 46 016 000 \$ | 30 329 000 | \$ | 15 687 000 | |

Impairment Charges Recorded in 2010

Based upon the economic conditions that existed in the second quarter of 2010 and their impact on our current and projected operations and cash flows, and the potential impact on real estate valuations, combined with our decision to notify NASCAR that we would not seek 2011 sanctions for the two Nationwide Series and one Camping World Truck Series events at our Gateway facility, we concluded that it was necessary for us to review the carrying value of the long-lived assets at Gateway for impairment. The recoverability of assets to be held and used was measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of the asset to the estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of the asset. As a result of the recoverability test, we concluded that the carrying amount of our Gateway facility exceeded the undiscounted cash flows.

Since the carrying amount of the assets exceeded the fair value, an impairment charge was recognized by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeded the fair value. Fair value of the assets for the Gateway facility was determined based on the value of owned real estate at the facility. The long-lived assets deemed to be impaired consisted of track facilities.

Based on the results of this analysis, we recorded a non-cash impairment charge in the second quarter of 2010 to write-down the carrying value of long-lived assets at our Gateway facility to fair value, as follows:

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| | Car | rying Value of | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|-----------|----|------------------------------|
| | Long-Lived Assets | | Fair Value of Long-Lived Assets | | Im | Non-Cash pairment Charges |
| Gateway facility | \$ | 9,464,000 | \$ | 1,500,000 | \$ | 7,964,000 |
| | | | | | | |

We closed our Memphis Motorsports Park facility in October 2009 and executed an agreement to sell it in December 2010. The real estate sale closed on January 31, 2011. After closing costs and including the proceeds from the separate sale of all personal property at the facility, our net proceeds were approximately \$2,000,000, all of which was used to pay down indebtedness of the Memphis facility. Since the carrying amount of the long-lived assets of the Memphis facility exceeded the sales price, we recognized a non-cash impairment charge of \$809,000 in the fourth quarter of 2010.

Impairment Charge Recorded in 2009

We had an earlier agreement of sale relative to our Memphis Motorsports Park facility which expired in September 2009, and as a result, we concluded in the third quarter of 2009 that it was necessary for us to review the carrying value of the long-lived assets of our Memphis facility for impairment. The fair value of the assets for the Memphis facility was previously determined based upon the terms of the agreement of sale for purposes of our impairment assessment. The recoverability of assets to be held and used was measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of the asset to the sum of the estimated undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of the asset. As a result of the recoverability test, we concluded that the carrying amount of our Memphis facility exceeded the undiscounted cash flows.

Since the carrying amount of the assets exceeded the fair value, an impairment charge was recognized by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeded the fair value. Fair value of the assets for the Memphis facility was determined using a valuation methodology which gave specific consideration to the value of the land and an office building, net of demolition costs. The long-lived assets deemed to be impaired consisted of track facilities.

Based on the results of this analysis, we recorded a non-cash impairment charge in the third quarter of 2009 to write-down the carrying value of long-lived assets at our Memphis facility to fair value, as follows:

| | Carrying Value of | | Fair Value of | | Non-Cash | |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|----|-------------------|--|
| | Long-Lived Assets | | Long-Lived Assets | | Impairment Charge | |
| Memphis facility | \$ | 10.278.000 \$ | 2,800,000 | \$ | 7,478,000 | |

Competition

Our racing events compete with other racing events sanctioned by various racing bodies and with other sports and recreational events scheduled on the same dates. Racing events sanctioned by different organizations are often held on the same dates at different tracks. The quality of the competition, type of racing event, caliber of the event, sight lines, ticket pricing, location and customer conveniences, among other things, differentiate the motorsports facilities.

Seasonality

We derive a substantial portion of our total revenues from admissions, television broadcast rights and other event-related revenue attributable to major motorsports events held in the spring and fall. As a result, our business is highly seasonal.

Employees

As of December 31, 2011, we had approximately 54 full-time employees and 4 part-time employees. We engage temporary personnel to assist during our motorsports racing season, many of whom are volunteers. We believe that we enjoy a good relationship with our employees.

Available Information

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, information statements and other information with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). The public may read and copy any materials we file with the SEC at the SEC s Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC

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also maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. The address of that site is http://www.sec.gov.

Internet Address

We maintain a website where additional information concerning our business and various upcoming events can be found. The address of our Internet website is http://www.dovermotorsports.com. We provide a link on our website, under Investor Relations, to our filings with the SEC, including our annual report on Form 10-K, proxy statement, Section 16 reports, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and all amendments to those reports.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

In addition to historical information, this report includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, relating to our financial condition, profitability, liquidity, resources, business outlook, proposed acquisitions, market forces, corporate strategies, consumer preferences, contractual commitments, legal matters, capital requirements and other matters. Documents incorporated by reference into this report may also contain forward-looking statements. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a safe harbor for forward-looking statements. To comply with the terms of the safe harbor, we note that a variety of factors could cause our actual results and experience to differ substantially from the anticipated results or other expectations expressed in our forward-looking statements. When words and expressions such as: believes, expects, anticipates, estimates, plans, intends, projects, forecasts, possible, seeks, may, could, should, might, likely or similar words or expressions are used, as well a there can be no assurance or there is no way to anticipate with certainty, forward-looking statements may be involved. our view,

In the section that follows below, in cautionary statements made elsewhere in this report, and in other filings we have made with the SEC, we list important factors that could cause our actual results to differ from our expectations. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of the risk factors described below and other factors set forth in or incorporated by reference in this report.

These factors and cautionary statements apply to all future forward-looking statements we make. Many of these factors are beyond our ability to control or predict. Do not put undue reliance on forward-looking statements or project any future results based on such statements or on present or prior earnings levels.

Additional information concerning these, or other factors, which could cause the actual results to differ materially from those in our forward-looking statements is contained from time to time in our other SEC filings. Copies of those filings are available from us and/or the SEC.

Our Relationships With And The Success Of NASCAR Is Vital To Our Success In Motorsports

Our continued success in motorsports is dependent upon the success of NASCAR and our ability to secure favorable contracts with and maintain a good working relationship with them. NASCAR regularly issues and awards sanctioned events and their issuance depends, in large part, on maintaining good working relationships with NASCAR. Our NASCAR events are sanctioned on an annual basis with no contractual obligation to renew. By awarding a sanctioned event or a series of sanctioned events, NASCAR does not warrant, nor are they responsible for, the financial success of any sanctioned event. Our success is directly tied to our ability to negotiate favorable terms to our sanction agreements, including the amount of the sanction fee and purse, and our ability to continue to derive economic benefits from such agreements, such as our share of live broadcast revenues.

Our ability to obtain additional sanctioned events in the future and to negotiate favorable terms to our sanction agreements and the success of NASCAR in attracting drivers and teams, signing series sponsors and negotiating favorable television and/or radio broadcast rights is dependent on many factors which are largely outside of our control. As our success depends on the terms of our sanction agreements and the success of each event or series that

we are promoting, a material change in the terms of a sanction agreement or a material adverse effect on NASCAR, such as the loss or defection of top drivers, the loss of significant series sponsors, or the failure to obtain favorable broadcast coverage or to properly advertise the event or series could result in a reduction in our revenues from live broadcast coverage, admissions, luxury suite rentals, sponsorships, hospitality, concessions and merchandise, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We Rely On Sponsorship Contracts To Generate Revenues

We receive a portion of our annual revenues from sponsorship agreements, including the sponsorship of our various events and venue, such as title, official product and promotional partner sponsorships, billboards, signage and skyboxes. We are continuously in negotiations with existing sponsors and actively seeking new sponsors as there is significant competition for sponsorships. Some of our events may not secure a title sponsor every year, may not secure a sufficient number of sponsorships on favorable terms, or may not secure sponsorships sufficiently enough in advance of an event for maximum impact. Loss of our existing title sponsors or other major sponsorship agreements or failure to secure sponsorship agreements in the future on favorable terms could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our Motorsports Events Face Intense Competition For Attendance, Television Viewership And Sponsorship

We compete with other auto speedways for the patronage of motor racing spectators as well as for sponsorships. Moreover, racing events sanctioned by different organizations are often held on the same dates at different tracks. The quality of the competition, type of racing event, caliber of the event, sight lines, ticket pricing, location and customer conveniences, among other things, distinguish the motorsports facilities. In addition, all of our events compete with other sports and recreational events scheduled on the same dates. As a result, our revenues and operations are affected not only by our ability to compete in the motorsports promotion market, but also by the availability of alternative spectator sports events, forms of entertainment and changing consumer preferences.

General Market And Economic Conditions, Including Consumer And Corporate Spending, Could Negatively Affect Our Financial Results

Our financial results depend significantly upon a number of factors relating to discretionary consumer and corporate spending, including economic conditions affecting disposable consumer income and corporate budgets such as employment, business conditions, interest rates and taxation rates.

These factors can impact both attendance at our events and advertising and marketing dollars available from the motorsports industry s principal sponsors and potential sponsors. Economic and other lifestyle conditions such as illiquid consumer and business credit markets adversely affect consumer and corporate spending thereby impacting our growth, revenue and profitability. Unavailability of credit on favorable terms or increases in interest rates can adversely impact our operations, growth, development and capital spending plans. General economic conditions were significantly and negatively impacted by the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and the war in Iraq and could be similarly affected by any future attacks, by a terrorist attack at any mass gathering or fear of such attacks, or by other acts or prospects of war. Any future attacks or wars or related threats could also increase our expenses related to insurance, security or other related matters. A weakened economic and business climate, as well as consumer uncertainty and the loss of consumer confidence created by such a climate, could adversely affect our financial results.

The Sales Tax And Property Tax Revenues To Service The Revenue Bonds For Infrastructure Improvements At Nashville May Be Inadequate

In September 1999, the Sports Authority of the County of Wilson (Tennessee) issued \$25,900,000 in revenue bonds to build local infrastructure improvements which benefit the operation of Nashville Superspeedway, of which \$20,300,000 was outstanding on December 31, 2011. Debt service on the bonds is payable solely from sales taxes and incremental property taxes generated from the facility. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, \$1,534,000 and \$1,200,000, respectively, was available in the sales and incremental property tax fund maintained by the Sports Authority to pay the remaining principal and interest due under the bonds. During 2011, we paid \$1,075,000 into the sales and incremental property tax fund and \$741,000 was deducted from the fund for principal and interest

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payments. These bonds are direct obligations of the Sports Authority and therefore have historically not been required to be recorded on our consolidated balance sheet. In the event the sales taxes and incremental property taxes (applicable taxes) are insufficient to cover the payment of principal and interest on the bonds, we would become responsible for the difference. We are exposed to fluctuations in interest rates for these bonds. In the event we were unable to make the payments, they would be made under a \$20,640,000 irrevocable direct-pay letter of credit issued by our bank group. We would be responsible to reimburse the banks for any drawings made under the letter of credit. Such an event could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations and compliance with debt covenants.

On August 3, 2011, we announced that Nashville Superspeedway had notified NASCAR that it will not seek 2012 sanction agreements for its two Nationwide Series and two Camping World Truck Series events. Since the facility will no longer generate sales taxes from these events, we have estimated that a portion of the debt service may not be covered by applicable taxes. As a result, we recorded a \$2,250,000 provision for contingent obligation reflecting the present value of the estimated portion of the Wilson County bonds debt service that may not be covered by applicable taxes from the facility. An increase in interest rates would result in an increase in the portion of debt service not covered by applicable taxes and therefore an increase in our liability.

We Have A Significant Amount Of Indebtedness

As of December 31, 2011, we had total outstanding long-term debt of \$29,160,000 under our credit facility. This is in addition to the Nashville Bonds described above. This indebtedness and any future increases in our outstanding borrowings could:

- make it more difficult for us to satisfy our debt obligations;
- increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions or a downturn in our business;
- increase our costs or create difficulties in refinancing or replacing our outstanding obligations;
- require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to payments on our indebtedness, thereby reducing the availability of our cash flow to fund working capital, capital expenditures, dividends and other general corporate purposes;
- limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate; and
- subject us to the risks that interest rates and our interest expense will increase.

In addition, our credit facility is secured by substantially all of our assets and contains financial ratios that we are required to meet and other restrictive covenants that, among other things, limit or restrict our ability to pay dividends, borrow additional funds, make acquisitions, create liens on our properties and make investments.

Our ability to meet these financial ratios and covenants can be affected by events beyond our control, and there can be no assurance that we will be able to meet them. If there were an event of default under our credit facility, the lenders could elect to declare all amounts outstanding to be immediately due and payable. If we were unable to repay these amounts, the lenders could proceed against the collateral granted to them to secure the indebtedness.

The Seasonality Of Our Motorsports Events Increases The Variability Of Quarterly Earnings

Our business has been, and is expected to remain, seasonal given that it depends on our outdoor event weekends. We derive a substantial portion of our motorsports revenues from admissions, event-related and broadcasting revenue attributable to our NASCAR-sanctioned events at Dover, Delaware which were held in May and October in 2011. In 2012, these events will be held in June and September. Total revenues from these events were approximately 90%, 90% and 80% of total revenues for 2011, 2010 and 2009. Substantially all of our revenues will be generated from these events in 2012. As a result, quarterly earnings will vary.

All Of Our Motorsports Revenue is Attributable to One Location

Beginning in 2012, all of our motorsports revenue will come from Dover International Speedway in Dover, Delaware. Any prolonged disruption of operations at this facility due to damage or destruction, inclement weather, natural disaster, work stoppages or other reasons could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. We maintain property and business interruption insurance to protect against certain types of disruption, but there can be no assurance that the proceeds of such insurance would be adequate to repair or rebuild our facilities or to otherwise compensate us for lost profits.

Our Insurance May Not Be Adequate To Cover Catastrophic Incidents

We maintain insurance policies that provide coverage within limits that are sufficient, in the opinion of management, to protect us from material financial loss incurred in the ordinary course of business. We also purchase special event insurance for motorsports events to protect against race-related liability. However, there can be no assurance that this insurance will be adequate at all times and in all circumstances. If we are held liable for damages beyond the scope of our insurance coverage, including punitive damages, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

In addition, sanctioning bodies could impose more stringent rules and regulations for safety, security and operational activities. Such regulations have included, for example, the installation of new retaining walls at our facilities, which have increased our capital expenditures, and increased security procedures which have increased our operational expenses.

Bad Weather Can Have An Adverse Financial Impact On Our Motorsports Events

We sponsor and promote outdoor motorsports events. Weather conditions, or even the forecast of poor weather, can affect sales of tickets, concessions and merchandise at these events. Although we sell many tickets well in advance of the outdoor events and these tickets are issued on a non-refundable basis, poor weather may adversely affect additional ticket sales and concessions and merchandise sales, which could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We do not currently maintain weather-related insurance for major events. Due to the importance of clear visibility and safe driving conditions to motorsports racing events, outdoor racing events may be significantly affected by weather patterns and seasonal weather changes. Any unanticipated weather changes could impact our ability to stage events. This could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Postponement And/Or Cancellation Of Major Motorsports Events Could Adversely Affect Us

If one of our events is postponed because of weather or other reasons such as, for example, the general postponement of all major sporting events in this country following the September 11, 2001 terrorism attacks, we could incur increased expenses associated with conducting the rescheduled event, as well as possible decreased revenues from tickets, concessions and merchandise at the rescheduled event. If an event is

cancelled, we could incur the expenses associated with preparing to conduct the event as well as lose the revenues, including live broadcast revenues associated with the event.

If a cancelled event is part of a NASCAR series, we could experience a reduction in the amount of money received from television revenues for all of our NASCAR-sanctioned events in the series that experienced the cancellation. This would occur if, as a result of the cancellation, and without regard to whether the cancelled event was scheduled for one of our facilities, NASCAR experienced a reduction in broadcast revenues greater than the amount scheduled to be paid to the promoter of the cancelled event.

Due To Our Concentrated Stock Ownership, Stockholders May Have No Effective Voice In Our Management

We have elected to be treated as a controlled corporation as defined by New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) Rule 303A. We are a controlled corporation because a single person, Henry B. Tippie, the Chairman of our Board

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of Directors, controls in excess of fifty percent of our voting power. This means that he has the ability to determine the outcome of the election of directors at our annual meetings and to determine the outcome of many significant corporate transactions, many of which only require the approval of a majority of our voting power. Such a concentration of voting power could also have the effect of delaying or preventing a third party from acquiring us at a premium. In addition, as a controlled corporation, we are not required to comply with certain NYSE rules.

We May Not Be Able To Maintain Our Listing With The NYSE

Our Common Stock is traded on the NYSE under the symbol DVD. We are required to maintain market capitalization of more than \$50,000,000 (measured over a 30 day trading period) or stockholders equity of more than \$50,000,000 in order to remain in compliance with NYSE continued listing standards. On November 4, 2011, we were notified by the NYSE that we are below criteria for these continued listing standards because, as of November 1, 2011, our 30 trading-day average market capitalization was \$42.3 million and our stockholders equity as of September 30, 2011 was \$40.9 million.

We had 45 days from receipt of that notice to submit a plan to the NYSE and demonstrate our ability to achieve compliance with continued listing standards within 18 months. The plan we submitted has been accepted by the NYSE. As a result, our common stock will continue to be listed on the NYSE, subject to quarterly reviews by the NYSE s Listing and Compliance Committee to ensure our progress toward its plan to restore compliance with continued listing standards.

Non-compliance with NYSE continued listing standards or delisting from the NYSE could negatively impact us, including, without limitation, our relationships with stockholders, businesses and lenders, our access to debt and equity financing, and our ability to attract and retain personnel by means of equity compensation. This, in turn, could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. Securities traded in the over-the-counter market generally have significantly less liquidity than securities traded on a national securities exchange, through factors such as a reduction in the number of investors that will consider investing in the securities, the number of market makers in the securities, reduction in securities analyst and news media coverage and lower market prices than might otherwise be obtained.

Our Success Depends On The Availability And Performance Of Key Personnel

Our continued success depends upon the availability and performance of our senior management team which possesses unique and extensive industry knowledge and experience. Our inability to retain and attract key employees in the future, could have a negative effect on our operations and business plans.

We Are Subject To Changing Governmental Regulations And Legal Standards That Could Increase Our Expenses

Our motorsports facilities are on large expanses of property which we own. Laws and regulations governing the use and development of real estate may delay or complicate any improvements we choose to make and/or increase the costs of any improvements or our costs of operating.

If it is determined that damage to persons or property or contamination of the environment has been caused or exacerbated by the operation or conduct of our business or by pollutants, substances, contaminants or wastes used, generated or disposed of by us, or if pollutants, substances, contaminants or wastes are found on property currently or previously owned or operated by us, we may be held liable for such damage and may be required to pay the cost of investigation and/or remediation of such contamination or any related damage.

State and local laws relating to the protection of the environment also can include noise abatement laws that may be applicable to our racing events. In addition certain laws and regulations, including the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Occupational Safety and Health Act are constantly evolving. Changes in the provisions or application of federal, state or local environmental, land use or other laws, regulations or requirements to our facilities or operations, or the discovery of previously unknown conditions, could require us to make additional material expenditures to remediate or attain compliance.

Regulations governing the use and development of real estate may prevent us from acquiring or developing prime locations for motorsports entertainment facilities, substantially delay or complicate the process of improving existing facilities, and/or increase the costs of any of such activities.

We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements as a result of future developments, events or conditions. New risk factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for us to predict all such risk factors, nor can we assess the impact of all such risk factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ significantly from those forecast in any forward-looking statements. Given these risks and uncertainties, stockholders should not overly rely or attach undue weight to our forward-looking statements as an indication of our actual future results.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

We have not received any written comments that were issued within 180 days before December 31, 2011, the end of the fiscal year covered by this report, from the SEC staff regarding our periodic or current reports under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that remain unresolved.

Item 2. Properties

Dover International Speedway

Dover International Speedway is located in Dover, Delaware, on approximately 770 acres of land we own. Prior to the spin-off of Gaming from our company in 2002, both companies shared certain real property in Dover, Delaware. At the time of the spin-off, some of this real property was transferred to Gaming to ensure that the real property holdings of each company was aligned with its past uses and future business needs. During its harness racing season, Gaming has historically used the 5/8-mile harness racing track that is located on our property and is on the inside of our one-mile motorsports superspeedway. In order to continue this historic use, we granted a perpetual easement to the harness track to Gaming at the time of the spin-off. This perpetual easement allows Gaming to have exclusive use of the harness track during the period beginning November 1 of each year and ending April 30 of the following year, together with set up and tear down rights for the two weeks before and after such period. The easement requires that Gaming maintain the harness track but does not require the payment of any rent.

Various easements and agreements relative to access, utilities and parking have also been entered into between us and Gaming relative to our respective Dover, Delaware facilities. We pay rent to Gaming for the lease of our principal executive office space. Gaming also allows us to use its indoor grandstands in connection with our two annual motorsports weekends. This occasional grandstand use is not material to us and Gaming does not assess rent for it; Gaming may also discontinue our use at its discretion.

Nashville Superspeedway

Nashville Superspeedway is located on approximately 1,400 acres of land we own in Wilson County and Rutherford County, Tennessee. The facility is approximately 35 miles from downtown Nashville.

Gateway International Raceway

We own approximately 120 acres of undeveloped land in Madison, Illinois, five miles from the Gateway Arch in St. Louis.

Intellectual Property

We have various registered and common law trademark rights, including, but not limited to, Dover, Dover Motorsports, Dover International Speedway, Nashville Speedway, Nashville Superspeedway, Monster Mile, Miles the Monster, Velocity, Monster Bridge, The Most Seat in Sports!, Concrete Monster, and Take a Kid to the Races.&