

ARKANSAS BEST CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30		June 30	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	(Unaudited)			
	<i>(\$ thousands, except share and per share data)</i>			
OPERATING REVENUES	\$ 498,514	\$ 463,703	\$ 946,025	\$ 891,516
OPERATING EXPENSES AND COSTS	472,832	433,388	907,191	854,423
OPERATING INCOME	25,682	30,315	38,834	37,093
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)				
Interest and dividend income	1,448	1,347	3,267	2,547
Interest expense and other related financing costs	(336)	(308)	(675)	(595)
Other, net	18	800	(493)	975
	1,130	1,839	2,099	2,927
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	26,812	32,154	40,933	40,020
FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAXES				
Current	15,040	12,397	20,241	14,173
Deferred	(4,383)	135	(4,007)	1,426
	10,657	12,532	16,234	15,599
NET INCOME	\$ 16,155	\$ 19,622	\$ 24,699	\$ 24,421
EARNINGS PER SHARE				
Basic	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.79	\$ 0.99	\$ 0.98
Diluted	0.64	0.78	0.98	0.97
AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING				
Basic	24,968,217	24,769,569	24,923,105	24,799,031
Diluted	25,325,978	25,114,597	25,219,883	25,141,731
CASH DIVIDENDS DECLARED AND PAID				
PER COMMON SHARE	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.30

Note: Revenues for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 include reclassifications of \$5.5 million and \$10.7 million, respectively, associated with certain shipments involving third-party interline carriers and certain brokerage transactions where ABF retains the primary obligation to provide services to the customer. This revenue is now recorded on a gross basis, with expenses paid to the third-party carrier recorded in the "purchased transportation" category. Previously, this revenue was reported on a net basis whereby the expense of the third-party carrier was netted against revenue. The change had no impact on ABF's operating income and a minimal impact on ABF's operating ratio.

ARKANSAS BEST CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	June 30 2008	December 31 2007
	(Unaudited)	Note
	<i>(\$ thousands, except share data)</i>	
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 205,900	\$ 93,805
Short-term investment securities.....	19,225	79,373
Accounts receivable, less allowances (2008 – \$3,780; 2007 – \$3,942)	157,335	141,565
Other accounts receivable, less allowances (2008 – \$966; 2007 – \$774)	7,108	8,963
Prepaid expenses	10,007	11,243
Deferred income taxes	37,362	36,585
Prepaid income taxes	1,950	3,699
Other	8,013	7,184
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	446,900	382,417
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Land and structures	231,768	231,169
Revenue equipment.....	519,979	509,627
Service, office and other equipment	146,751	142,635
Leasehold improvements	20,513	19,794
	919,011	903,225
Less allowances for depreciation and amortization	465,589	437,087
	453,422	466,138
OTHER ASSETS	55,651	70,803
GOODWILL	63,975	63,991
	\$ 1,019,948	\$ 983,349

Note: The balance sheet at December 31, 2007 has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements.

ARKANSAS BEST CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS – continued

	June 30 2008	December 31 2007
	(Unaudited)	Note
	<i>(\$ thousands, except share data)</i>	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Bank overdraft and drafts payable	\$ 19,140	\$ 15,248
Accounts payable	69,956	60,341
Income taxes payable	4,501	2,414
Accrued expenses	168,611	166,631
Current portion of long-term debt	236	171
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	262,444	244,805
LONG-TERM DEBT , less current portion	1,538	1,400
PENSION AND POSTRETIREMENT LIABILITIES	48,162	48,859
OTHER LIABILITIES	20,549	25,093
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	29,197	30,806
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Common stock, \$.01 par value, authorized 70,000,000 shares; issued 2008: 26,688,566 shares; 2007: 26,549,038 shares	267	265
Additional paid-in capital	265,436	258,878
Retained earnings	474,586	457,536
Treasury stock, at cost, 1,677,932 shares	(57,770)	(57,770)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(24,461)	(26,523)
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	658,058	632,386
	\$ 1,019,948	\$ 983,349

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ARKANSAS BEST CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Six Months Ended June 30	
	2008	2007
	(Unaudited) (\$ thousands)	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	\$ 24,699	\$ 24,421
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	38,462	38,273
Other amortization	147	115
Pension settlement expense	1,093	1,249
Share-based compensation expense	3,006	2,190
Provision for losses on accounts receivable	656	627
Deferred income tax provision (benefit)	(4,007)	1,426
Gain on sales of assets	(2,323)	(1,799)
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	(657)	(300)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	(14,726)	(6,214)
Prepaid expenses	1,236	1,163
Other assets	4,947	(1,057)
Accounts payable, taxes payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities ⁽¹⁾	6,412	(3,510)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	58,945	56,584
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment, net of capital leases ⁽¹⁾	(16,067)	(49,788)
Proceeds from asset sales	12,758	5,206
Purchases of short-term investment securities	(19,225)	(165,620)
Proceeds from sales of short-term investment securities	78,604	170,925
Capitalization of internally developed software and other.....	(2,547)	(2,271)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	53,523	(41,548)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Payments on long-term debt	(143)	(1,273)
Net change in bank overdraft.....	3,892	119
Payment of common stock dividends	(7,649)	(7,570)
Purchases of treasury stock	-	(4,945)
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	657	300
Deferred financing costs	-	(800)
Proceeds from the exercise of stock options and other	2,870	536
NET CASH USED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(373)	(13,633)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	112,095	1,403
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	93,805	5,009
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 205,900	\$ 6,412

(1) Does not include \$7.9 million and \$5.4 million of equipment which was received but not yet paid for at June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

ARKANSAS BEST CORPORATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT OPERATING SEGMENT DATA,
OPERATING RATIOS AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS

	Three Months Ended June 30				Six Months Ended June 30			
	2008		2007		2008		2007	
	(Unaudited) (\$ thousands)							
OPERATING REVENUES								
ABF Freight System, Inc. ^(1, 2)	\$ 479,522		\$ 448,388		\$ 907,269		\$ 861,008	
Other revenues and eliminations.....	18,992		15,315		38,756		30,508	
Total consolidated operating revenues	\$ 498,514		\$ 463,703		\$ 946,025		\$ 891,516	
OPERATING EXPENSES AND COSTS								
ABF Freight System, Inc.⁽¹⁾								
Salaries, wages and benefits.....	\$ 273,792	57.1%	\$ 266,973	59.5%	\$ 531,515	58.6%	\$ 531,664	61.7%
Supplies and expenses.....	97,030	20.2	72,609	16.2	178,888	19.7	140,510	16.3
Operating taxes and licenses.....	11,959	2.5	11,975	2.7	23,898	2.6	23,720	2.8
Insurance.....	5,415	1.1	5,248	1.2	10,247	1.1	9,666	1.1
Communications and utilities	3,682	0.8	3,703	0.8	7,692	0.8	7,638	0.9
Depreciation and amortization	18,461	3.8	18,569	4.1	37,017	4.1	36,685	4.3
Rents and purchased transportation ⁽²⁾	42,448	8.9	37,925	8.5	78,469	8.6	74,522	8.7
Gain on sale of property and equipment.....	(451)	(0.1)	(477)	(0.1)	(2,326)	(0.3)	(1,799)	(0.2)
Other	1,655	0.4	1,357	0.3	3,458	0.6	2,115	0.2
	453,991	94.7%	417,882	93.2%	868,858	95.8%	824,721	95.8%
Other expenses and eliminations.....	18,841		15,506		38,333		29,702	
Total consolidated operating expenses and costs	\$ 472,832		\$ 433,388		\$ 907,191		\$ 854,423	
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)								
ABF Freight System, Inc. ⁽¹⁾ ..	\$ 25,531		\$ 30,506		\$ 38,411		\$ 36,287	
Other income and eliminations.....	151		(191)		423		806	
Total consolidated operating income.....	\$ 25,682		\$ 30,315		\$ 38,834		\$ 37,093	

(1) Includes U.S., Canadian, and Puerto Rican operations of ABF affiliates.

(2) See note to Consolidated Statements of Income on page 5.

**Rolling Twelve Months
Ended
June 30, 2008**

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

After-Tax Return on Capital Employed⁽³⁾ 9.2%

(3) (net income + interest after tax) / (average total debt + average equity)

ABF FREIGHT SYSTEM, INC.
OPERATING STATISTICS

	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Workdays	64.0	63.5		127.5	127.5	
Billed Revenue ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ / CWT	\$ 27.40	\$ 25.84	6.0%	\$ 26.88	\$ 25.49	5.5%
Billed Revenue ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ / Shipment	\$ 367.98	\$ 333.11	10.5%	\$ 351.30	\$ 322.51	8.9%
Shipments	1,311,907	1,354,075	(3.1)%	2,600,198	2,688,230	(3.3)%
Tonnage (tons)	880,865	872,626	0.9%	1,698,996	1,700,961	(0.1)%
Tons/Day	13,764	13,742	0.2%	13,325	13,341	(0.1)%

(1) Billed Revenue does not include revenue deferral required for financial statement purposes under the company's revenue recognition policy.

(2) See note to Consolidated Statements of Income on page 5.

Includes U.S., Canadian and Puerto Rican operations of ABF affiliates.