

BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS CORP

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 27, 2009

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: 000-49850

BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

95-4388794

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

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

2525 East El Segundo Boulevard
El Segundo, California

90245

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (310) 536-0611

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 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 (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) 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

There were 21,535,316 shares of common stock, with a par value of \$0.01 per share outstanding at October 30, 2009.

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BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS CORPORATION
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In thousands, except share amounts)

| | September 27, 2009 | December 28, 2008 |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 3,903 | \$ 9,058 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$195 and \$305, respectively | 6,620 | 16,611 |
| Merchandise inventories, net | 232,393 | 232,962 |
| Prepaid expenses | 7,581 | 8,201 |
| Deferred income taxes | 7,941 | 8,333 |
| Total current assets | 258,438 | 275,165 |
| Property and equipment, net | 84,593 | 94,241 |
| Deferred income taxes | 17,060 | 13,363 |
| Other assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$333 and \$293, respectively | 1,041 | 1,155 |
| Goodwill | 4,433 | 4,433 |
| Total assets | \$ 365,565 | \$ 388,357 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 85,124 | \$ 88,079 |
| Accrued expenses | 60,658 | 55,862 |
| Current portion of capital lease obligations | 1,960 | 1,942 |
| Total current liabilities | 147,742 | 145,883 |
| Deferred rent, less current portion | 23,639 | 24,960 |
| Capital lease obligations, less current portion | 2,641 | 2,948 |
| Long-term debt | 59,697 | 96,499 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 6,252 | 6,267 |
| Total liabilities | 239,971 | 276,557 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value, authorized 50,000,000 shares; issued 23,016,861 and 23,004,087 shares, respectively; outstanding 21,533,566 and 21,520,792 shares, respectively | 230 | 230 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 94,301 | 92,704 |

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|---|------------|------------|
| Retained earnings | 52,429 | 40,232 |
| Less: Treasury stock, at cost; 1,483,295 and 1,483,295 shares, respectively | (21,366) | (21,366) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 125,594 | 111,800 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 365,565 | \$ 388,357 |

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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(In thousands, except per share data)

| | 13 Weeks Ended | | 39 Weeks Ended | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | September 27, 2009 | September 28, 2008 | September 27, 2009 | September 28, 2008 |
| Net sales | \$ 231,582 | \$ 223,180 | \$ 657,913 | \$ 645,041 |
| Cost of sales | 153,073 | 148,925 | 441,002 | 430,828 |
| Gross profit | 78,509 | 74,255 | 216,911 | 214,213 |
| Selling and administrative expense | 65,327 | 65,962 | 190,194 | 193,585 |
| Operating income | 13,182 | 8,293 | 26,717 | 20,628 |
| Interest expense | 562 | 1,166 | 1,883 | 3,911 |
| Income before income taxes | 12,620 | 7,127 | 24,834 | 16,717 |
| Income taxes | 4,609 | 2,669 | 9,409 | 6,415 |
| Net income | \$ 8,011 | \$ 4,458 | \$ 15,425 | \$ 10,302 |
| Earnings per share: | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.37 | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.72 | \$ 0.48 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.37 | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.72 | \$ 0.48 |
| Dividends per share | \$ 0.05 | \$ 0.09 | \$ 0.15 | \$ 0.27 |
| Weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding: | | | | |
| Basic | 21,435 | 21,447 | 21,426 | 21,673 |
| Diluted | 21,747 | 21,464 | 21,545 | 21,685 |

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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(In thousands)

| | 39 Weeks Ended | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | September 27, 2009 | September 28, 2008 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 15,425 | \$ 10,302 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 14,417 | 14,257 |
| Share-based compensation | 1,589 | 1,432 |
| Amortization of deferred finance charges | 40 | 39 |
| Deferred income taxes | (3,305) | (1,508) |
| (Gain) loss on disposal of equipment | (59) | 33 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable, net | 9,991 | 7,353 |
| Merchandise inventories, net | 569 | 4,942 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | 694 | 15 |
| Accounts payable | 4,701 | 5,527 |
| Accrued expenses and other long-term liabilities | 3,330 | (13,042) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 47,392 | 29,350 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Purchases of property and equipment | (3,169) | (14,204) |
| Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment | | 47 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (3,169) | (14,157) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Net principal payments under revolving credit facility and book overdraft | (44,446) | (9,656) |
| Principal payments under capital lease obligations | (1,758) | (1,333) |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options | 95 | |
| Tax withholding payments for share-based compensation | (47) | |
| Purchases of treasury stock | | (5,121) |
| Dividends paid | (3,222) | (5,853) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (49,378) | (21,963) |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (5,155) | (6,770) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 9,058 | 9,741 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 3,903 | \$ 2,971 |

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| Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing and financing activities: | | | |
| Property and equipment acquired under capital leases | \$ | 1,837 | \$ 1,673 |
| Property and equipment purchases accrued | \$ | 787 | \$ 2,851 |
| Stock awards vested and issued to employees | \$ | 182 | \$ |
| Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information: | | | |
| Interest paid | \$ | 2,007 | \$ 4,361 |
| Income taxes paid | \$ | 674 | \$ 9,002 |

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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(1) Description of Business

Business

Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation (the Company) is a leading sporting goods retailer in the western United States, operating 382 stores in 11 states at September 27, 2009. The Company provides a full-line product offering in a traditional sporting goods store format that averages approximately 11,000 square feet. The Company's product mix includes athletic shoes, apparel and accessories, as well as a broad selection of outdoor and athletic equipment for team sports, fitness, camping, hunting, fishing, tennis, golf, snowboarding and in-line skating. The Company is a holding company that operates as one business segment through Big 5 Corp., its wholly-owned subsidiary, and Big 5 Services Corp., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Big 5 Corp. Big 5 Services Corp. provides a centralized operation for the issuance and administration of gift cards.

The accompanying interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements (Interim Financial Statements) of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) for interim financial information and are presented in accordance with the requirements of Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, these Interim Financial Statements do not include all of the information and notes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. These Interim Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2008 included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K. In the opinion of management, the Interim Financial Statements included herein contain all adjustments, including normal recurring adjustments, considered necessary to present fairly the Company's financial position, the results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented.

The operating results and cash flows of the interim periods presented herein are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for any other interim period or the full year.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Consolidation

The accompanying Interim Financial Statements include the accounts of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation, Big 5 Corp. and Big 5 Services Corp. Intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Reporting Period

The Company follows the concept of a 52-53 week fiscal year, which ends on the Sunday nearest December 31. Fiscal year 2009 is comprised of 53 weeks and ends on January 3, 2010. Fiscal year 2008 was comprised of 52 weeks and ended on December 28, 2008. The first three quarters in fiscal 2009 are each comprised of 13 weeks, and the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009 is comprised of 14 weeks. The four quarters in fiscal 2008 were each comprised of 13 weeks.

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Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued its final Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 168, *The FASB Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles a replacement of FASB Statement No. 162*. SFAS No. 168 established the FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) as the single source of authoritative GAAP to be applied by nongovernmental entities in the preparation of financial statements. Rules and interpretive releases of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under authority of federal securities laws are also sources of authoritative GAAP for SEC registrants. All guidance in the ASC carries an equal level of authority. The ASC supersedes all previously existing non-SEC accounting and reporting standards. The ASC simplifies user access to all authoritative GAAP by reorganizing previously issued GAAP pronouncements into approximately 90 accounting topics within a consistent structure, without creating new accounting and reporting guidance. The ASC became effective for financial statements issued for interim and annual periods ending after September 15, 2009; accordingly, the Company adopted the ASC in the third quarter of fiscal 2009. Following SFAS No. 168, the FASB will not issue new standards in the form of Statements, FASB Staff Positions, or Emerging Issues Task Force Abstracts; instead, it will issue Accounting Standards Updates. The FASB will not consider Accounting Standards Updates as authoritative in their own right; these updates will serve only to update the ASC, provide background information about the guidance, and provide the bases for conclusions on the change(s) in the ASC. In the discussion that follows, the Company will refer to ASC citations that relate to ASC Topics and their descriptive titles, as appropriate, and will no longer refer to citations that relate to accounting pronouncements superseded by the ASC.

In May 2009, the FASB issued ASC 855, *Subsequent Events*, which establishes general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. Specifically, ASC 855 sets forth the period after the balance sheet date during which management of a reporting entity should evaluate events or transactions that may occur for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements, the circumstances under which an entity should recognize events or transactions occurring after the balance sheet date in its financial statements, and the disclosures that an entity should make about events or transactions that occurred after the balance sheet date. ASC 855 is effective for interim or annual financial periods ending after June 15, 2009, and shall be applied prospectively. Accordingly, the Company adopted ASC 855 in the second quarter of fiscal 2009. The adoption of ASC 855 had no impact on the Company's Interim Financial Statements.

Use of Estimates

Management has made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the Interim Financial Statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period to prepare these Interim Financial Statements in conformity with GAAP. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the carrying amount of property and

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equipment, and goodwill; valuation allowances for receivables, sales returns, inventories and deferred income tax assets; estimates related to gift card breakage; estimates related to the valuation of stock options; and obligations related to asset retirements, litigation, self-insurance liabilities and employee benefits. Actual results could differ significantly from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions.

Adjustments

As previously disclosed, in the second quarter of fiscal 2008 the Company recorded a nonrecurring pre-tax charge of \$1.5 million to correct an error in its previously recognized straight-line rent expense, substantially all of which related to prior periods and accumulated over a period of 15 years. This charge reduced net income by \$0.9 million, or \$0.04 per diluted share, for the 39 weeks ended September 28, 2008. The Company determined this charge to be immaterial to its prior period consolidated financial statements.

Revenue Recognition

The Company earns revenue by selling merchandise primarily through its retail stores. Revenue is recognized when merchandise is purchased by and delivered to the customer and is shown net of estimated returns during the relevant period. The allowance for sales returns is estimated based upon historical experience.

Cash received from the sale of gift cards is recorded as a liability, and revenue is recognized upon the redemption of the gift card or when it is determined that the likelihood of redemption is remote (gift card breakage) and no liability to relevant jurisdictions exists. The Company determines the gift card breakage rate based upon historical redemption patterns and recognizes gift card breakage on a straight-line basis over the estimated gift card redemption period (20 quarters as of the end of the third quarter of fiscal 2009). The Company recognized approximately \$113,000 and \$344,000 in gift card breakage revenue for the 13 weeks and 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009, respectively, compared to approximately \$121,000 and \$366,000 for the 13 weeks and 39 weeks ended September 28, 2008, respectively.

The Company records sales tax collected from its customers on a net basis, and therefore excludes it from revenues as defined in ASC 605, *Revenue Recognition*.

Included in revenue are sales of returned merchandise to vendors specializing in the resale of defective or used products, which accounted for less than 1% of net sales in fiscal 2009 and fiscal 2008.

Valuation of Merchandise Inventories

The Company's merchandise inventories are made up of finished goods and are valued at the lower of cost or market using the weighted-average cost method, which approximates the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. Average cost includes the direct purchase price of merchandise inventory, net of vendor allowances and cash discounts, and allocated overhead costs associated with the Company's distribution center.

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Management regularly reviews inventories and records valuation reserves for merchandise damage and defective returns, merchandise items with slow-moving or obsolescence exposure and merchandise that has a carrying value that exceeds market value. Because of its merchandise mix and buying practices, the Company has not historically experienced significant occurrences of obsolescence.

Inventory shrinkage is accrued as a percentage of merchandise sales based on historical inventory shrinkage trends. The Company performs physical inventories of its stores at least once per year and cycle counts inventories at its distribution center throughout the year. The reserve for inventory shrinkage represents an estimate for inventory shrinkage for each store since the last physical inventory date through the financial reporting date.

These reserves are estimates, which could vary significantly, either favorably or unfavorably, from actual results if future economic conditions, consumer demand and competitive environments differ from expectations.

Leases and Deferred Rent

The Company accounts for its leases under the provisions of ASC 840, *Leases*.

The Company evaluates and classifies its leases as either operating or capital leases for financial reporting purposes. Operating lease commitments consist principally of leases for the Company's retail store facilities, distribution center and corporate office. Capital lease obligations consist principally of leases for the Company's distribution center delivery tractors and management information systems hardware.

Certain of the leases for the Company's retail store facilities provide for payments based on future sales volumes at the leased location, which are not measurable at the inception of the lease. These contingent rents are expensed as they accrue.

Deferred rent represents the difference between rent paid and the amounts expensed for operating leases. Certain leases have scheduled rent increases, and certain leases include an initial period of free or reduced rent as an inducement to enter into the lease agreement (rent holidays). The Company recognizes rental expense for rent increases and rent holidays on a straight-line basis over the terms of the underlying leases, without regard to when rent payments are made. The calculation of straight-line rent is based on the reasonably assured lease term as defined in ASC 840 and may exceed the initial non-cancelable lease term.

Landlord allowances for tenant improvements, or lease incentives, are recorded as deferred rent and amortized on a straight-line basis over the lease term as a component of rent expense.

(3) Fair Value Measurements

The carrying values of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses approximate the fair values of these instruments due to their short-term nature. The carrying amount for borrowings under the Company's financing agreement approximates fair value because of the variable market interest rate charged to the Company for these borrowings.

The Company adopted ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, for financial assets and financial liabilities in the first quarter of fiscal 2008, and for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities measured on a nonrecurring basis in the first quarter of fiscal 2009. The adoption of ASC 820 did not have a material impact on the Company's Interim Financial Statements for the respective periods.

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(4) Accrued Expenses

Accrued expenses consist of the following:

| | September 27, 2009 | December 28, 2008 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | (In thousands) | |
| Payroll and related expenses | \$ 17,084 | \$ 18,156 |
| Federal income tax payable | 9,915 | |
| Occupancy costs | 8,162 | 6,956 |
| Sales tax | 7,242 | 8,721 |
| Advertising | 4,145 | 6,002 |
| Other | 14,110 | 16,027 |
| Accrued expenses | \$ 60,658 | \$ 55,862 |

(5) Income Taxes

Under the asset and liability method prescribed under ASC 740, *Income Taxes*, the Company recognizes deferred tax assets and liabilities for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between financial statement carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be realized or settled. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. The realizability of deferred tax assets is assessed throughout the year and a valuation allowance is recorded if necessary to reduce net deferred tax assets to the amount more likely than not to be realized.

The Company files a consolidated federal income tax return and files tax returns in various state and local jurisdictions. The statutes of limitations for consolidated federal income tax returns are open for years after 2005 and state and local income tax returns are open for years after 2003.

At September 27, 2009 and December 28, 2008, the Company had no unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would affect the Company's effective income tax rate over the next 12 months. The Company's policy is to recognize interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits in interest expense and penalties in operating expense. At September 27, 2009 and December 28, 2008, the Company had no accrued interest or penalties.

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(6) Share-based Compensation

The Company accounts for its share-based compensation in accordance with ASC 718, *Compensation Stock Compensation*. The Company recognized approximately \$0.6 million and \$1.6 million in share-based compensation expense, including stock options and nonvested stock awards, for the 13 weeks and 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009, respectively, compared to \$0.5 million and \$1.4 million for the 13 weeks and 39 weeks ended September 28, 2008, respectively.

Stock Options

In the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009, the Company granted 560,700 stock options to certain employees, as defined by ASC 718, under the Company's 2007 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Stock options granted by the Company generally vest and become exercisable at the rate of 25% per year with a maximum life of ten years. The exercise price of the stock options is equal to the quoted market price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. The weighted-average grant-date fair value per option for stock options granted in the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009 and September 28, 2008 was \$1.92 and \$2.85, respectively.

The fair value of each stock option on the date of grant is estimated using the Black-Scholes method based on the following weighted-average assumptions:

| | 13 Weeks Ended | | 39 Weeks Ended | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | September 27, 2009* | September 28, 2008* | September 27, 2009 | September 28, 2008 |
| Risk-free interest rate | | | 2.3% | 2.8% |
| Expected term | | | 6.50 years | 6.18 years |
| Expected volatility | | | 55.2% | 46.0% |
| Expected dividend yield | | | 4.07% | 4.02% |

* No share options were granted during the 13 weeks ended September 27, 2009 and September 28, 2008.

The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant for periods corresponding with the expected term of the stock option; the expected term represents the weighted-average period of time that stock options granted are expected to be outstanding giving consideration to vesting schedules and historical participant exercise behavior; the expected volatility is based upon historical volatility of the Company's common stock; and the expected dividend yield is based upon the Company's current dividend rate and future expectations.

As of September 27, 2009, there was \$2.2 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested stock options granted. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.8 years.

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Nonvested Stock Awards

In the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009, the Company granted 12,000 nonvested stock awards to certain employees, as defined by ASC 718, under the Plan. The weighted-average grant-date fair value per share of the Company's nonvested stock awards granted in the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009 and September 28, 2008 was \$13.17 and \$7.92, respectively.

The following table illustrates the Company's nonvested stock awards activity for the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009:

| | Shares | Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value |
|-------------------------------|----------|--|
| Balance at December 28, 2008 | 109,100 | \$ 7.92 |
| Granted | 12,000 | 13.17 |
| Vested | (27,075) | 7.92 |
| Forfeited | (1,100) | 7.91 |
| Balance at September 27, 2009 | 92,925 | \$ 8.60 |

The weighted-average grant-date fair value of nonvested stock awards is the quoted market price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant, as shown in the table above.

Nonvested stock awards granted by the Company vest from the date of grant in four equal annual installments of 25% per year.

As of September 27, 2009, there was \$0.7 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested stock awards. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.7 years.

To satisfy employee minimum statutory tax withholding requirements for nonvested stock awards that vest, the Company withholds common shares, unless an employee elects to pay cash. In the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009, the Company withheld 7,701 common shares with a total value of \$47,000. This amount is presented as a cash outflow from financing activities in the accompanying interim unaudited condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

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(7) Earnings Per Share

The Company calculates earnings per share in accordance with ASC 260, *Earnings Per Share*, which requires a dual presentation of basic and diluted earnings per share. Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding, reduced by shares repurchased and held in treasury, during the period. Diluted earnings per share represents basic earnings per share adjusted to include the potentially dilutive effect of outstanding stock options and nonvested stock awards.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted net income per common share:

| | 13 Weeks Ended | | 39 Weeks Ended | |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | September 27, 2009 | September 28, 2008 | September 27, 2009 | September 28, 2008 |
| | (In thousands, except per share amounts) | | | |
| Net income | \$ 8,011 | \$ 4,458 | \$ 15,425 | \$ 10,302 |
| Weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding: | | | | |
| Basic | 21,435 | 21,447 | 21,426 | 21,673 |
| Dilutive effect of common stock equivalents arising from stock options and nonvested stock awards | 312 | 17 | 119 | 12 |
| Diluted | 21,747 | 21,464 | 21,545 | 21,685 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ 0.37 | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.72 | \$ 0.48 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 0.37 | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.72 | \$ 0.48 |

The computation of diluted earnings per share for the 13 weeks ended September 27, 2009, the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009, the 13 weeks ended September 28, 2008 and the 39 weeks ended September 28, 2008 does not include stock options in the amounts of 896,342, 1,391,737, 1,420,379 and 1,349,858 shares, respectively, that were outstanding and antidilutive (i.e., including such stock options would result in higher earnings per share), since the exercise prices of these stock options exceeded the average market price of the Company's common shares. Additionally, the computation of diluted earnings per share for the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009 does not include nonvested stock awards in the amount of 4,879 shares that were outstanding and antidilutive. No nonvested stock awards were antidilutive for the 13 weeks ended September 27, 2009, the 13 weeks ended September 28, 2008 and the 39 weeks ended September 28, 2008.

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The Company did not repurchase any of its common stock in the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009. The Company repurchased 85,757 shares of its common stock for \$0.6 million during the 13 weeks ended September 28, 2008 and repurchased 575,999 shares of its common stock for \$5.1 million during the 39 weeks ended September 28, 2008. Since the inception of its initial share repurchase program in May 2006, the Company has repurchased a total of 1,369,085 shares for \$20.8 million. As of September 27, 2009, a total of \$14.2 million remained available for share repurchases under the Company's current share repurchase program.

(8) Commitments and Contingencies

On August 6, 2009, the Company was served with a complaint filed in the California Superior Court for the County of San Diego, entitled *Shane Weyl v. Big 5 Corp., et al.*, Case No. 37-2009-00093109-CU-OE-CTL, alleging violations of the California Labor Code and the California Business and Professions Code. The complaint was brought as a purported class action on behalf of the Company's hourly employees in California for the four years prior to the filing of the complaint. The plaintiff alleges, among other things, that the Company failed to provide hourly employees with meal and rest periods and failed to pay wages within required time periods during employment and upon termination of employment. The plaintiff seeks, on behalf of the class members, an award of one hour of pay (wages) for each workday that a meal or rest period was not provided; restitution of unpaid wages; actual, consequential and incidental losses and damages; pre-judgment interest; statutory penalties including an additional thirty days' wages for each hourly employee in California whose employment terminated in the four years preceding the filing of the complaint; civil penalties; an award of attorneys' fees and costs; and injunctive and declaratory relief. The Company believes that the complaint is without merit. The parties have scheduled a mediation for December 14, 2009 and, if the mediation is unsuccessful in resolving the suit, the Company intends to defend the suit vigorously. The Company is not able to evaluate the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome or to estimate a range of potential loss in the event of an unfavorable outcome at the present time. If resolved unfavorably to the Company, this litigation could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, and any required change in the Company's labor practices, as well as the costs of defending this litigation, could have a negative impact on the Company's results of operations.

The Company is secondarily liable for the performance of a lease that has been assigned to a third party. This secondary obligation includes the payment of lease costs over the remaining lease term, which expires in January 2011, for which the Company was responsible as the original lessee. The undiscounted secondary obligation of the remaining lease costs approximates \$0.2 million at September 27, 2009. Since there is no reason to believe that the third party will default, no provision has been made in the Interim Financial Statements for amounts that would be payable by the Company.

The Company is involved in various other claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these matters is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

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(9) Subsequent Event

The Company has evaluated all subsequent events through November 4, 2009, the date these Interim Financial Statements were issued.

On October 29, 2009, the Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.05 per share of outstanding common stock, which will be paid on December 15, 2009 to stockholders of record as of December 1, 2009.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders

Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation

El Segundo, California

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation and subsidiaries (the Corporation) as of September 27, 2009, and the related condensed consolidated statements of operations for the 13 week and 39 week periods ended September 27, 2009 and September 28, 2008 and cash flows for the 39 week periods ended September 27, 2009 and September 28, 2008. These condensed consolidated interim financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's management.

We conducted our reviews in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our reviews, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to such condensed consolidated interim financial statements for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheet of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation and subsidiaries as of December 28, 2008, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended (not presented herein); and in our report dated February 27, 2009, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 28, 2008 is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Los Angeles, California

November 4, 2009

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

The following discussion and analysis of the Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation (we , our , us) financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes (Interim Financial Statements) included herein and our consolidated financial statements and related notes, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2008.

Overview

We are a leading sporting goods retailer in the western United States, operating 382 stores in 11 states under the name Big 5 Sporting Goods at September 27, 2009. We provide a full-line product offering in a traditional sporting goods store format that averages approximately 11,000 square feet. Our product mix includes athletic shoes, apparel and accessories, as well as a broad selection of outdoor and athletic equipment for team sports, fitness, camping, hunting, fishing, tennis, golf, snowboarding and in-line skating.

Executive Summary

The continuing economic slowdown and uncertainty in the financial sector resulted in a difficult environment for retailers. The U.S. economy is in a recession, and if measures implemented, or to be implemented, by the federal and state governments fail to stimulate an economic recovery, this prolonged economic downturn could continue. While our results for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 27, 2009 and September 28, 2008 reflect this economic downturn, we experienced improved results in the second and third quarters of fiscal 2009 compared with the same periods of fiscal 2008.

Net income for the third quarter of fiscal 2009 increased 79.7% to \$8.0 million, or \$0.37 per diluted share, compared to \$4.5 million, or \$0.21 per diluted share, for the third quarter of fiscal 2008. The increase primarily reflected higher sales levels, slightly lower selling and administrative expense and lower interest expense.

Net sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2009 increased 3.8% to \$231.6 million compared to \$223.2 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2008. The increase in net sales was primarily attributable to an increase of \$5.0 million in new store sales and \$3.5 million in same store sales.

Gross profit as a percentage of net sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2009 increased by 63 basis points to 33.9% compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2008, primarily as a result of slightly higher merchandise margins and lower distribution costs.

Selling and administrative expense for the third quarter of fiscal 2009 declined 1.0% to \$65.3 million, or 28.2% of net sales, compared to \$66.0 million, or 29.6% of net

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sales, for the third quarter of fiscal 2008. The decrease was due mainly to lower advertising expense.

Operating income for the third quarter of fiscal 2009 increased 58.9% to \$13.2 million, or 5.7% of net sales, compared to \$8.3 million, or 3.7% of net sales, for the third quarter of fiscal 2008. The higher operating income primarily reflects an increase in net sales, a higher gross profit percentage and a decrease in selling and administrative expense.

Results of Operations

The results of the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results for the entire fiscal year.

13 Weeks Ended September 27, 2009 Compared to 13 Weeks Ended September 28, 2008

The following table sets forth selected items from our interim unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations by dollar and as a percentage of our net sales for the periods indicated:

| | 13 Weeks Ended | | | |
|---|---|--------|---------------------------|--------|
| | September 27, 2009 | | September 28, 2008 | |
| | (In thousands, except percentages) | | | |
| Net sales | \$ 231,582 | 100.0% | \$ 223,180 | 100.0% |
| Cost of sales ⁽¹⁾ | 153,073 | 66.1 | 148,925 | 66.7 |
| Gross profit | 78,509 | 33.9 | 74,255 | 33.3 |
| Selling and administrative expense ⁽²⁾ | 65,327 | 28.2 | 65,962 | 29.6 |
| Operating income | 13,182 | 5.7 | 8,293 | 3.7 |
| Interest expense | 562 | 0.2 | 1,166 | 0.5 |
| Income before income taxes | 12,620 | 5.5 | 7,127 | 3.2 |
| Income taxes | 4,609 | 2.0 | 2,669 | 1.2 |
| Net income | \$ 8,011 | 3.5% | \$ 4,458 | 2.0% |

- (1) Cost of sales includes the cost of merchandise, net of discounts or allowances earned, freight, inventory shrinkage, buying, distribution center costs and store occupancy costs. Store occupancy costs include rent, amortization of leasehold

improvements,
common area
maintenance,
property taxes
and insurance.

- (2) Selling and
administrative
expense
includes
store-related
expense, other
than store
occupancy
costs, as well as
advertising,
depreciation and
amortization
and expense
associated with
operating our
corporate
headquarters.

Net Sales. Net sales increased by \$8.4 million, or 3.8%, to \$231.6 million in the 13 weeks ended September 27, 2009 from \$223.2 million in the same period last year. The increase in net sales was primarily attributable to the following:

New store sales increased \$5.0 million, which reflected the opening of 12 new stores, net of relocations, since June 29, 2008, and same store sales increased

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\$3.5 million. Same store sales increased 1.6% in the 13 weeks ended September 27, 2009 versus the 13 weeks ended September 28, 2008. This increase represented the second consecutive quarter of same store sales growth, after six consecutive fiscal quarters of same store sales declines ending with the first quarter of fiscal 2009, resulting from the weakened consumer environment.

While net sales for the 13 weeks ended September 27, 2009 continued to be impacted by the challenging consumer environment, customer traffic into our retail stores increased for the 13 weeks ended September 27, 2009 when compared with the 13 weeks ended September 28, 2008.

Store count at September 27, 2009 was 382 versus 372 at September 28, 2008. We did not open any new stores in the 13 weeks ended September 27, 2009, while we opened three new stores and closed a store that was relocated in a prior period in the 13 weeks ended September 28, 2008. We expect to open approximately three new stores in fiscal 2009, substantially fewer than in fiscal 2008, due primarily to uncertainty arising from the challenging consumer environment. We expect the number of new store openings in fiscal 2010 to be substantially higher than fiscal 2009.

Gross Profit. Gross profit increased by \$4.2 million, or 5.7%, to \$78.5 million, or 33.9% of net sales, in the 13 weeks ended September 27, 2009 from \$74.3 million, or 33.3% of net sales, in the 13 weeks ended September 28, 2008. The change in gross profit was primarily attributable to the following:

Net sales increased by \$8.4 million in the 13 weeks ended September 27, 2009 compared to the same period last year.

Merchandise margins, which exclude buying, occupancy and distribution costs, increased 13 basis points versus the same period in the prior year, primarily reflecting shifts in product sales mix.

Distribution center costs declined \$0.5 million, or 40 basis points, compared to the same period last year, due mainly to reduced fuel costs.

Store occupancy costs increased by \$1.0 million, or 16 basis points, year over year, primarily reflecting the cost of new store openings.

Selling and Administrative Expense. Selling and administrative expense decreased by \$0.7 million to \$65.3 million, or 28.2% of net sales, in the 13 weeks ended September 27, 2009 from \$66.0 million, or 29.6% of net sales, in the same period last year. The decrease in selling and administrative expense compared to the same period last year was largely attributable to a decline in advertising expense of \$2.0 million due primarily to a reduction in the frequency and distribution of advertising circulars, as well as lower printing costs. This decrease was partially offset by an increase in store-related expense, excluding occupancy, of \$0.9 million due mainly to higher labor and operating costs to support the increase in store count.

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Interest Expense. Interest expense decreased by \$0.6 million, or 51.8%, to \$0.6 million in the 13 weeks ended September 27, 2009 from \$1.2 million in the same period last year. This decrease was due to a reduction in average debt levels of approximately \$23.3 million to \$74.0 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2009 from \$97.3 million in the same period last year, combined with a reduction in average interest rates of approximately 220 basis points to 2.1% in the third quarter of fiscal 2009 from 4.3% in the same period last year.

Income Taxes. The provision for income taxes was \$4.6 million for the 13 weeks ended September 27, 2009 and \$2.7 million for the 13 weeks ended September 28, 2008, primarily reflecting our higher pre-tax income. Our effective tax rate was 36.5% for the third quarter of fiscal 2009 compared with 37.4% for the third quarter of fiscal 2008. Our lower effective tax rate for the third quarter of fiscal 2009 compared to the same period last year primarily reflects an increased benefit from income tax credits for the current year.

39 Weeks Ended September 27, 2009 Compared to 39 Weeks Ended September 28, 2008

The following table sets forth selected items from our interim unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations by dollar and as a percentage of our net sales for the periods indicated:

| | 39 Weeks Ended | | | |
|---|---|--------|---------------------------|--------|
| | September 27, 2009 | | September 28, 2008 | |
| | (In thousands, except percentages) | | | |
| Net sales | \$ 657,913 | 100.0% | \$ 645,041 | 100.0% |
| Cost of sales ^{(1) (2)} | 441,002 | 67.0 | 430,828 | 66.8 |
| Gross profit ⁽²⁾ | 216,911 | 33.0 | 214,213 | 33.2 |
| Selling and administrative expense ⁽³⁾ | 190,194 | 28.9 | 193,585 | 30.0 |
| Operating income ⁽²⁾ | 26,717 | 4.1 | 20,628 | 3.2 |
| Interest expense | 1,883 | 0.3 | 3,911 | 0.6 |
| Income before income taxes ⁽²⁾ | 24,834 | 3.8 | 16,717 | 2.6 |
| Income taxes | 9,409 | 1.4 | 6,415 | 1.0 |
| Net income ⁽²⁾ | \$ 15,425 | 2.4% | \$ 10,302 | 1.6% |

- (1) Cost of sales includes the cost of merchandise, net of discounts or allowances earned, freight, inventory shrinkage, buying, distribution center costs and store occupancy costs. Store occupancy costs include rent,

amortization of leasehold improvements, common area maintenance, property taxes and insurance.

- (2) In the second quarter of fiscal 2008, we recorded a nonrecurring pre-tax charge of \$1.5 million to correct an error in our previously recognized straight-line rent expense, substantially all of which related to prior periods and accumulated over a period of 15 years. This charge reduced net income by \$0.9 million, or \$0.04 per diluted share. We have determined this charge to be immaterial to our prior period consolidated financial statements.
- (3) Selling and administrative expense includes store-related expense, other than store occupancy costs, as well as

advertising,
depreciation and
amortization
and expense
associated with
operating our
corporate
headquarters.

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Net Sales. Net sales increased by \$12.9 million, or 2.0%, to \$657.9 million in the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009 from \$645.0 million in the same period last year. The change in net sales was primarily attributable to the following:

New store sales increased by \$19.0 million, which reflected the opening of 19 new stores, net of relocations, since December 30, 2007, partially offset by decreases in same store sales and closed store sales of \$5.1 million and \$1.2 million, respectively. Same store sales decreased 0.8% in the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009 versus the 39 weeks ended September 28, 2008.

While net sales for the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009 continued to be impacted by the challenging consumer environment, we are experiencing a trend of increasing customer traffic into our retail stores when compared with the same period last year.

Store count at September 27, 2009 was 382 versus 372 at September 28, 2008. We opened one new store in the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009, and opened nine new stores, net of closures and relocations, in the 39 weeks ended September 28, 2008. We expect to open approximately three new stores in fiscal 2009, substantially fewer than in fiscal 2008, due primarily to uncertainty arising from the challenging consumer environment. We expect the number of new store openings in fiscal 2010 to be substantially higher than fiscal 2009.

Gross Profit. Gross profit increased by \$2.7 million, or 1.3%, to \$216.9 million, or 33.0% of net sales, in the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009 from \$214.2 million, or 33.2% of net sales, in the 39 weeks ended September 28, 2008. The change in gross profit was primarily attributable to the following:

Net sales increased by \$12.9 million in the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009 compared to the same period last year.

Distribution costs decreased by \$2.5 million in the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009 compared to the same period last year, due primarily to lower costs for trucking and fuel, along with reduced labor expense attributed to reduced headcount.

Merchandise margins, which exclude buying, occupancy and distribution costs, decreased 51 basis points versus the same period in the prior year, primarily due to shifts in product sales mix and product cost inflation.

Store occupancy costs increased by \$1.7 million, or 10 basis points, year over year, due primarily to the increase in store count. The increase in store occupancy costs was offset by the impact of a second quarter of fiscal 2008 nonrecurring pre-tax charge of \$1.5 million to correct an error in our previously recognized straight-line rent expense (see footnote 2 of table on page 20).

Selling and Administrative Expense. Selling and administrative expense decreased by \$3.4 million to \$190.2 million, or 28.9% of net sales, in the 39 weeks ended September 27,

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2009 from \$193.6 million, or 30.0% of net sales, in the same period last year. The decrease in selling and administrative expense compared to the same period last year was largely attributable to a decline in advertising expense of \$5.6 million due primarily to a reduction in the frequency and distribution of advertising circulars, as well as lower printing costs, along with a decline in administrative expense in various categories of \$0.5 million. These decreases were partially offset by an increase in store-related expense, excluding occupancy, of \$2.7 million, or 4 basis points as a percentage of net sales, due mainly to higher labor and operating costs to support the increase in store count.

Interest Expense. Interest expense decreased by \$2.0 million, or 51.9%, to \$1.9 million in the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009 from \$3.9 million in the same period last year. This decrease was due to a reduction in average debt levels of approximately \$20.6 million to \$81.2 million in the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009 from \$101.8 million in the same period last year, combined with a reduction in average interest rates of approximately 260 basis points to 2.2% in the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009 from 4.8% in the same period last year.

Income Taxes. The provision for income taxes was \$9.4 million for the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009 and \$6.4 million for the 39 weeks ended September 28, 2008. This increase was primarily due to higher pre-tax income in the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009. Our effective tax rate was 37.9% for the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009 compared with 38.4% for the 39 weeks ended September 28, 2008.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our principal liquidity requirements are for working capital, capital expenditures and cash dividends. We fund our liquidity requirements primarily through cash on hand, cash flow from operations and borrowings from our revolving credit facility. We believe our cash on hand, future funds from operations and borrowings from our revolving credit facility will be sufficient to fund our cash requirements for at least the next 12 months. There is no assurance, however, that we will be able to generate sufficient cash flow or that we will be able to maintain our ability to borrow under our revolving credit facility.

We ended the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009 with \$3.9 million of cash and cash equivalents compared with \$3.0 million at the end of the same period in fiscal 2008. Our cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities for the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009 and September 28, 2008 were as follows:

| | 39 Weeks Ended | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | September 27, 2009 | September 28, 2008 |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| Net cash provided by (used in): | | |
| Operating activities | \$ 47,392 | \$ 29,350 |
| Investing activities | (3,169) | (14,157) |
| Financing activities | (49,378) | (21,963) |
| Decrease in cash and cash equivalents | \$ (5,155) | \$ (6,770) |

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Operating Activities. Net cash provided by operating activities for the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009 and September 28, 2008 was \$47.4 million and \$29.4 million, respectively. The increase in cash provided by operating activities for the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009 compared to the same period last year primarily reflects higher net income, reduced funding for accrued expenses including employee compensation and benefit plans and advertising and an increased collection of accounts receivable, primarily credit card receivables. The net cash flow benefit from reduced merchandise inventory and accounts payable this year declined from the same period in the prior year.

Investing Activities. Net cash used in investing activities for the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009 and September 28, 2008 was \$3.2 million and \$14.2 million, respectively. Capital expenditures, excluding non-cash property and equipment acquisitions, represented substantially all of the net cash used in investing activities for both periods. This decrease was primarily attributable to a reduction in store expansion activity and a corresponding reduction in new store capital expenditures. Due primarily to the current challenging operating and economic environment, we continue to reduce our capital expenditures, particularly store expansion investments, in fiscal 2009 in comparison to previous years.

Financing Activities. Net cash used in financing activities for the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009 and September 28, 2008 was \$49.4 million and \$22.0 million, respectively. For the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009, cash was used primarily to pay down borrowings under our revolving credit facility and pay dividends. For the 39 weeks ended September 28, 2008, cash was used primarily to pay down borrowings under our revolving credit facility, repurchase stock and pay dividends.

As of September 27, 2009, we had revolving credit borrowings of \$59.7 million and letter of credit commitments of \$4.6 million outstanding under our financing agreement. These balances compare to revolving credit borrowings of \$96.5 million and letter of credit commitments of \$3.0 million outstanding as of December 28, 2008 and revolving credit borrowings of \$99.9 million and letter of credit commitments of \$7.2 million outstanding as of September 28, 2008.

Quarterly dividend payments of \$0.09 per share were paid in fiscal 2008. In the first quarter of fiscal 2009, our Board of Directors reduced the quarterly cash dividend to \$0.05 per share of outstanding common stock, and dividends were paid at that rate on March 20, 2009, June 15, 2009 and September 15, 2009. The dividend rate was reduced in an effort to conserve our capital to maintain a healthy financial condition during the current economic downturn.

Periodically, we repurchase our common stock in the open market pursuant to programs approved by our Board of Directors. Depending on business conditions, we may repurchase our common stock for a variety of reasons, including the current market price of our stock, to offset dilution related to equity-based compensation plans and to optimize our capital structure.

In light of the current economic climate, we did not repurchase any shares of our common stock during the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009. We repurchased 575,999 shares of our common stock for \$5.1 million in the 39 weeks ended September 28, 2008. Since the inception of our initial share repurchase program in May 2006 through September 27, 2009, we have repurchased a total of 1,369,085 shares for \$20.8 million, leaving a total of \$14.2 million available for share repurchases under our current share repurchase program. However, due to the current economic environment, we do not expect to resume share repurchases in fiscal 2009.

Our dividend payments and stock repurchases are generally funded by distributions from our subsidiary, Big 5 Corp. Generally, as long as there is no default or event of default

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under our financing agreement, Big 5 Corp. may make distributions to us of up to \$15.0 million per year (and up to \$5.0 million per quarter) for any purpose (including dividend payments or stock repurchases) and may make additional distributions for the purpose of paying our dividends or repurchasing our common stock if Big 5 Corp. will have post-dividend liquidity (as defined in the financing agreement) of at least \$30 million.

Financing Agreement. Our financing agreement with The CIT Group/Business Credit, Inc. (CIT) and a syndicate of other lenders, as amended, provides for a line of credit up to \$175.0 million. The initial termination date of the revolving credit facility is March 20, 2011 (subject to annual extensions thereafter). The revolving credit facility may be terminated by the lenders by giving at least 90 days prior written notice before any anniversary date, commencing with its anniversary date on March 20, 2011. We may terminate the revolving credit facility by giving at least 30 days prior written notice, provided that if we terminate prior to March 20, 2011, we must pay an early termination fee. Unless it is terminated, the revolving credit facility will continue on an annual basis from anniversary date to anniversary date beginning on March 21, 2011.

Under the revolving credit facility, our maximum eligible borrowing capacity is limited to 73.66% of the aggregate value of eligible inventory during October, November and December and 67.24% during the remainder of the year. An annual fee of 0.325%, payable monthly, is assessed on the unused portion of the revolving credit facility. As of September 27, 2009 and December 28, 2008, our total remaining borrowing capacity under the revolving credit facility, after subtracting letters of credit, was \$78.5 million and \$69.1 million, respectively.

The revolving credit facility bears interest at various rates based on our overall borrowings, with a floor of LIBOR plus 1.00% or the JP Morgan Chase Bank prime lending rate and a ceiling of LIBOR plus 1.50% or the JP Morgan Chase Bank prime lending rate. Additionally, if our earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) for the prior four quarters, in the aggregate, falls below \$50 million, the interest rate under the revolving credit facility is increased to LIBOR plus 1.75% or the JP Morgan Chase Bank prime lending rate plus 0.25%.

Our financing agreement is secured by a first priority security interest in substantially all of our assets. Our financing agreement contains various financial and other covenants, including covenants that require us to maintain a fixed-charge coverage ratio of not less than 1.0 to 1.0 in certain circumstances, restrict our ability to incur indebtedness or to create various liens and restrict the amount of capital expenditures that we may incur. Our financing agreement also restricts our ability to engage in mergers or acquisitions, sell assets,

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repurchase our stock or pay dividends. We may repurchase our stock or declare a dividend only if, among other things, no default or event of default exists on the stock repurchase date or dividend declaration date, as applicable, and a default is not expected to result from the repurchase of stock or payment of the dividend. The requirements are described in more detail in the financing agreement and the amendments thereto, which have been filed as exhibits to our previous filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). We are currently in compliance with all financial covenants under our financing agreement. If we fail to make any required payment under our financing agreement or if we otherwise default under this instrument, the lenders may (i) require us to agree to less favorable interest rates and other terms under the agreement in exchange for a waiver of any such default or (ii) accelerate our debt under this agreement. This acceleration could also result in the acceleration of other indebtedness that we may have outstanding at that time.

Future Capital Requirements. We had cash on hand of \$3.9 million at September 27, 2009. We expect capital expenditures for the last quarter of fiscal 2009, excluding non-cash property and equipment acquisitions, to range from approximately \$3.0 million to \$5.0 million, primarily to fund the opening of new stores, store-related remodeling, distribution center equipment and computer hardware and software purchases. In light of the current economic environment, we continue to slow our store expansion efforts substantially in fiscal 2009 in comparison to previous years, and anticipate opening approximately three new stores in fiscal 2009. Additionally, for the same reasons, in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 our Board of Directors reduced our quarterly cash dividend to \$0.05 per share of outstanding common stock, for an annual rate of \$0.20 per share, and this was continued for the second and third quarters of fiscal 2009. In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.05 per share of outstanding common stock, which will be paid on December 15, 2009 to stockholders of record as of December 1, 2009. Also, although a total of \$14.2 million remained available for share repurchases under our share repurchase program at September 27, 2009, we do not expect to resume share repurchases for the remainder of fiscal 2009. These measures are intended to preserve our capital to maintain a healthy financial condition during the current economic downturn.

We believe we will be able to fund our cash requirements, for at least the next 12 months, from cash on hand, operating cash flows and borrowings from our revolving credit facility. However, our ability to satisfy such cash requirements depends upon our future performance, which in turn is subject to general economic conditions and regional risks, and to financial, business and other factors affecting our operations, including factors beyond our control. There is no assurance that we will be able to generate sufficient cash flow or that we will be able to maintain our ability to borrow under our revolving credit facility. In addition, on November 1, 2009, CIT Group Inc., the parent company of CIT (the administrative agent and primary lender under our revolving credit facility), filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. None of the operating subsidiaries, including CIT, of CIT Group Inc., were included in the bankruptcy filing. It is not yet clear whether, or to what extent, this filing will ultimately impact CIT as an operating subsidiary. We believe that commitments from the other lenders under the credit facility, together with our cash on hand and anticipated operating cash flows, should be sufficient to fund our cash requirements for at least the next 12 months. However, if CIT is unable to perform its lending or administrative commitments under the facility then our operations could nonetheless be disrupted while suitable alternatives are put in place. See Part II,

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Item 1A, *Risk Factors*, included in this report and Part I, Item 1A, *Risk Factors*, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2008.

If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow from operations to meet our obligations and commitments, or if we are unable to maintain our ability to borrow sufficient amounts under our revolving credit facility, whether due to CIT's financial condition or otherwise, we will be required to refinance or restructure our indebtedness or raise additional debt or equity capital, which would likely result in increased interest expense. Additionally, we may be required to sell material assets or operations, suspend or further reduce dividend payments or delay or forego expansion opportunities. We might not be able to implement successful alternative strategies on satisfactory terms, if at all.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Contractual Obligations. Our material off-balance sheet contractual commitments are operating lease obligations and letters of credit. We excluded these items from the balance sheet in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP).

Operating lease commitments consist principally of leases for our retail store facilities, distribution center and corporate office. These leases frequently include options which permit us to extend the terms beyond the initial fixed lease term. With respect to most of those leases, we intend to renegotiate those leases as they expire.

Issued and outstanding letters of credit were \$4.6 million at September 27, 2009, and were related primarily to importing of merchandise and funding insurance program liabilities.

We also have capital lease obligations which consist principally of leases for our distribution center delivery tractors and management information systems hardware. Included in our other liabilities is a contractual obligation to the surviving spouse of Robert W. Miller, our co-founder, and asset retirement obligations related to the removal of leasehold improvements from our stores upon termination of our store leases.

Included in the Liquidity and Capital Resources section of Part II, Item 7, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2008, is a discussion of our future obligations and commitments as of December 28, 2008. In the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009, our revolving credit borrowings declined by 38.1% from the end of fiscal 2008, as a result of our positive operating cash flow. We entered into new operating lease agreements in relation to our business operations, but do not believe that these operating leases would materially change our contractual obligations or commitments presented as of December 28, 2008.

In the ordinary course of business, we enter into arrangements with vendors to purchase merchandise in advance of expected delivery. Because most of these purchase orders do not contain any termination payments or other penalties if cancelled, they are not included as outstanding contractual obligations.

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Critical Accounting Estimates

As discussed in Part II, Item 7, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2008, we consider our estimates on inventory valuation, impairment of long-lived assets and self-insurance reserves to be the most critical in understanding the judgments that are involved in preparing our consolidated financial statements. There have been no significant changes to these estimates in the 39 weeks ended September 27, 2009.

Seasonality and Impact of Inflation

We experience seasonal fluctuations in our net sales and operating results and typically generate higher sales in the fourth quarter, which includes the holiday selling season as well as the winter sports selling season. As a result, we incur significant additional expense in the fourth quarter due to normally higher purchase volumes and increased staffing. Seasonality influences our buying patterns which directly impacts our merchandise and accounts payable levels and cash flows. We purchase merchandise for seasonal activities in advance of a season. If we miscalculate the demand for our products generally or for our product mix during the fourth quarter, our net sales can decline, resulting in excess inventory, which can harm our financial performance.

In fiscal 2008 we experienced increasing inflation in the purchase cost of certain products, which continued into fiscal 2009. During the 13 weeks ended September 27, 2009, the trend of inflation in product purchase costs generally appeared to stabilize.

Recently Issued Accounting Guidance

See Note 2 to Interim Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1, *Financial Statements*, of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

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Forward-Looking Statements

This document includes certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements relate to, among other things, our financial condition, our results of operations, our growth strategy and the business of our company generally. In some cases, you can identify such statements by terminology such as may, could, project, estimate, potential, continue, should, e anticipates, believes, intends or other such terminology. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results in future periods to differ materially from forecasted results. These risks and uncertainties include, among other things, continued or worsening weakness in the consumer spending environment and the U.S. financial and credit markets (including, without limitation, any continued or worsening financial distress of our primary lender, The CIT Group/Business Credit, Inc.), the competitive environment in the sporting goods industry in general and in our specific market areas, inflation, product availability and growth opportunities, seasonal fluctuations, weather conditions, changes in cost of goods, operating expense fluctuations, disruption in product flow, changes in interest rates, credit availability, higher costs associated with current and new sources of credit resulting from uncertainty in financial markets and economic conditions in general. Those and other risks and uncertainties are more fully described in Part II, Item 1A, *Risk Factors*, in this report and in Part I, Item 1A, *Risk Factors*, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and other filings with the SEC. We caution that the risk factors set forth in this report are not exclusive. In addition, we conduct our business in a highly competitive and rapidly changing environment. Accordingly, new risk factors may arise. It is not possible for management to predict all such risk factors, nor to assess the impact of all such risk factors on our business or the extent to which any individual risk factor, or combination of factors, may cause results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. We undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statement that may be made from time to time by us or on our behalf.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are subject to risks resulting from interest rate fluctuations since interest on our borrowings under our revolving credit facility is based on variable rates. If the LIBOR or JP Morgan Chase Bank prime rate were to change 1.0% as compared to the rate at September 27, 2009, our interest expense would change approximately \$0.6 million on an annual basis based on the outstanding balance of our borrowings under our revolving credit facility at September 27, 2009. We do not hold any derivative instruments and do not engage in foreign currency transactions or hedging activities.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We conducted an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act)) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on such evaluation, our CEO and CFO have concluded that, as of the end of such period, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in recording, processing, summarizing and reporting, on a timely basis, information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act and are effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our CEO and CFO, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

During the fiscal quarter ended September 27, 2009, no changes occurred with respect to our internal control over financial reporting that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, internal control over financial reporting.

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On August 6, 2009, the Company was served with a complaint filed in the California Superior Court for the County of San Diego, entitled *Shane Weyl v. Big 5 Corp., et al.*, Case No. 37-2009-00093109-CU-OE-CTL, alleging violations of the California Labor Code and the California Business and Professions Code. The complaint was brought as a purported class action on behalf of the Company's hourly employees in California for the four years prior to the filing of the complaint. The plaintiff alleges, among other things, that the Company failed to provide hourly employees with meal and rest periods and failed to pay wages within required time periods during employment and upon termination of employment. The plaintiff seeks, on behalf of the class members, an award of one hour of pay (wages) for each workday that a meal or rest period was not provided; restitution of unpaid wages; actual, consequential and incidental losses and damages; pre-judgment interest; statutory penalties including an additional thirty days' wages for each hourly employee in California whose employment terminated in the four years preceding the filing of the complaint; civil penalties; an award of attorneys' fees and costs; and injunctive and declaratory relief. The Company believes that the complaint is without merit. The parties have scheduled a mediation for December 14, 2009 and, if the mediation is unsuccessful in resolving the suit, the Company intends to defend the suit vigorously. The Company is not able to evaluate the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome or to estimate a range of potential loss in the event of an unfavorable outcome at the present time. If resolved unfavorably to the Company, this litigation could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, and any required change in the Company's labor practices, as well as the costs of defending this litigation, could have a negative impact on the Company's results of operations.

The Company is involved in various other claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these matters is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes to the risk factors identified in Part I, Item 1A, *Risk Factors*, of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2008, except as follows:

CIT's Financial Difficulty Could Disrupt our Business and Operations. The Company has in place a financing agreement with The CIT Group/Business Credit, Inc. (CIT) and a syndicate of other lenders which provides for a line of credit of up to \$175.0 million, and under which CIT acts as administrative agent and has the largest lending commitment totaling \$65.0 million. On November 1, 2009, CIT Group Inc., the parent company of CIT, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. None of the operating subsidiaries, including CIT, of CIT Group Inc., were included in the bankruptcy filing. It is not yet clear whether, or to what extent, this filing will ultimately impact CIT as an operating subsidiary. Although we believe the commitments from the other lenders under

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the credit facility, together with our cash on hand and anticipated operating cash flows, should be sufficient to meet our near term borrowing requirements, if CIT is unable to perform its lending or administrative commitments under the facility, this could result in disruptions to our business and could require us to replace this facility with a new facility or to raise capital from alternative sources on less favorable terms, including higher rates of interest.

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

None.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

None.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

Item 6. Exhibits

(a) Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Description of Document |
|---------------------------|---|
| 15.1 | Independent Auditors Awareness Letter Regarding Interim Financial Statements. |
| 31.1 | Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer. |
| 31.2 | Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer. |
| 32.1 | Section 1350 Certification of Chief Executive Officer. |
| 32.2 | Section 1350 Certification of Chief Financial Officer. |

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SIGNATURES

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

**BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS
CORPORATION,**
a Delaware corporation

Date: November 4, 2009

By: /s/ Steven G. Miller
Steven G. Miller
*Chairman of the Board of Directors,
President and Chief Executive Officer*

Date: November 4, 2009

By: /s/ Barry D. Emerson
Barry D. Emerson
*Senior Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
(Principal Financial and
Accounting Officer)*

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