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(Mark one)

DESCRIPTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2006

o 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: 333-116040 GNC CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 72-1575170
(State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

300 Sixth Avenue Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

15222

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (412) 288-4600

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. b Yes o No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer o Non-accelerated b

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

As of October 27, 2006, 50,563,948 shares of the GNC Corporation s \$0.01 par value Common Stock (the Common Stock) were outstanding.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

On July 27, 2006, the Company filed its Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. The Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation authorized each issued and outstanding share of our common stock to be split in a ratio of 1.707 for one (the Stock Split) effective as of July 27, 2006. No fractional shares of common stock were issued as a result of the Stock Split. Unless otherwise indicated, all references to the number of shares in this report have been adjusted to reflect the stock split on a retroactive basis.

PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

GNC CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Balance Sheets (in thousands, except share data)

	eptember 30, 2006 inaudited)	December 31, 2005 *		
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 87,360	\$	86,013	
Receivables, net of reserve of \$3,792 and \$8,898, respectively	82,137		70,630	
Inventories, net (Note 3)	313,531		298,166	
Deferred tax assets, net	18,078		13,861	
Other current assets	27,413		30,826	
Total current assets	528,519		499,496	
Long-term assets:				
Goodwill (Note 4)	81,044		80,109	
Brands (Note 4)	212,000		212,000	
Other intangible assets, net (Note 4)	24,011		26,460	
Property, plant and equipment, net	169,843		179,482	
Deferred financing fees, net	13,890		16,125	
Deferred tax assets, net	676		45	
Other long-term assets	6,295		10,114	
Total long-term assets	507,759		524,335	
Total assets	\$ 1,036,278	\$	1,023,831	
Current liabilities: Accounts payable, includes cash overdraft of \$5,576 and \$5,063,				
respectively	\$ 112,356	\$	104,595	
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	23,808		20,812	
Accrued income taxes	7,327		2,280	
Accrued interest	9,195		7,877	
Current portion, long-term debt	2,143		2,117	
Other current liabilities	70,991		64,826	
Total current liabilities	225,820		202,507	
Long-term liabilities:				
Long-term debt	469,668		471,244	
Other long-term liabilities	10,828		10,891	
Total long-term liabilities	480,496		482,135	

Total liabilities	706,316	684,642
Cumulative redeemable exchangeable preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 110,000 shares authorized, 100,000 shares issued and outstanding (liquidation preference of \$148,198 and \$136,349, respectively)	139,063	127,115
Stockholders equity:		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 160,000,000 shares authorized, 50,563,948		
and 50,422,054 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	506	504
Paid-in-capital	129,845	177,407
Retained earnings	59,380	32,939
Accumulated other comprehensive income	1,168	1,224
Total stockholders equity	190,899	212,074
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$ 1,036,278	\$ 1,023,831

^{*} Footnotes

summarized

from the

Audited

Financial

Statements.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

GNC CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (unaudited) (in thousands)

		For the three months ended September 30,			ended September 30, ended Septem					For the nine months ended September 30, 2006 2005			
Revenue	\$	367,735	\$	322,559	\$	1,137,399	\$	992,341					
Cost of sales, including costs of warehousing, distribution and occupancy		241,251		222,084		751,451		676,264					
Gross profit		126,484		100,475		385,948		316,077					
Compensation and related benefits Advertising and promotion Other selling, general and administrative Foreign currency gain Other expense (income)		60,831 10,982 21,860 (3) 1,078		58,432 8,639 18,536 (80)		187,300 41,337 66,421 (705) 1,078		171,975 36,780 56,265 (137) (2,500)					
Operating income		31,736		14,948		90,517		53,694					
Interest expense, net (Note 5)		9,687		9,957		29,484		33,233					
Income before income taxes		22,049		4,991		61,033		20,461					
Income tax expense		8,181		1,816		22,644		7,439					
Net income		13,868		3,175		38,389		13,022					
Other comprehensive (loss) income		(12)		805		(56)		271					
Comprehensive income	\$	13,856	\$	3,980	\$	38,333	\$	13,293					
Income per share Basic and Diluted:													
Net income Cumulative redeemable exchangeable	\$	13,868	\$	3,175	\$	38,389	\$	13,022					
preferred stock dividends and accretion		(4,100)		(3,646)		(11,948)		(10,626)					
Net income (loss) available to common stockholders	\$	9,768	\$	(471)	\$	26,441	\$	2,396					

Earnings (loss) per share:								
Basic	\$	0.19	\$	(0.01)	\$	0.52	\$	0.05
Diluted	\$	0.18	\$	(0.01)	\$	0.50	\$	0.05
Weighted average shares outstanding:								
Basic	50,	563,948	50	,564,650	50,	511,824	50,	659,617
Diluted	52,	475,750	50	,564,650	54,	423,626	51,	593,403
The accompanying notes are	e an integr	al part of t	he cons	solidated fin	ancial	statements.		
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GNC CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES Consolidated Statement of Stockholders Equity (in thousands, except share data)

	Common S	Stock		Retained	Accumulated Other	Total e Stockholders
	Shares	Dollars	Paid-in-Capital	Earnings	Income/(Loss)	
Balance at	Silares	Donars	Turu in Cupitur	Euring s	income (2005)	Equity
December 31, 2005	50,422,054	\$ 504	\$ 177,407	\$ 32,939	\$ 1,224	\$ 212,074
Repurchase and						
retirement of common						
stock	(28,806)		(68)			(68)
Non-cash stock-based	(20,000)		(00)			(00)
compensation	42,675		1,887			1,887
Exercise of stock	72,073		1,007			1,007
options	128,025	2	448			450
Tax benefit from	120,023	2	770			430
exercise of stock options			105			105
Preferred stock			103			103
dividends				(11,849)		(11,849)
Amortization of				(11,047)		(11,047)
preferred stock issuance						
•				(99)		(00)
Costs				` '		(99)
Net income				38,389		38,389
Restricted payment						
made by General						
Nutrition Centers, Inc.						
to GNC Corporation			(40.004)			(40.004)
Common Stockholders			(49,934)			(49,934)
Foreign currency						
translation adjustments					(56)	(56)
Balance at						
September 30, 2006	# 0 # 4 2 0.40	Φ =0.5	ф. 120.01	ф. ТО 2 00	h 110	d 400.000
(unaudited)	50,563,948	\$ 506	\$ 129,845	\$ 59,380	\$ 1,168	\$ 190,899

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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GNC CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited) (in thousands)

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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Net income	\$	38,389	\$	13,022	
Tet meome	Ψ	30,307	Ψ	13,022	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating					
activities:					
Depreciation expense		25,730		27,840	
Fixed asset write-off		220		366	
Loss on sale of subsidiary		1,078			
Deferred fee writedown early debt extinguishment				3,890	
Amortization of intangible assets		3,471		2,985	
Amortization of deferred financing fees		2,235		2,103	
Increase in provision for inventory losses		6,176		5,889	
Non-cash stock-based compensation		1,887			
(Decrease) increase in provision for losses on accounts receivable		(1,984)		1,894	
(Increase) decrease in net deferred taxes		(4,848)		6,368	
Changes in assets and liabilities:					
Increase in receivables		(11,660)		(7,665)	
Increase in inventory, net		(20,890)		(13,431)	
Decrease in franchise note receivables, net		3,598		7,568	
Decrease in other assets		4,182		5,805	
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable		7,214		(23,128)	
Increase in accrued taxes		5,047		(==,===)	
Increase in interest payable		1,317		7,301	
Increase (decrease) in accrued liabilities		7,693		(6,153)	
		•		, ,	
Net cash provided by operating activities		68,855		34,654	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:					
Capital expenditures		(16,050)		(13,819)	
Sales of corporate stores to franchisees		(10,030)		23	
Store acquisition costs		(591)		(547)	
Store acquisition costs		(391)		(347)	
Net cash used in investing activities		(16,641)		(14,343)	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:					
Restricted payment made by General Nutrition Centers, Inc. to GNC					
Corporation Common Stockholders		(49,934)			
Corporation Common Stockholders		(47,734)			

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Repurchase and retirement of common stock	(68)	(834)
Proceeds from exercised stock options	450	
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options	105	
Increase (decrease) in cash overdrafts	513	(1,067)
Proceeds from senior notes issuance		150,000
Payments on long-term debt	(1,550)	(186,500)
Debt and equity financing fees	(405)	(4,672)
Net cash used in financing activities	(50,889)	(43,073)
Net cash used in financing activities	(30,869)	(43,073)
Effect of exchange rate on cash	22	4
Net increase (decrease) in cash	1,347	(22,758)
Beginning balance, cash	86,013	85,161
Ending balance, cash	\$ 87,360	\$ 62,403

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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GNC CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES SUMMARIZED NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) NOTE 1. NATURE OF BUSINESS

General Nature of Business. GNC Corporation (GNC or the Company) (f/k/a General Nutrition Centers Holding Company), a Delaware corporation, is a leading specialty retailer of nutritional supplements, which include: vitamins, minerals and herbal supplements (VMHS), sports nutrition products, diet products and other wellness products.

The Company s organizational structure is vertically integrated as the operations consist of purchasing raw materials, formulating and manufacturing products and selling the finished products through its Retail, Franchising and Manufacturing/Wholesale segments. The Company operates primarily in three business segments: Retail; Franchising; and Manufacturing/Wholesale. Corporate retail store operations are located in North America and Puerto Rico and in addition the Company offers products domestically through www.gnc.com and drugstore.com. Franchise stores are located in the United States and 47 international markets. The Company operates its primary manufacturing facilities in South Carolina and distribution centers in Arizona, Pennsylvania and South Carolina. The Company also operates a smaller manufacturing facility in Australia. The Company manufactures the majority of its branded products, but also merchandises various third-party products. Additionally, the Company licenses the use of its trademarks and trade names.

The processing, formulation, packaging, labeling and advertising of the Company s products are subject to regulation by one or more federal agencies, including the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Consumer Product Safety Commission, United States Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Protection Agency. These activities are also regulated by various agencies of the states and localities in which the Company s products are sold.

Acquisition of the Company. On October 16, 2003, the Company entered into a purchase agreement (the Purchase Agreement) with Koninklijke (Royal) Numico N.V. (Numico) and Numico USA, Inc. to acquire 100% of the outstanding equity interest of General Nutrition Companies, Inc. (GNCI) from Numico USA, Inc. on December 5, 2003 (the Acquisition). The purchase equity contribution was made by GNC Investors, LLC (GNC LLC), an affiliate of Apollo Management V L.P., together with additional institutional investors and certain management of the Company. The equity contribution from GNC LLC was recorded by the Company. The Company utilized this equity contribution to purchase the investment in General Nutrition Centers, Inc. (Centers). Centers is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company.

A stock split of 1.707 for one was effective on July 27, 2006. This stock split has been reflected retroactively for all periods included in these financial statements.

NOTE 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements and footnotes have been prepared by the Company in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial reporting and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and related footnotes that would normally be required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial reporting. These unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company s audited consolidated financial statements in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed for the year ended December 31, 2005 (the Form 10-K).

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements include all adjustments (consisting of a normal and recurring nature) that management considers necessary for a fair statement of financial information for the interim periods. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the remainder of the year ending December 31, 2006.

Principles of Consolidation. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and all of its subsidiaries. The equity method of accounting is used for investment ownership ranging from 20% to 50%. Investment ownership of less than 20% is accounted for on the cost method. All material intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The Company has no relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities, which would have been

established for the purpose of facilitating off balance sheet arrangements, or other contractually narrow or limited purposes.

Use of Estimates. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions. Accordingly, these estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Some of the most significant estimates pertaining to the Company include the valuation of inventories, the allowance for doubtful accounts, income tax valuation allowances and the recoverability of long-lived assets. On a regular basis, management reviews its estimates utilizing currently available information, changes in facts and circumstances, historical experience and reasonable assumptions. After such reviews, and if deemed appropriate, those estimates are adjusted accordingly. Actual results could differ from those estimates. There have been no material changes to critical estimates since the audited financial statements at December 31, 2005.

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GNC CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

SUMMARIZED NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED CONTINUED)

Earnings Per Share. Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net earnings by the weighted average common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per common share is computed by dividing net earnings by the weighted average common shares outstanding adjusted for the dilutive effect of stock options, excluding antidilutive shares, under the Company s stock option plan. See Stock-based Compensation Plans note for additional disclosure. The following table represents the Company s basic and diluted earning per share.

	Three months ended September 30,				Nine months ended September 30,			
		2006	2005		2006			2005
Net income	\$	13,868	\$	3,175	\$	38,389	\$	13,022
Cumulative redeemable exchangeable								
preferred stock dividends and accretion		(4,100)		(3,646)		(11,948)		(10,626)
Net income (loss) available to common								
stockholders	\$	9,768	\$	(471)	\$	26,441	\$	2,396
Weighted average shares	5(0,563,948	50	,564,650	50),511,824	5(0,659,617
Effect of dilutive employee stock options		1,911,802	30	,504,050		1,911,802	5.	933,786
Diluted weighted average shares	52	2,475,750	50	,564,650	52	2,423,626	5	1,593,403
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$	0.19	\$	(0.01)	\$	0.52	\$	0.05
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$	0.18	\$	(0.01)	\$	0.50	\$	0.05

Cash and Cash Equivalents. The Company considers cash and cash equivalents to include all cash and liquid deposits and investments with a maturity of three months or less. The majority of payments due from banks for third-party credit cards process within 24-48 hours, except for transactions occurring on a Friday, which are generally processed the following Monday. All credit card transactions are classified as cash and the amounts due from these transactions totaled \$2.9 million at September 30, 2006 and \$2.6 million at December 31, 2005.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 157 (SFAS 157), Fair Value Measurements. Among other requirements, SFAS 157 defines fair value and establishes a framework for measuring fair value and also expands disclosure about the use of fair value to measure assets and liabilities. SFAS 157 is effective beginning the first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007. The Company continues to evaluate the adoption of SFAS 157 and its impact on the Company s consolidated financial statements or results of operations.

In September 2006, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108, Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements (SAB 108). This bulletin expresses the SEC s views regarding the process of quantifying financial statement misstatements. The interpretations in this bulletin were issued to address diversity in practice in quantifying financial statement misstatements and the potential under current practice for the build up of improper amounts on the balance sheet. This statement is effective for annual financial statements starting with the year ending December 31, 2006. The Company continues to evaluate the adoption of SAB 108 and its impact on the Company s consolidated financial statements or results of operations and based on current information, the Company does not believe that it will have material impact.

In June 2006, FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 (FIN 48). This Interpretation clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise s financial statements in accordance with FASB Statement No. 109

Accounting for Income Taxes. This Interpretation prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. This Interpretation also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company continues to evaluate the adoption of FIN 48 and its impact on the Company s consolidated financial statements or results of operations.

In March 2006, the FASB s Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) issued EITF Abstract Issue No. 06-03, How Taxes Collected from Customers and Remitted to Governmental Authorities Should Be Presented in the Income Statement (That is, Gross versus Net Presentation) (EITF 06-03), that clarifies how a company discloses its recording of taxes collected that are imposed on revenue producing activities. EITF 06-03 is effective for the first interim reporting period beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company is evaluating the impact, if any, that EITF 06-03 may have on the Company s consolidated financial statements or results of operations.

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GNC CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

SUMMARIZED NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED CONTINUED)

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 123(R), Share-Based Payment (revised 2004) (SFAS 123(R)). SFAS No. 123(R) sets accounting requirements for share-based compensation to employees and disallows the use of the intrinsic value method of accounting for stock compensation. The Company is required to account for such transactions using a fair-value method and to recognize compensation expense over the period during which an employee is required to provide services in exchange for the stock options and other equity-based compensation issued to employees. This statement was effective for the Company starting January 1, 2006 and the Company elected to use the modified prospective application method. The impact of this statement on the Company s consolidated financial statements or results of operations has been historically disclosed on a pro-forma basis and is now recognized as compensation expense on a prospective basis. Based on the equity awards outstanding as of September 30, 2006, the Company expects compensation expense, net of tax, of \$1.0 million to \$2.5 million for the year ending December 31, 2006. Refer to the Stock Based Compensation Plans note for additional disclosure.

September 30, 2006

\$

(12,153)

298,166

\$310,319

NOTE 3. INVENTORIES, NET

Inventories at each respective period consisted of the following:

	Gross cost	•	Reserves		Net Carrying Value
	cost	(uı	naudited) (in		v anuc
			ousands)		
Finished product ready for sale	\$ 264,616	\$	(8,427)	\$	256,189
Work-in-process, bulk product and raw materials	54,873		(2,157)		52,716
Packaging supplies	4,626				4,626
	\$ 324,115	\$	(10,584)	\$	313,531
		Dece	ember 31, 200)5	
				(Net Carrying
	Gross				arrying
	cost	R	Reserves (in		Value
		th	ousands)		
Finished product ready for sale	\$ 257,525	\$	(10,025)	\$	247,500
Work-in-process, bulk product and raw materials	48,513		(2,128)		46,385
Packaging supplies	4,281		,		4,281

NOTE 4. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS, NET

Goodwill represents the excess of purchase price over the fair value of identifiable net assets of acquired entities. In accordance with SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets (SFAS No. 142), goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are not amortized, but instead are tested for impairment at least annually. Other intangible assets with finite lives are amortized on a straight-line basis over periods not exceeding 15 years.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2006, the Company acquired 60 franchise stores. These acquisitions are accounted for utilizing the purchase method of accounting and the Company records the acquired inventory, fixed assets, franchise rights and goodwill, with an applicable reduction to receivables and cash. The total purchase price associated with these acquisitions was \$3.2 million, of which \$0.6 million was paid in cash. Also as a result of these acquisitions, the Company reclassified \$2.1 million of goodwill and \$6.0 million of brand intangibles from the Franchise segment to the Retail segment during the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The reclassification was determined based on the relative fair value of the acquired franchise stores.

The following table summarizes the Company s goodwill activity from December 31, 2005 to September 30, 2006.

				Manuf		
	Retail	Fra	nchising	Wh	olesale	Total
			(in the	ousands)		
Balance at December 31, 2005	\$22,970	\$	56,693	\$	446	\$80,109
Additions: Acquired franchise stores	935					935
Reclassification: Due to franchise store aquisitions	2,131		(2,131)			
Balance at September 30, 2006 (unaudited)	\$ 26,036	\$	54,562	\$	446	\$81,044
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GNC CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES SUMMARIZED NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED CONTINUED)

The following table summarizes the Company s intangible asset activity from December 31, 2005 to September 30, 2006.

	Gold	Retail	Franchise	O	erating	Fra	anchise	
	Card	Brand	Brand (in t	Agı housa	reements nds)	F	Rights	Total
Balance at December 31, 2005	\$ 514	\$ 59,659	\$ 152,341	\$	24,296	\$	1,650	\$ 238,460
Additions: Acquired franchise stores Reclassification: Due to							1,022	1,022
franchise store aquisitions Amortization expense	(386)	5,959	(5,959)		(2,208)		(877)	(3,471)
Balance at September 30, 2006 (unaudited)	\$ 128	\$ 65,618	\$ 146,382	\$	22,088	\$	1,795	\$ 236,011

The following table reflects the gross carrying amount and accumulated amortization for each major intangible asset:

	Estim Lif	fe		Aco	nber 30, 20 cumulated ortization	06 Carrying Amount		Acc	ber 31, 200 umulated ortization	Carrying
	in ye	ars	Cost	AIII	oruzauon (unaud		Cost	Amo	oruzation	Amount
					(in thou	sands)				
Brands retail			\$ 65,618	\$		\$ 65,618	\$ 59,659	\$		\$ 59,659
Brands franchise			146,382			146,382	152,341			152,341
Gold card retail	3		2,230		(2,119)	111	2,230		(1,784)	446
Gold card	3									
franchise			340		(323)	17	340		(272)	68
Retail agreements	5	10	8,500		(3,332)	5,168	8,500		(2,447)	6,053
Franchise	10	15								
agreements			21,900		(4,980)	16,920	21,900		(3,657)	18,243
Franchise rights	1	5	2,820		(1,025)	1,795	1,798		(148)	1,650
			\$ 247,790	\$	(11,779)	\$ 236,011	\$ 246,768	\$	(8,308)	\$ 238,460

The following table represents future estimated amortization expense of other intangible assets, net, with definite lives at September 30, 2006:

Estimated amortization expense (unaudited)

	tho	(in ousands)
Years ending December 31,		,
2006 ⁽¹⁾ 2007 2008 2009 2010 Thereafter	\$	1,116 3,688 3,344 2,494 2,397 10,972
Total	\$	24,011
(1) This period is a partial year and represents the period from October 1 to December 31, 2006.		

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The Company s net interest expense for each respective period is as follows:

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine mon Septem	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
		(unaı	udited)	
		(in tho	ousands)	
Senior credit facility				
Term Loan	\$ 1,973	\$ 1,608	\$ 5,693	\$ 4,930
Revolver	158	160	477	459
8 5/8% Senior Notes	3,234	3,234	9,703	9,092
8 1/2 % Senior Subordinated Notes	4,569	4,569	13,706	13,706
Deferred financing fees	757	719	2,235	2,103
Deferred fee writedown early extinguishment				3,890
Mortgage	200	217	546	672
Interest income - other	(1,204)	(550)	(2,876)	(1,619)
Interest expense, net	\$ 9,687	\$ 9,957	\$ 29,484	\$ 33,233

NOTE 6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES Litigation

The Company is engaged in various legal actions, claims and proceedings arising out of the normal course of business, including claims related to breach of contracts, product liabilities, intellectual property matters and employment-related matters resulting from the Company s business activities. As is inherent with most actions such as these, an estimation of any possible and/or ultimate liability cannot always be determined. The Company continues to assess its requirement to account for additional contingencies in accordance with SFAS No. 5, Accounting for Contingencies. The Company is currently of the opinion that the amount of any potential liability resulting from these actions, when taking into consideration the Company s general and product liability coverage, including indemnification obligations of third-party manufacturers, and the indemnification provided by Numico under the purchase agreement in connection with the Numico acquisition, will not have a material adverse impact on its financial position, results of operations or liquidity. However, if the Company is required to make a payment in connection with an adverse outcome in these matters, it could have a material impact on its financial condition and operating results.

As a manufacturer and retailer of nutritional supplements and other consumer products that are ingested by consumers or applied to their bodies, the Company has been and is currently subjected to various product liability claims. Although the effects of these claims to date have not been material to the Company, it is possible that current and future product liability claims could have a material adverse impact on its financial condition and operating results. The Company currently maintains product liability insurance with a deductible/retention of \$1.0 million per claim with an aggregate cap on retained loss of \$10.0 million. The Company typically seeks and has obtained contractual indemnification from most parties that supply raw materials for its products or that manufacture or market products it sells. The Company also typically seeks to be added, and has been added, as additional insured under most of such parties insurance policies. The Company is also entitled to indemnification by Numico for certain losses arising from claims related to products containing ephedra or Kava Kava sold prior to December 5, 2003. However, any such indemnification or insurance is limited by its terms and any such indemnification, as a practical matter, is limited to the creditworthiness of the indemnifying party and its insurer, and the absence of significant defenses by the insurers. The Company may incur material product liability claims, which could increase its costs and adversely affect

its reputation, revenues and operating income.

Ephedra (Ephedrine Alkaloids). As of September 30, 2006, the Company has been named as a defendant in 134 pending cases involving the sale of third-party products that contain ephedra. Of those cases, one involves a proprietary GNC product. Ephedra products have been the subject of adverse publicity and regulatory scrutiny in the United States and other countries relating to alleged harmful effects, including the deaths of several individuals. In early 2003, the Company instructed all of its locations to stop selling products containing ephedra that were manufactured by GNC or one of its affiliates. Subsequently, the Company instructed all of its locations to stop selling any products containing ephedra by June 30, 2003. In April 2004, the FDA banned the sale of products containing ephedra. All claims to date have been tendered to the third-party manufacturer or to the Company insurer and the Company has incurred no expense to date with respect to litigation involving ephedra products. Furthermore, the Company is entitled to indemnification by Numico for certain losses arising from claims related to products containing ephedra sold prior to December 5, 2003. All of the pending cases relate to products sold prior to such time and, accordingly, the Company is entitled to indemnification from Numico for all of the pending cases.

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Pro-Hormone/Androstenedione Cases. The Company is currently defending itself in connection with certain class action lawsuits (the Andro Actions) relating to the sale by GNC of certain nutritional products alleged to contain the ingredients commonly known as Androstenedione, Androstenediol, Norandrostenedione, and Norandrostenediol (collectively Andro Products). In each case, plaintiffs seek to certify a class and obtain damages on behalf of the class representatives and all those similarly-situated who purchased certain nutritional supplements from the Company alleged to contain Andro Products. The original state court proceedings for the Andro Actions include the following:

Harry Rodriguez v. General Nutrition Companies. Inc. (previously pending in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County, New York, Index No. 02/126277). Plaintiffs filed this putative class action on or about July 25, 2002. The Second Amended Complaint, filed thereafter on or about December 6, 2002, alleged claims for unjust enrichment, violation of General Business Law Section 349 (misleading and deceptive trade practices), and violation of General Business Law Section 350 (false advertising). On July 2, 2003, the Court granted part of the Company s motion to dismiss and dismissed the unjust enrichment cause of action. On January 4, 2006, the court conducted a hearing on the Company s motion for summary judgment and Plaintiffs motion for class certification, both of which remain pending.

Everett Abrams v. General Nutrition Companies, Inc. (previously pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Mercer County, New Jersey, Docket No. L-3789-02). Plaintiffs filed this putative class action on or about July 25, 2002. The Second Amended Complaint, filed thereafter on or about December 20, 2002, alleged claims for false and deceptive marketing and omissions and violations of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act. On November 18, 2003, the Court signed an order dismissing plaintiff s claims for affirmative misrepresentation and sponsorship with prejudice. The claim for knowing omissions remains pending.

Shawn Brown, Ozan Cirak, Thomas Hannon, and Luke Smith v. General Nutrition Companies, Inc. (previously pending in the 15th Judicial Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, Florida, Index. No. CA-02-14221AB). Plaintiffs filed this putative class action on or about July 25, 2002. The Second Amended Complaint, filed thereafter on or about November 27, 2002, alleged claims for violations of Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, unjust enrichment, and violation of Florida Civil Remedies for Criminal Practices Act. These claims remain pending.

Abrams, et al. v. General Nutrition Companies, Inc., et al., previously pending in the Common Pleas Court of Philadelphia County, Philadelphia, Class Action No. 02-703886). Plaintiffs filed this putative class action on or about July 25, 2002. The Amended Complaint, filed thereafter on or about April 8, 2003, alleged claims for violations of the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, and unjust enrichment. The court denied the Plaintiffs motion for class certification, and that order has been affirmed on appeal. Plaintiffs thereafter filed a petition in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court asking that the court consider an appeal of the order denying class certification. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has not yet ruled on the petition.

<u>David Pio and Ty Stephens, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated v. General Nutrition</u>
<u>Companies, Inc.</u>, previously pending in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery
Division, Case No. 02-CH-14122). Plaintiffs filed this putative class action on or about July 25, 2002. The Amended
Complaint, filed thereafter on or about April 4, 2004, alleged claims for violations of Illinois Consumer Fraud Act,
and unjust enrichment. The motion for class certification was stricken, but the court afforded leave to the Plaintiffs to
file another motion. Plaintiffs have not yet filed another motion.

Santiago Guzman, individually, on behalf of all others similarly situated, and on behalf of the general public v. General Nutrition Companies, Inc., previously pending on the California Judicial Counsel Coordination Proceeding No. 4363, Los Angeles County Superior Court). Plaintiffs filed this putative class action on or about February 17, 2004. The Amended Complaint, filed on or about May 26, 2005, alleged claims for violations of the Consumers Legal Remedies Act, violation of the Unfair Competition Act, and unjust enrichment. These claims remain pending.

On April 17 and 18, 2006, the Company filed pleadings seeking to remove each of the Andro Actions to the respective federal district courts for the districts in which the respective Andro Actions are pending. Simultaneously, the Company filed motions seeking to transfer each of the Andro Actions to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York so that they may be consolidated with the recently-commenced bankruptcy case of

MuscleTech Research and Development, Inc. and certain of its affiliates (collectively, MuscleTech), which is currently pending in the Superior Court of Justice, Ontario, Canada under the *Companies Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended, Case No. 06-CL-6241, with a related proceeding styled *In re MuscleTech Research and Development, Inc.*, *et al.*, Case No. 06 Civ 538 (JSR) and pending in district court in the Southern District of New York pursuant to chapter 15 of title 11 of the United States Code. The Company believes that the pending Andro Actions are related to MuscleTech s bankruptcy case by virtue of the fact that MuscleTech is contractually obligated to indemnify the Company for certain liabilities arising from the standard product indemnity stated in the Company s purchase order terms and conditions or otherwise under state law. The Company s requests to remove, transfer and consolidate the Andro Actions to federal court are pending before the respective federal district courts.

Based upon the information available to the Company at the present time, the Company believes that these matters will not have a material adverse effect upon its liquidity, financial condition or results of operations. As any liabilities that may arise from this case are not probable or reasonably estimable at this time, no liability has been accrued in the accompanying financial statements.

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Class Action Settlement. Five class action lawsuits were filed against the Company in the state courts of Alabama, California, Illinois and Texas with respect to claims that the labeling, packaging and advertising with respect to a third-party product sold by the Company were misleading and deceptive. The Company denies any wrongdoing and is pursuing indemnification claims against the manufacturer. As a result of mediation, the parties have agreed to a national settlement of the lawsuits, which has been preliminarily approved by the court. Notice to the class has been published in mass advertising media publications. In addition, notice has been mailed to approximately 2.4 million GNC Gold Card members. Each person who purchased the third-party product and who is part of the class will receive a cash reimbursement equal to the retail price paid, net of sales tax, upon presentation to the Company of a cash register receipt or original product packaging as proof of purchase. If a person purchased the product, but does not have a cash register receipt or original product packaging, such a person may submit a signed affidavit and will then be entitled to receive one or more coupons. Register receipts or original product packaging, or signed affidavits, must be presented within a 90-day period after the settlement is approved by the court and the time for an appeal has ended. The number of coupons will be based on the total amount of purchases of the product subject to a maximum of five coupons per purchaser. Each coupon will have a cash value of \$10.00 valid toward any purchase of \$25.00 or more at a GNC store. The coupons will not be redeemable by any GNC Gold Card member during Gold Card Week and will not be redeemable for products subject to any other price discount. The coupons are to be redeemed at point of sale and are not mail-in rebates. They will be redeemable for a 90-day period beginning in the first calendar quarter after the settlement is approved by the court and the time for an appeal has ended. The Company will issue a maximum of 5.0 million certificates with a combined face value of \$50.0 million. In addition to the cash reimbursements and coupons, as part of the settlement the Company will be required to pay legal fees of approximately \$1.0 million and will incur \$0.7 million in 2006 for advertising and postage costs related to the notification letters; as a result \$1.7 million was accrued as legal costs at December 31, 2005. No adjustments were recognized during the quarter ended September 30, 2006. The deadline for class members to opt out of the settlement class or object to the terms of the settlement was July 6, 2006. A final fairness hearing is scheduled to take place on November 6, 2006. As the sales of this product occurred in the late 1990s and early 2000s, the Company cannot reasonably estimate (1) how many of the purchasers of the product will receive notice or see the notice published in mass advertising media publications, (2) the amount of customers that will still have sales receipts or original product packaging for the products and (3) the amount of customers that sign an affidavit in lieu of a register receipt or original product packaging. To date, there have been 612 requests for coupons. Due to the uncertainty that exists as to the extent of future sales to the purchasers, the coupons are an incentive for the purchasers to buy products or services from the entity (at a reduced gross margin). Accordingly, the Company will recognize the settlement by reducing revenue in future periods when the purchasers utilize the coupons.

Nutrition 21. On June 23, 2005, General Nutrition Corporation, one of the Company's wholly owned subsidiaries, was sued by Nutrition 21, LLC in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. Nutrition 21 alleges that the GNC Subsidiary has infringed, and is continuing to infringe, United States Patent No. 5,087,623, United States Patent No. 5,087,624, and United States Patent No. 5,175,156, all of which are entitled Chromic Picolinate Treatment, by offering for sale, selling, marketing, advertising, and promoting finished chromium picolinate products for uses set forth in these patents. Nutrition 21 has requested an injunction prohibiting the GNC subsidiary from infringing these patents and is seeking recovery of unspecified damages resulting from the infringement, including lost profits. Nutrition 21 asserts that lost profits should be trebled due to the GNC subsidiary salleged willful infringement, together with attorneys fees, interest and costs. The Company disputes the claims and intends to contest this suit vigorously. In its answer and counterclaims, the GNC subsidiary has asserted, and is seeking a declaratory judgment, that these patents are invalid, not infringed, and unenforceable. The GNC subsidiary has also asserted counterclaims in the suit for false patent marking and false advertising. A hearing on claim construction issues was held on April 20, 2006 and the court has issued a claim construction order. The parties are presently pursuing discovery. The case is not presently set for trial, but we expect that it will be docketed for trial in the first half of 2007. As any liabilities that may arise from this case are not probable or reasonably estimable at this

time, no liability has been accrued in the accompanying financial statements.

Franklin Publications. On October 26, 2005, General Nutrition Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company was sued in the Common Pleas Court of Franklin County, Ohio by Franklin Publications, Inc. (Franklin). The case was subsequently removed to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division. The lawsuit is based upon the GNC subsidiary a termination, effective as of December 31, 2005, of two contracts for the publication of two monthly magazines mailed to certain GNC customers. Franklin is seeking a declaratory judgment as to its rights and obligations under the contracts and monetary damages for the GNC subsidiary a salleged breach of the contracts. Franklin also alleges that the GNC subsidiary has interfered with Franklin s business relationships with the advertisers in the publications, who are primarily GNC vendors, and has been unjustly enriched. Franklin does not specify the amount of damages sought, only that they are in excess of \$25,000. The Company disputes the claims and intends to vigorously defend the lawsuit. The Company believes that the lawsuit will not have a material adverse effect on its liquidity, financial condition or results of operations. As any liabilities that may arise from this case are not probable or reasonably estimable at this time, no liability has been accrued in the accompanying financial statements.

Wage and Hour Claim. On August 11, 2006, Centers and General Nutrition Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, was sued in federal district court for the District of Kansas by Michelle L. Most and Mark A. Kelso, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated. The lawsuit purports to certify a nationwide class of GNC store managers and assistant managers and alleges that GNC failed to pay time and a half for working more than 40 hours per week. Counsel for the plaintiffs contends that Centers and GNC improperly applied fluctuating work week calculations and procedures for docking pay for working less than 40 hours per week under a fluctuating work week. The Company intends to vigorously defend the lawsuit and believes that it will not have any additional material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

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Visa/MasterCard Antitrust Litigation. The terms of a significant portion of the Visa/MasterCard antitrust litigation settlement were finalized during 2005. Accordingly, the Company recognized a \$1.2 million gain in December 2005 for its expected portion of the proceeds and expects to collect this settlement in the fourth quarter of 2006.

Product Claim Settlement. In March 2005, an individual purchased a nutritional supplement containing whey at one of the Company s stores and, within minutes after preparing the mix, went into anaphylactic shock, allegedly as a result of an allergy to dairy products, and subsequently died. A pre-litigation complaint was presented to the Company alleging wrongful death among other claims. The product was labeled in accordance with FDA regulations in effect at the time. On July 18, 2006, the Company entered into a settlement agreement with the individual s estate pursuant to which the Company did not admit liability, but agreed to pay approximately \$1.3 million to the estate, which includes a \$100,000 payment to a bona fide insurer on behalf of the individual s sister in exchange for full general releases in favor of the Company. Under the applicable insurance policy covering the claim, the Company has a retention of \$1.0 million, which was accrued in the second quarter of 2006. In the third quarter of 2006, the Company paid the \$1.0 million retention and its insurance carrier funded the balance of the settlement.

Pennsylvania Claim

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has conducted an unclaimed property audit of General Nutrition, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company for the period January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1997 generally and January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1999 for payroll and wages. As a result of the audit, the Pennsylvania Treasury Department has made an assessment of an alleged unclaimed property liability of the subsidiary in the amount of \$4.1 million. The subsidiary regularly records normal course liabilities for actual unclaimed properties and does not agree with the assessment. The subsidiary filed an appeal, is currently involved in discussions with the Pennsylvania Department of Treasury staff and continues to vigorously defend against the assessment.

NOTE 7. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION PLANS

On December 5, 2003 the Board of Directors of the Company (the Board) approved and adopted the GNC Corporation (f/k/a General Nutrition Centers Holding Company) 2003 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan (the Plan). The purpose of the Plan is to enable the Company to attract and retain highly qualified personnel who will contribute to the success of the Company. The Plan provides for the granting of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, deferred stock and performance shares. The Plan is available to certain eligible employees, directors, consultants or advisors as determined by the administering committee of the Board. The total number of shares of Common Stock reserved and available for the Plan is 6.8 million shares. Stock options under the Plan generally are granted at fair market value, vest over a four-year vesting schedule and expire after seven years from date of grant. If stock options are granted at an exercise price that is less than fair market value at the date of grant, compensation expense is recognized immediately for the intrinsic value. As of September 30, 2006 there were 4.8 million outstanding stock options under the Plan. No stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, deferred stock or performance shares were granted under the Plan as of September 30, 2006.

The following table outlines total stock options activity under the Plan:

	Total Options	Av Ex	ighted verage vercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in thousands)
Outstanding at December 31, 2005	4,706,403	\$	3.52	,
Granted	485,641		5.65	
Exercised	(128,025)		3.52	
Forfeited	(285,323)		5.04	

Outstanding at September 30, 2006 (unaudited)	4,778,696	3.65	\$ 41,499	
Exercisable at September 30, 2006 (unaudited)	2,337,769	\$ 3.56	\$ 20,501	

The Company adopted SFAS No. 123(R), effective January 1, 2006. The Company selected the modified prospective method, which does not require adjustment to prior period financial statements and measures expected future compensation cost for stock-based awards at fair value on grant date. The Company utilizes the Black-Scholes model to calculate the fair value of options under SFAS No. 123(R), which is consistent with disclosures previously included in prior year financial statements under SFAS No. 123 Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation (SFAS No. 123) and SFAS No. 148 Accounting for Stock Based Compensation-Transition and Disclosure (SFAS No. 148). The resulting compensation cost is recognized in the Company s financial statements over the option vesting period. As of the date of adoption of SFAS No 123(R), the net unrecognized compensation cost, after taking into consideration estimated forfeitures, related to options outstanding was \$4.4 million and at September 30, 2006 was \$4.3 million and is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 1.9 years. The amount of cash received from the exercise of stock options during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was \$0.5 million and the related tax benefit was \$0.1 million. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was \$0.3 million.

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As of September 30, 2006, the weighted average remaining contractual life of outstanding options was 5.0 years and the weighted average remaining contractual life of exercisable options was 4.7 years. The weighted average fair value of options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 was \$8.59 and \$2.40, respectively.

SFAS No. 123(R) requires that the cost resulting from all share-based payment transactions be recognized in the financial statements. Stock-based compensation expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 includes \$0.7 million and \$1.6 million, respectively, of stock option expense recorded as a result of the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R).

As stated above, SFAS 123(R) established a fair-value-based method of accounting for generally all share-based payment transactions. The Company utilizes the Black-Scholes valuation method to establish fair value of all awards. The Black-Scholes model utilizes the following assumptions in determining a fair value: price of underlying stock, option exercise price, expected option term, risk-free interest rate, expected dividend yield, and expected stock price volatility over the option s expected term. As the Company has had minimal exercises of stock options through September 30, 2006, the expected option term has been estimated by considering both the vesting period, which is typically four years, and the contractual term of seven years. As the Company s underlying stock is not publicly traded on an open market, the Company utilized a historical industry average to estimate the expected volatility. The assumptions used in the Company s Black-Scholes valuation related to stock option grants made for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 were as follows:

	September	September
	30,	30,
	2006	2005
	(una	udited)
Dividend yield	0.00%	0.00%
Expected option life	5 years	5 years
Volatility factor percentage of market price	22.00%	24.00%
Discount rate	4.59%	3.84% 4.18%
	5.10%	

As the Black-Scholes option valuation model utilizes certain estimates and assumptions, the existing models do not necessarily represent the definitive fair value of options for future periods.

Prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R), and as permitted under SFAS No. 123, the Company measured compensation expense related to stock options in accordance with Accounting Principles Board (APB) No. 25 and related interpretations which use the intrinsic value method. If compensation expense were determined based on the estimated fair value of options granted, consistent with the fair market value method in SFAS No. 123, its net income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 would be reduced to the pro forma amounts indicated below:

	M E	Three onths nded tember		Months Inded
	2	30, 2005	_	ember 30, 2005
		(una	udited)	
		(in the	ousands)	
Net (loss) income available to common stockholders, as reported	\$	(471)	\$	2,396
Less: total stock-based employee compensation costs determined using fair				
value method, net of tax		(187)		(582)

Adjusted net (loss) income	\$	(658)	\$ 1,814
Earnings Per Share Basic and Diluted			
Basic (loss) earnings per share			
as reported	\$	(0.01)	\$ 0.05
pro forma	\$	(0.01)	\$ 0.04
Diluted (loss) earnings per share			
as reported	\$	(0.01)	\$ 0.05
pro forma	\$	(0.01)	\$ 0.04
Weighted average common shares outstanding:			
basic.	50.	,564,650	50,659,617
diluted.	50.	,564,650	51,593,403
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Manufacturing/Wholesale

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The Company has three operating segments each of which is a reportable segment. The operating segments represent identifiable components of the Company for which separate financial information is available. This information is utilized by management to assess performance and allocate assets accordingly. The Company s management evaluates segment operating results based on several indicators. The primary key performance indicators are sales and operating income or loss for each segment. Operating income or loss, as evaluated by management, excludes certain items that are managed at the consolidated level, such as warehousing and distribution costs and other corporate costs. The following table represents key financial information for each of the Company s operating segments, identifiable by the distinct operations and management of each: Retail, Franchising, and Manufacturing/Wholesale. The Retail segment includes the Company s corporate store operations in the United States and Canada and the sales generated through www.gnc.com. The Franchise segment represents the Company s franchise operations, both domestically and internationally. The Manufacturing/Wholesale segment represents the Company s manufacturing operations in South Carolina and Australia and the wholesale sales business. This segment supplies the Retail and Franchise segments, along with various third parties, with finished products for sale. The Warehousing and Distribution costs, Corporate costs, and other unallocated costs represent the Company s administrative expenses. The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

	Three Months ended September 30,		Nine Mont Septem	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
		(unau	ıdited)	
		(in tho	usands)	
Revenue:				
Retail	\$ 274,156	\$ 239,172	\$ 853,806	\$ 744,701
Franchise	60,727	53,144	180,341	163,525
Manufacturing/Wholesale:				
Intersegment (1)	44,770	45,749	130,500	150,467
Third Party	32,852	30,243	103,252	84,115
Sub total Manufacturing/Wholesale	77,622	75,992	233,752	234,582
Sub total segment revenues	412,505	368,308	1,267,899	1,142,808
Intersegment elimination (1)	(44,770)	(45,749)	(130,500)	(150,467)
Total revenue	\$ 367,735	\$ 322,559	\$ 1,137,399	\$ 992,341
(1) Intersegment revenues are eliminated from consolidated revenue.				
Operating income:				
Retail	\$ 31,012	\$ 16,431	\$ 99,921	\$ 55,537
Franchise	17,213	14,640	48,311	37,607

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14,279

11,477

38,789

36,087

Total assets:		(una	udited)	
		,	(in thous	ands)
			30, 006	31, 2005
		-	tember	December
Total operating income	\$ 31,736	\$ 14,948	\$ 90,517	\$ 53,694
Sub total unallocated corporate and other (costs) income	(30,768)	(27,600)	(96,504)	(75,537)
•			, , ,	
Other (expense) income	(1,078)		(1,078)	2,500
Corporate costs	(17,046)	(15,035)	(57,461)	(40,602)
Unallocated corporate and other (costs) income: Warehousing and distribution costs	(12,644)	(12,565)	(37,965)	(37,435)

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Retail

Franchise

Corporate / Other

Total assets

Manufacturing / Wholesale

\$ 466,698

\$1,036,278

284,795

151,587

133,198

441,364

290,092

148,445

143,930

1,023,831

\$

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As of September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005, the Company s debt included Centers—senior credit facility, its Senior Notes and its Senior Subordinated Notes. The senior credit facility has been guaranteed by the Company and its domestic subsidiaries. The Senior Notes are general unsecured obligations of Centers and rank secondary to Centers—senior credit facility and are senior in right of payment to all existing and future subordinated obligations of Centers, including Centers—Senior Subordinated Notes. The Senior Notes are unconditionally guaranteed on an unsecured basis by all of Centers—existing and future material domestic subsidiaries. The Senior Subordinated Notes are general unsecured obligations and are guaranteed on a senior subordinated basis by certain of Centers—domestic subsidiaries and rank secondary to Centers—senior credit facility and Senior Notes. Guarantor subsidiaries include the Company—s direct and indirect domestic subsidiaries as of the respective balance sheet dates. Non-guarantor subsidiaries include the remaining direct and indirect foreign subsidiaries. The subsidiary guarantors are 100% owned by the Company. The guarantees are full and unconditional and joint and several.

Presented below are condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company, Centers as the issuer, and the combined guarantor and non-guarantor subsidiaries as of September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005 and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005. The guarantor and non-guarantor subsidiaries are presented in a combined format as their individual operations are not material to the Company s consolidated financial statements. Investments in subsidiaries are either consolidated or accounted for under the equity method of accounting. Intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

Supplemental Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheets

		Combined	Combined
		Guarantor	Non-Guarantor
Parent	Issuer	Subsidiaries	Subsidiaries