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# **FORM 10-K**

x Annual report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010,

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# **CLEAR CHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas (State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

74-1787539 (I.R.S. Employer

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#### 200 East Basse Road

San Antonio, Texas (Address of principal executive offices) 78209 (Zip Code)

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

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

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. YES "NO x

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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 x

Pursuant to the terms of its bond indentures, the registrant is a voluntary filer of reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and has filed all such reports as required by its bond indentures during the preceding 12 months. The registrant meets the conditions set forth in General Instructions I(1)(a) and (b) of Form 10-K as, among other things, all of the registrant s equity securities are owned indirectly by CC Media Holdings, Inc., which is a reporting company under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and which has filed with the SEC all materials required to be filed pursuant to Section 13, 14 or 15(d) thereof, and the registrant is therefore filing this Form 10-K with a reduced disclosure format.

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

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 Large accelerated filer
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 Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2).
 YES ...

 YES ...
 NO x

The registrant has no voting or nonvoting equity held by non-affiliates.

On February 11, 2011, there were 500,000,000 outstanding shares of Common Stock.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

None.

## CLEAR CHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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#### **ITEM 1. Business**

#### Introduction

As permitted by the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the financial statements and related footnotes included in Item 6 and Item 8 of Part II of this Annual Report on Form 10-K are those of Clear Channel Capital I, LLC (Clear Channel Capital I), the direct parent of Clear Channel Communications, Inc., a Texas corporation (Clear Channel or the Subsidiary Issuer), and contain certain footnote disclosures regarding the financial information of Clear Channel and Clear Channel s domestic wholly-owned subsidiaries that guarantee certain of Clear Channel s outstanding indebtedness. All other financial information and other data and information contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K is that of Clear Channel, unless otherwise indicated. Accordingly, all references in Part I, references in Item 5 of Part II through Item 7A of Part II, references in Item 9 and Item 9A of Part II and all references in Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K to we, us, and our refer to Clear Channel and its consolidated subsidiaries.

#### **Clear Channel**

On November 16, 2006, Clear Channel entered into the merger agreement with an entity formed by private equity funds sponsored by Bain Capital Partners, LLC ( Bain Capital ) and Thomas H. Lee Partners, L.P. ( THL ) (together, the Sponsors ) to effect the acquisition of Clear Channel by CC Media Holdings, Inc. ( CCMH ). Clear Channel held a special meeting of its shareholders on July 24, 2008, at which time the proposed merger was approved. On July 30, 2008, upon the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the merger agreement, CCMH acquired Clear Channel. The acquisition was effected by the merger of an entity formed by the Sponsors, then an indirect subsidiary of CCMH, with and into Clear Channel. As a result of the merger, Clear Channel became a wholly-owned subsidiary of CCMH, held indirectly through intermediate holding companies including Clear Channel Capital I. Upon the consummation of the merger, CCMH became a public company and Clear Channel was no longer a public company.

You can find more information about us at our Internet website located at www.clearchannel.com. Our Annual Report on Form 10-K, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, our Current Reports on Form 8-K and any amendments to those reports are available free of charge through our Internet website as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish such material to, the SEC. The contents of our website are not deemed to be part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K or any of our other filings with the SEC.

Our principal executive offices are located at 200 East Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209 (telephone: 210-822-2828).

#### **Our Business Segments**

We are a diversified media company with three reportable business segments: Radio Broadcasting, or Radio; Americas Outdoor Advertising, or Americas outdoor; and International Outdoor Advertising, or International outdoor. Approximately half of our revenue is generated from our Radio Broadcasting segment. The remaining half is comprised of our Americas Outdoor Advertising business segment and our International Outdoor Advertising business segment, as well as Katz Media Group (Katz Media), a full-service media representation firm, and other support services and initiatives.

We believe we offer advertisers a diverse platform of media assets across geographies, radio programming formats and outdoor products. We intend to continue to execute upon our long-standing radio broadcasting and outdoor advertising strategies, while closely managing expenses and focusing on achieving operating efficiencies throughout our businesses. Within each of our operating segments, we share best practices across our markets in an attempt to replicate our successes throughout the markets in which we operate.

For more information about our revenue, gross profit and assets by segment and our revenue and long-lived assets by geographic area, see Note 16 to our Consolidated Financial Statements located in Item 8 of Part II of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### **Radio Broadcasting**

We are the largest radio broadcaster in the United States (based on revenues). As of December 31, 2010, we owned 892 domestic radio stations servicing approximately 150 U.S. markets, including 47 of the top 50 markets and 89 of the top 100 markets. Our portfolio of stations offers a broad assortment of programming formats, including adult contemporary, country, contemporary hit radio, rock, urban and oldies, among others, to a total weekly listening base of

almost 120 million individuals based on Arbitron National Regional Database figures for the Spring 2010 ratings period. In addition to our radio broadcasting business, we operate Premiere Radio Networks, a national radio network that produces, distributes or represents approximately 90 syndicated radio programs, serves nearly 5,800 radio station affiliates and has over 213 million weekly listeners. Some of our more popular syndicated programs include Rush Limbaugh, Jim Rome, Steve Harvey, Ryan Seacrest and Delilah.

#### Strategy

Our radio broadcasting strategy centers on providing effective programming, offering a wide range of services, and contributing to the local communities in which we operate. We believe that by serving the needs of local communities, we will be able to grow listenership and deliver target audiences to advertisers. Our radio broadcasting strategy also focuses on consistently improving the ongoing operations of our stations through effective programming, promotion, marketing, distribution, sales, and cost management.

*Drive Local and National Advertising.* We intend to drive growth in our radio business through effective programming, new and better solutions for large national advertisers and agencies, key relationships with advertisers and improvement of our national sales team. We seek to maximize revenue by closely managing on-air inventory of advertising time and adjusting prices to local market conditions. We operate price and yield information systems, which provide detailed inventory information. These systems enable our station managers and sales directors to adjust commercial inventory and pricing based on local market demand, as well as to manage and monitor different commercial durations (60 second, 30 second, 15 second and five second) in order to provide more effective advertising for our customers at what we believe are optimal prices given market conditions.

*Continue to Enhance the Radio Listener Experience.* We will continue to focus on enhancing the radio listener experience by offering a wide variety of compelling content. Our investments in radio programming over time have created a collection of leading on-air talent. For example, our Premiere Radio Network offers more than 90 syndicated radio programs and services for nearly 5,800 radio station affiliates across the United States. Our distribution platform allows us to attract top talent and more effectively utilize programming, sharing the best and most compelling content across many stations.

*Deliver Content via New Distribution Technologies.* We are continually expanding content choices for our listeners, including utilization of new distribution technologies such as HD radio, streaming audio, mobile and other distribution channels. Some examples of these initiatives are as follows:

*HD Radio*. HD radio enables crystal clear reception, data services and new applications. Further, HD radio allows for many more stations, providing greater variety of content which we believe will enable advertisers to target consumers more effectively. The capabilities of HD radio will potentially permit us to participate in commercial download services.

*Streaming Audio.* We provide streaming audio via the Internet, mobile and other digital platforms and, accordingly, have increased listener reach and developed new listener applications as well as new advertising capabilities. We estimate that more than twelve million people visit Clear Channel Radio Online each month, with more than 750 stations streaming online. We rank among the top streaming networks in the U.S. with regards to Average Active Sessions (AAS), Session Starts (SS) and Average Time Spent Listening (ATSL) according to Ando Media. AAS and SS measure the level of activity while ATSL measures the ability to keep the audience engaged.

*Mobile.* We have pioneered mobile applications such as the iheartradio smart phone application, which allows listeners to use their smart phones to interact directly with stations, find titles/artists, request songs and download station wallpapers. In addition, iheartradio is often in the top ten for free music application downloads on both Blackberry and iPhone. *Sources of Revenue* 

# Our Radio Broadcasting segment generated 49%, 49% and 48% of our revenue in 2010, 2009, and 2008, respectively. The primary source of revenue in our Radio Broadcasting segment is the sale of commercial spots on our radio stations for local, regional and national advertising. Our local advertisers cover a wide range of categories, including consumer services, retailers, entertainment, health and beauty products, telecommunications, automotive and media. Our contracts with our advertisers generally provide for a term that extends for less than a one-year period. We also generate additional revenues from network compensation, the Internet, air traffic, events and other miscellaneous transactions. These other sources of revenue supplement our traditional advertising revenue without increasing on-air-commercial time.

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Each radio station s local sales staff solicits advertising directly from local advertisers or indirectly through advertising agencies. Our ability to produce commercials that respond to the specific needs of our advertisers helps to build local direct advertising relationships. Regional advertising sales are also generally realized by our local sales staff. To generate national advertising sales, we engage one of our units, Katz Media, which specializes in soliciting radio advertising sales on a national level for Clear Channel Radio and other radio companies. National sales representatives such as Katz Media obtain advertising principally from advertising agencies located outside the station s market and receive commissions based on advertising sold (see Media Representation ).

Advertising rates are principally based on the length of the spot and how many people in a targeted audience listen to our stations, as measured by independent ratings services. A station s format can be important in determining the size and characteristics of its listening audience, and advertising rates are influenced by the station s ability to attract and target audiences that advertisers aim to reach. The size of the market influences rates as well, with larger markets typically receiving higher rates than smaller markets. Rates are generally highest during morning and evening commuting periods.

#### Competition

Our stations compete for listeners and advertising revenues directly with other radio stations within their respective markets, as well as with other advertising media, including satellite radio, broadcast and cable television, print media, outdoor advertising, direct mail, the Internet and other forms of advertisement. In addition, the radio broadcasting industry is subject to competition from services that use new media technologies that are being developed or have already been introduced, such as Internet-based media and satellite-based digital radio services. Such services reach national and regional audiences with multi-channel, multi-format, digital radio services.

Radio stations compete for listeners primarily on the basis of program content that appeals to a particular demographic group. By building a strong brand identity with a targeted listener base consisting of specific demographic groups in each of our markets, we are able to attract advertisers seeking to reach those listeners.

#### **Radio Stations**

As of December 31, 2010, we owned 260 AM and 632 FM domestic radio stations, of which 149 stations were in the 25 largest U.S. markets. Radio broadcasting is subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Communications Act). The FCC grants us licenses in order to operate our radio stations. Additional information regarding the location of our radio stations can be found within Item 2 of Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### Radio Networks

In addition to radio stations, our Radio Broadcasting segment includes Premiere Radio Networks, a national radio network that produces, distributes or represents more than 90 syndicated radio programs and services for more than 5,800 radio station affiliates. Our broad distribution platform enables us to attract and retain top programming talent. Some of our more popular syndicated programs include Rush Limbaugh, Jim Rome, Steve Harvey, Ryan Seacrest and Delilah. We believe recruiting and retaining top talent is an important component of the success of our radio networks.

We also own various sports, news and agriculture networks serving Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Virginia.

#### International Radio Investments

We own a 50% equity interest in the Australian Radio Network, which has broadcasting operations in Australia and New Zealand and which we account for under the equity method of accounting.

#### **Americas Outdoor Advertising**

We are the largest outdoor advertising company in the Americas (based on revenue), which includes the United States, Canada and Latin America. Approximately 89% of our 2010 revenue in our Americas Outdoor Advertising segment was derived from the United States. We own or operate approximately 188,000 displays in our Americas segment and have operations in 49 of the 50 largest markets in the United States, including all of the 20 largest markets.

Our Americas outdoor assets consist of billboards, street furniture and transit displays, airport displays, mall displays, and wallscapes and other spectaculars, which we own or operate under lease management agreements. Our Americas outdoor advertising business is focused on urban markets with dense populations.

#### Strategy

We seek to capitalize on our Americas outdoor network and diversified product mix to maximize revenue. In addition, by sharing best practices among our business segments, we believe we can quickly and effectively replicate our successes in other markets in which we operate. Our outdoor strategy also focuses on leveraging our diversified product mix and long-standing presence in many of our existing markets, which provides us with the platform to launch new products and test new initiatives in a reliable and cost-effective manner.

*Drive Outdoor Media Spending.* Given the attractive industry fundamentals of outdoor media and our depth and breadth of relationships with both local and national advertisers, we believe we can drive outdoor advertising s share of total media spending by utilizing our dedicated national sales team to highlight the value of outdoor advertising relative to other media. Outdoor advertising only represented 3% of total dollars spent on advertising in the United States in 2009. We have made and continue to make significant investments in research tools that enable our clients to better understand how our displays can successfully reach their target audiences and promote their advertising campaigns. Also, we are working closely with clients, advertising agencies and other diversified media companies to develop more sophisticated systems that will provide improved audience metrics for outdoor advertising. For example, we have implemented the EYES ON audience measurement system which: (1) separately reports audiences for each of the nearly 400,000 units of inventory across the industry in the United States, (2) reports those audiences using the same demographics available and used by other media permitting reach and frequency measures, (3) provides the same audience measures across more than 200 markets, and (4) reports which advertisement is most likely to be seen. We believe that measurement systems such as EYES ON will further enhance the attractiveness of outdoor advertising for both existing clients and new advertisers and further foster outdoor media spending growth.

*Continue to Deploy Digital Billboards.* Digital outdoor advertising provides significant advantages over traditional outdoor media. Our electronic displays are linked through centralized computer systems to instantaneously and simultaneously change advertising copy on a large number of displays, allowing us to sell more slots to advertisers. The ability to change copy by time of day and quickly change messaging based on advertisers needs creates additional flexibility for our customers. The advantages of digital allow us to penetrate new accounts and categories of advertisers as well as serve a broader set of needs for existing advertisers. We expect this trend to continue as we increase our quantity of digital inventory. As of December 31, 2010, we have deployed a total of 615 digital displays in 36 markets in the United States.

#### Sources of Revenue

Americas Outdoor Advertising generated 22%, 22% and 21% of our revenue in 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Americas Outdoor Advertising revenue is derived from the sale of advertising copy placed on our display inventory. Our display inventory consists primarily of billboards, street furniture displays and transit displays. The margins on our billboard contracts tend to be higher than those on contracts for other displays, due to their greater size, impact and location along major roadways that are highly trafficked. Billboards comprise approximately two-thirds of our display revenues. The following table shows the approximate percentage of revenue derived from each category for our Americas Outdoor Advertising inventory:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2010	2009	2008
Billboards			
Bulletins <sup>(1)</sup>	54%	52%	51%
Posters	13%	14%	15%
Street furniture displays	6%	5%	5%
Transit displays	15%	17%	17%
Other displays <sup>(2)</sup>	12%	12%	12%
Total	100%	100%	100%

- (1) Includes digital displays.
- (2) Includes spectaculars, mall displays and wallscapes.

Our Americas Outdoor Advertising segment generates revenues from local, regional and national sales. Our advertising rates are based on a number of different factors including location, competition, size of display, illumination, market and gross ratings points. Gross ratings points are the total number of impressions delivered, expressed as a percentage of a market population, of a display or group of displays. The number of impressions delivered by a display is measured by the number of people passing the site during a defined period of time. For all of our billboards in the United States, we use independent, third-party auditing companies to verify the number of impressions delivered by a display. Reach is the percent of a target audience exposed to an advertising message at least once during a specified period of time, typically during a period of four weeks. Frequency is the average number of exposures an individual has to an advertising message during a specified period of time. Out-of-home frequency is typically measured over a four-week period.

While location, price and availability of displays are important competitive factors, we believe that providing quality customer service and establishing strong client relationships are also critical components of sales. In addition, we have long-standing relationships with a diversified group of advertising brands and agencies that allow us to diversify client accounts and establish continuing revenue streams.

#### Billboards

Our billboard inventory primarily includes bulletins and posters.

**Bulletins.** Bulletins vary in size, with the most common size being 14 feet high by 48 feet wide. Almost all of the advertising copy displayed on bulletins is computer printed on vinyl and transported to the bulletin where it is secured to the display surface. Because of their greater size and impact, we typically receive our highest rates for bulletins. Bulletins generally are located along major expressways, primary commuting routes and main intersections that are highly visible and heavily trafficked. Our clients may contract for individual bulletins or a network of bulletins, meaning the clients advertisements are rotated among bulletins to increase the reach of the campaign. Our client contracts for bulletins generally have terms ranging from four weeks to one year.

*Posters.* Posters are available in two sizes, 30-sheet and 8-sheet displays. The 30-sheet posters are approximately 11 feet high by 23 feet wide, and the 8-sheet posters are approximately 5 feet high by 11 feet wide. Advertising copy for 30-sheet posters is digitally printed on a single piece of polyethylene material that is then transported and secured to the poster surfaces. Advertising copy for 8-sheet posters is printed using silk screen, lithographic or digital process to transfer the designs onto paper that is then transported and secured to the poster surfaces. Posters generally are located in commercial areas on primary and secondary routes near point-of-purchase locations, facilitating advertising campaigns with greater demographic targeting than those displayed on bulletins. Our poster rates typically are less than our bulletin rates, and our client contracts for posters generally have terms ranging from four weeks to one year. Premiere displays, which consist of premiere panels and squares, are innovative hybrids between bulletins and posters that we developed to provide our clients with an alternative for their targeted marketing campaigns. The premiere displays utilize one or more poster panels, but with vinyl advertising stretched over the panels similar to bulletins. Our intent is to combine the creative impact of bulletins with the additional reach and frequency of posters.

#### Street Furniture Displays

Our street furniture displays, marketed under our global Adshel<sup>TM</sup> brand, are advertising surfaces on bus shelters, information kiosks, freestanding units and other public structures, and are primarily located in major metropolitan cities and along major commuting routes. Generally, we own the street furniture structures and are responsible for their construction and maintenance. Contracts for the right to place our street furniture displays in the public domain and sell advertising space on them are awarded by municipal and transit authorities in competitive bidding processes governed by local law. Generally, these contracts have terms ranging from 10 to 20 years. As compensation for the right to sell advertising space on our street furniture structures, we pay the municipality or transit authority a fee or revenue share that is either a fixed amount or a percentage of the revenue derived from the street furniture displays. Typically, these revenue sharing arrangements include payments by us of minimum guaranteed amounts. Client contracts for street furniture displays typically have terms ranging from four weeks to one year, and, are typically for network packages.

#### Transit Displays

Our transit displays are advertising surfaces on various types of vehicles or within transit systems, including on the interior and exterior sides of buses, trains, trams, and within the common areas of rail stations and airports. Similar to street furniture, contracts for the right to place our displays on such vehicles or within such transit systems and to sell advertising space on them generally are awarded by public transit authorities in competitive bidding processes or are negotiated with private transit operators. Generally, these contracts have terms ranging up to nine years.

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Our client contracts for transit displays generally have terms ranging from four weeks to one year.

#### **Other Inventory**

The balance of our display inventory consists of spectaculars, wallscapes and mall displays. Spectaculars are customized display structures that often incorporate video, multidimensional lettering and figures, mechanical devices and moving parts and other embellishments to create special effects. The majority of our spectaculars are located in Times Square in New York City, Dundas Square in Toronto, Fashion Show in Las Vegas, Miracle Mile in Las Vegas and across from the Target Center in Minneapolis. Client contracts for spectaculars typically have terms of one year or longer. A wallscape is a display that drapes over or is suspended from the sides of buildings or other structures. Generally, wallscapes are located in high-profile areas where other types of outdoor advertising displays are limited or unavailable. Clients typically contract for individual wallscapes for extended terms. We also own displays located within the common areas of malls on which our clients run advertising campaigns for periods ranging from four weeks to one year.

#### Competition

The outdoor advertising industry in the Americas is fragmented, consisting of several larger companies involved in outdoor advertising, such as CBS and Lamar Advertising Company, as well as numerous smaller and local companies operating a limited number of display faces in a single or a few local markets. We also compete with other advertising media in our respective markets, including broadcast and cable television, radio, print media, direct mail, the Internet and other forms of advertisement.

Outdoor companies compete primarily based on ability to reach consumers, which is driven by location of the display.

#### Advertising Inventory and Markets

As of December 31, 2010, we owned or operated approximately 188,000 displays in our Americas Outdoor Advertising segment. Our displays are located on owned land, leased land or land for which we have acquired permanent easements. The majority of the advertising structures on which our displays are mounted require permits. Permits are granted for the right to operate an advertising structure as long the structure is used in compliance with the laws and regulations of the applicable jurisdiction. Additional information regarding the location of our displays can be found within Item 2 of Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### International Outdoor Advertising

Our International Outdoor Advertising business segment includes our operations in Asia, Australia and Europe, with approximately 37% of our 2010 revenue in this segment derived from France and the United Kingdom. As of December 31, 2010, we owned or operated approximately 634,000 displays in 29 countries. Our International outdoor assets consist of street furniture and transit displays, billboards, mall displays, Smartbike schemes, wallscapes and other spectaculars, which we own or operate under lease agreements. Our International business is focused on urban markets with dense populations.

#### Strategy

Similar to our Americas outdoor advertising, we believe International outdoor advertising has attractive industry fundamentals including a broad audience reach and a highly cost effective media for advertisers as measured by cost per thousand persons reached compared to other traditional media. Our International strategy focuses on our competitive strengths to position the Company through the following strategies:

*Promote Overall Outdoor Media Spending.* Our strategy is to drive growth in outdoor advertising s share of total media spending and leverage such growth with our international scale and local reach. We are focusing on developing and implementing better and improved outdoor audience delivery measurement systems to provide advertisers with tools to determine how effectively their message is reaching the desired audience.

*Capitalize on Product and Geographic Opportunities.* We are also focused on growing our business internationally by working closely with our advertising customers and agencies in meeting their needs, and through new product offerings, optimization of our current display portfolio and selective investments targeting promising growth markets. We have continued to innovate and introduce new products in international markets based on local demands. Our core business is our street furniture business and that is where we plan to focus much of our investment. We plan to continue to evaluate municipal contracts that may come up for bid and will make prudent investments where we believe we can receive attractive returns. We will also continue to invest in markets such as China, Turkey and Poland, where we believe there is high growth potential.

#### Sources of Revenue

Our International Outdoor Advertising segment generated 25%, 26% and 27% of our revenue in 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively. International outdoor advertising revenue is derived from the sale of advertising copy placed on our display inventory. Our International Outdoor display inventory consists primarily of billboards, street furniture displays, transit displays and other out-of-home advertising displays, such as neon displays. The following table shows the approximate percentage of revenue derived from each inventory category of our International Outdoor Advertising segment:

	Year Er	Year Ended December 31,		
	2010	2009	2008	
Billboards <sup>(1)</sup>	30%	32%	35%	
Street furniture displays	42%	40%	38%	
Transit displays	8%	8%	9%	
Other <sup>(2)</sup>	20%	20%	18%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	

(1) Includes revenue from spectaculars and neon displays.

(2) Includes advertising revenue from mall displays, other small displays, and non-advertising revenue from sales of street furniture equipment, cleaning and maintenance services, operation of Smartbike schemes and production revenue.

Our International Outdoor Advertising segment generates revenues worldwide from local, regional and national sales. Similar to the Americas, advertising rates generally are based on the gross ratings points of a display or group of displays. The number of impressions delivered by a display, in some countries, is weighted to account for such factors as illumination, proximity to other displays and the speed and viewing angle of approaching traffic.

While location, price and availability of displays are important competitive factors, we believe that providing quality customer service and establishing strong client relationships are also critical components of sales. Our entrepreneurial culture allows local management to operate their markets as separate profit centers, encouraging customer cultivation and service.

#### Billboards

The sizes of our International billboards are not standardized. The billboards vary in both format and size across our networks, with the majority of our International billboards being similar in size to our posters used in our Americas outdoor business (30-sheet and 8-sheet displays). Our International billboards are sold to clients as network packages with contract terms typically ranging from one to two weeks. Long-term client contracts are also available and typically have terms of up to one year. We lease the majority of our billboard sites from private landowners. Billboards include our spectacular and neon displays. Defi Group SAS, our International neon subsidiary, is a global provider of neon signs with approximately 318 displays in more than 16 countries worldwide. Client contracts for International neon displays typically have terms of approximately five years.

#### Street Furniture Displays

Our International street furniture displays are substantially similar to their Americas street furniture counterparts, and include bus shelters, freestanding units, various types of kiosks, benches and other public structures. Internationally, contracts with municipal and transit authorities for the right to place our street furniture in the public domain and sell advertising on such street furniture typically provide for terms ranging from 10 to 15 years. The major difference between our International and Americas street furniture businesses is in the nature of the municipal contracts. In our International Outdoor business, these contracts typically require us to provide the municipality with a broader range of urban amenities such as bus shelters with or without advertising panels, information kiosks and public wastebaskets, as well as space for the municipality to display maps or other public information. In exchange for providing such urban amenities and display space, we are authorized to sell advertising space on certain sections of the structures we erect in the public domain. Our International street furniture is typically sold to

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clients as network packages, with contract terms ranging from one to two weeks. Client contracts are also available with terms of up to one year.

#### Transit Displays

Our International transit display contracts are substantially similar to their Americas transit display counterparts, and typically require us to make only a minimal initial investment and few ongoing maintenance expenditures. Contracts with public transit authorities or private transit operators typically have terms ranging from three to seven years. Our client contracts for transit displays generally have terms ranging from one week to one year, or longer.

#### **Other International Inventory and Services**

The balance of our revenue from our International Outdoor Advertising segment consists primarily of advertising revenue from mall displays, other small displays and non-advertising revenue from sales of street furniture equipment, cleaning and maintenance services and production revenue. Internationally, our contracts with mall operators generally have terms ranging from five to ten years and client contracts for mall displays generally have terms ranging from one to two weeks, but are available for periods up to six months. Our International inventory includes other small displays that are counted as separate displays since they form a substantial part of our network and International Outdoor Advertising revenue. We also have a bike rental program which provides bicycles for rent to the general public in several municipalities. In exchange for providing the bike rental program, we generally derive revenue from advertising rights to the bikes, bike stations, additional street furniture displays, or fees from the local municipalities. Several of our International markets sell equipment or provide cleaning and maintenance services as part of a billboard or street furniture contract with a municipality.

#### Competition

The international outdoor advertising industry is fragmented, consisting of several larger companies involved in outdoor advertising, such as JC Decaux and CBS, as well as numerous smaller and local companies operating a limited number of display faces in a single or a few local markets. We also compete with other advertising media in our respective markets, including broadcast and cable television, radio, print media, direct mail, the Internet and other forms of advertisement.

Outdoor companies compete primarily based on ability to reach consumers, which is driven by location of the display.

#### Advertising Inventory and Markets

As of December 31, 2010, we owned or operated approximately 634,000 displays in our International segment. Additional information regarding the location of our displays can be found within Item 2 of Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### Other

The other category includes our media representation firm as well as other general support services and initiatives which are ancillary to our other businesses.

#### Media Representation

We own Katz Media, a full-service media representation firm that sells national spot advertising time for clients in the radio and television industries throughout the United States. As of December 31, 2010, Katz Media represents approximately 3,900 radio stations, approximately one-fifth of which are owned by us, as well as approximately 900 digital properties. Katz Media also represents approximately 600 television and digital multicast stations.

Katz Media generates revenue primarily through contractual commissions realized from the sale of national spot and online advertising. National spot advertising is commercial airtime sold to advertisers on behalf of radio and television stations. Katz Media represents its media clients pursuant to media representation contracts, which typically have terms of up to ten years in length.

#### Employees

As of January 21, 2011, we had approximately 15,036 domestic employees and 5,247 international employees, of which approximately 19,215 were in operations and approximately 1,068 were in corporate related activities. Approximately 398 of our employees in the United States and approximately 342 of our employees outside the United States are subject to collective bargaining agreements in their respective countries. We are a party to numerous collective bargaining agreements, none of which represent a significant number of employees. We believe that our

relationship with our employees is good.

#### Seasonality

Required information is located within Item 7 of Part II of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### Federal Regulation of Radio Broadcasting

#### General

Radio broadcasting is subject to the jurisdiction of the FCC under the Communications Act. The Communications Act permits the operation of a radio broadcast station only under a license issued by the FCC upon a finding that grant of the license would serve the public interest, convenience and necessity. Among other things, the Communications Act empowers the FCC to: issue, renew, revoke and modify broadcasting licenses; assign frequency bands for broadcasting; determine stations frequencies, locations, power and other technical parameters; impose penalties for violation of its regulations, including monetary forfeitures and, in extreme cases, license revocation; impose annual regulatory and application processing fees; and adopt and implement regulations and policies affecting the ownership, program content, employment practices and many other aspects of the operation of broadcast stations.

#### License Assignments

The Communications Act prohibits the assignment of a license or the transfer of control of an FCC licensee without prior FCC approval. Applications for assignments or transfers that involve a substantial change in ownership or control are subject to a 30-day period for public comment, during which petitions to deny the application may be filed.

#### License Renewal

The FCC grants broadcast licenses for a term of up to eight years. The FCC will renew a license for an additional eight year term if, after consideration of the renewal application and any objections thereto, it finds that the station has served the public interest, convenience and necessity and that, with respect to the station seeking renewal, there have been no serious violations of either the Communications Act or the FCC s rules and regulations by the licensee and no other such violations which, taken together, constitute a pattern of abuse. The FCC may grant the license renewal application with or without conditions, including renewal for a term less than eight years. The vast majority of radio licenses are renewed by the FCC. While we cannot guarantee the grant of any future renewal application, all of our stations licenses have historically been renewed.

#### **Ownership Regulation**

The Communications Act and FCC rules define the positions and interests of individuals and entities, known as attributable interests, that implicate FCC rules governing ownership of broadcast stations and other specified mass media entities. Under these rules, attributable interests generally include: officers and directors of a licensee or of its direct or indirect parent; general partners; limited partners and limited liability company members, unless properly insulated from management activities; a 5% or more direct or indirect voting stock interest in a corporate licensee or parent, except that, for a narrowly defined class of passive investors, the attribution threshold is a 20% or more voting stock interest; and combined equity and debt interests in excess of 33% of a licensee s total asset value, if the interest holder provides over 15% of the licensee station s total weekly programming, or has an attributable broadcast or newspaper interest in the same market (the EDP Rule ). An entity that owns one or more radio stations in a market and programs more than 15% of the broadcast time, or sells more than 15% per week of the advertising time, on a radio station in the same market is generally deemed to have an attributable interest in that station.

Debt instruments, non-voting stock, minority voting stock interests in corporations having a single majority stockholder, and properly insulated limited partnership and limited liability company interests generally are not subject to attribution unless such interests implicate the EDP Rule. To the best of our knowledge at present, none of our officers, directors or 5% or greater shareholders holds an interest in another television station, radio station or daily newspaper that is inconsistent with the FCC s ownership rules.

The FCC is required to conduct periodic reviews of its media ownership rules. In 2003, the FCC, among other actions, modified the radio ownership rules and adopted new cross-media ownership limits. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit initially stayed implementation of the new rules. Later, it lifted the stay as to the radio ownership rules, allowing the modified rules to go into effect. It retained the stay on the cross-media rules and remanded them to the FCC for further justification (leaving in effect separate pre-existing FCC rules governing newspaper/broadcast and radio/television cross-ownership). In December 2007, the FCC adopted a decision that revised the newspaper-broadcast cross-ownership rule but made no changes to the radio ownership or radio-television cross-ownership rules. This decision, including the determination not to relax the radio ownership limits, is the subject of a request for reconsideration and various court appeals,

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including by us. The FCC began its next periodic review in 2010; the proceeding is currently pending. We cannot predict the outcome of the FCC s media ownership proceedings or their effects on our business in the future.

Irrespective of the FCC s radio ownership rules, the Antitrust Division of the DOJ and the FTC have the authority to determine that a particular transaction presents antitrust concerns. In particular, where the proposed purchaser already owns one or more radio stations in a particular market and seeks to acquire additional radio stations in that market, the DOJ has, in some cases, obtained consent decrees requiring radio station divestitures.

The current FCC ownership rules relevant to our business are summarized below.

*Local Radio Ownership Rule.* The maximum allowable number of radio stations that may be commonly owned in a market is based on the size of the market. In the largest radio markets, defined as those with 45 or more stations, one entity may have an attributable interest in up to eight stations, not more than five of which are in the same service (AM or FM). At the other end of the scale, in radio markets with 14 or fewer stations, one entity may have an attributable interest in up to five stations, of which no more than three are in the same service, so long as the entity does not have an interest in more than 50% of all stations in the market. To apply these ownership tiers, the FCC relies on Arbitron Metro Survey Areas, where they exist, and a signal contour-overlap methodology where they do not exist. An FCC rulemaking is pending to determine how to define radio markets for stations located outside Arbitron Metro Survey Areas.

*Newspaper-Broadcast Cross-Ownership Rule.* FCC rules generally prohibit an individual or entity from having an attributable interest in a radio or television station and a daily newspaper located in the same market. In 2007, the FCC adopted a revised rule that would allow same-market newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership in certain limited circumstances. This rule is subject to a petition for reconsideration at the FCC and a pending judicial appeal.

*Radio-Television Cross-Ownership Rule.* FCC rules permit the common ownership of one television and up to seven same-market radio stations, or up to two television and six same-market radio stations, depending on the number of independent media voices in the market and on whether the television and radio components of the combination comply with the television and radio ownership limits, respectively.

#### Alien Ownership Restrictions

The Communications Act restricts foreign entities or individuals from owning or voting more than 20% of the equity of a broadcast licensee directly and more than 25% indirectly (i.e. through a parent company). Additionally, a broadcast license may not be held by any entity that is controlled, directly or indirectly, by a business entity more than one-fourth of whose equity is owned or voted by a foreign entity or individual. Since we serve as a holding company for FCC licensee subsidiaries, we are effectively restricted from having more than one-fourth of our stock owned or voted directly or indirectly by foreign entities or individuals.

#### Indecency Regulation

Federal law regulates the broadcast of obscene, indecent or profane material. Legislation enacted by Congress provides the FCC with authority to impose fines of up to \$325,000 per utterance with a cap of \$3.0 million for any violation arising from a single act. Several judicial appeals of FCC indecency enforcement actions are currently pending. In July 2010, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals issued a ruling in one of those appeals, in which it held the FCC s indecency standards to be unconstitutionally vague under the First Amendment, and in November 2010 denied a petition for rehearing of that decision. In January 2011, the Second Circuit vacated the agency decision at issue in another appeal, relying on its July 2010 and November 2010 decisions. The FCC may seek further review of the November 2010 decision in the Supreme Court, and may seek further review of the January 2011 decision in the Second Circuit or the Supreme Court. The outcome of these appeals, and of other pending indecency cases, will affect future FCC policies in this area. We have received, and may receive in the future, letters of inquiry and other notifications from the FCC concerning pending complaints that programming aired on our stations contains indecent or profane language. FCC action on these complaints will be directly impacted by the outcome of the pending indecency court appeals and subsequent FCC action in response thereto.

#### Equal Employment Opportunity

The FCC s rules require broadcasters to engage in broad recruitment efforts, keep a considerable amount of recruitment data and report much of this data to the FCC and to the public via stations public files and websites. Broadcasters are subject to random audits regarding Equal Employment Opportunity rule compliance and could be sanctioned for noncompliance.

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#### Digital Radio

The FCC has established rules for the provision of digital radio broadcasting and has allowed radio broadcasters to convert to a hybrid mode of digital/analog operation on their existing frequencies. Recently, the FCC approved an increase in the maximum allowable power for digital FM operations, which will improve the geographic coverage of digital FM signals. It is still considering whether to place limitations on subscription services offered by digital radio broadcasters or whether to apply new public interest requirements to this service. We have commenced digital broadcasts on 509 of our stations and cannot predict the impact of this service on our business.

#### **Technical Rules**

Numerous FCC rules govern the technical operating parameters of radio stations, including permissible operating frequency, power and antenna height and interference protections between stations. Changes to these rules could negatively affect the operation of our stations. For example, Congress has recently passed legislation that eliminates certain minimum distance separation requirements between full-power and low-power FM radio stations.

#### Other

Congress, the FCC and other government agencies may in the future adopt new laws, regulations and policies that could affect, directly or indirectly, the operation, profitability and ownership of our broadcast stations. In addition to the regulations noted above, such matters include, for example: proposals to impose spectrum use or other fees on FCC licensees; legislation that would provide for the payment of performance royalties to artists and musicians whose music is played on our stations; changes to the political broadcasting rules, including the adoption of proposals to provide free air time to candidates; restrictions on the advertising of certain products, such as beer and wine; frequency allocation, spectrum reallocations and changes in technical rules; and the adoption of significant new programming and operational requirements designed to increase local community-responsive programming, and enhance public interest reporting requirements.

The foregoing is a brief summary of certain statutes and FCC regulations, policies and proposals thereunder. This does not comprehensively cover all current and proposed statutes, rules and policies affecting our business. Reference should be made to the Communications Act and other relevant statutes and the FCC s rules and proceedings for further information concerning the nature and extent of Federal regulation of broadcast stations. Finally, several of the foregoing matters are now, or may become, the subject of court litigation, and we cannot predict the outcome of any such litigation or its impact on our broadcasting business.

#### Regulation of our Americas and International Outdoor Advertising Businesses

The outdoor advertising industry in the United States is subject to governmental regulation at the Federal, state and local levels. These regulations may include, among others, restrictions on the construction, repair, maintenance, lighting, upgrading, height, size, spacing and location of and, in some instances, content of advertising copy being displayed on outdoor advertising structures. In addition, the outdoor advertising industry outside of the United States is subject to certain foreign governmental regulation.

Domestically, in recent years, outdoor advertising has become the subject of targeted state and municipal taxes and fees. These laws may affect prevailing competitive conditions in our markets in a variety of ways. Such laws may reduce our expansion opportunities or may increase or reduce competitive pressure from other members of the outdoor advertising industry. No assurance can be given that existing or future laws or regulations, and the enforcement thereof, will not materially and adversely affect the outdoor advertising industry. However, we contest laws and regulations that we believe unlawfully restrict our constitutional or other legal rights and may adversely impact the growth of our outdoor advertising business.

Federal law, principally the Highway Beautification Act (HBA) regulates outdoor advertising on Federal-Aid Primary, Interstate and National Highway Systems roads within the United States (controlled roads). The HBA regulates the size and placement of billboards, requires the development of state standards, mandates a state s compliance program, promotes the expeditious removal of illegal signs and requires just compensation for takings.

To satisfy the HBA s requirements, all states have passed billboard control statutes and regulations that regulate, among other things, construction, repair, maintenance, lighting, height, size, spacing and the placement and permitting of outdoor advertising structures. We are not aware of any state that has passed control statutes and regulations less restrictive than the prevailing federal requirements, including the requirement that an owner remove any non-grandfathered, non-compliant signs along the controlled roads, at the owner s expense and without compensation.

Local governments generally also include billboard control as part of their zoning laws and building codes regulating those items described above and include similar provisions regarding the removal of non-grandfathered structures that do not comply with certain of the local requirements. Some local governments have initiated code enforcement and permit reviews of billboards within their jurisdiction challenging billboards located within their jurisdiction, and in some instances we have had to remove billboards as a result of such reviews.

As part of their billboard control laws, state and local governments regulate the construction of new signs. Some jurisdictions prohibit new construction, some jurisdictions allow new construction only to replace existing structures and some jurisdictions allow new construction subject to the various restrictions discussed above. In certain jurisdictions, restrictive regulations also limit our ability to relocate, rebuild, repair, maintain, upgrade, modify or replace existing legal non-conforming billboards. While these regulations set certain limits on the construction of new outdoor advertising displays, they also benefit established companies, including us, by creating barriers to entry and by protecting the outdoor advertising industry against an oversupply of inventory.

Federal law neither requires nor prohibits the removal of existing lawful billboards, but it does mandate the payment of compensation if a state or political subdivision compels the removal of a lawful billboard along the controlled roads. In the past, state governments have purchased and removed existing lawful billboards for beautification purposes using Federal funding for transportation enhancement programs, and these jurisdictions may continue to do so in the future. From time to time, state and local government authorities use the power of eminent domain and amortization to remove billboards. Thus far, we have been able to obtain satisfactory compensation for our billboards purchased or removed as a result of these types of governmental action, although there is no assurance that this will continue to be the case in the future.

Other important outdoor advertising regulations include the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (currently known as SAFETEA-LU), the Bonus Act/Bonus Program, the 1995 Scenic Byways Amendment and various increases or implementations of property taxes, billboard taxes and permit fees.

From time to time, legislation has been introduced in both the United States and foreign jurisdictions attempting to impose taxes on revenue from outdoor advertising. Several state and local jurisdictions have already imposed such taxes as a percentage of our outdoor advertising revenue in that jurisdiction. While these taxes have not had a material impact on our business and financial results to date, we expect state and local governments to continue to try to impose such taxes as a way of increasing revenue.

We have introduced and intend to expand the deployment of digital billboards that display static digital advertising copy from various advertisers that change up to several times per minute. We have encountered some existing regulations that restrict or prohibit these types of digital displays. However, since digital technology for changing static copy has only recently been developed and introduced into the market on a large scale, existing regulations that currently do not apply to digital technology by their terms could be revised to impose greater restrictions. These regulations may impose greater restrictions on digital billboards due to alleged concerns over aesthetics or driver safety.

International regulations have a significant impact on the outdoor advertising industry and our business. International regulation of the outdoor advertising industry can vary by municipality, region and country but generally limits the size, placement, nature and density of out-of-home displays. Other regulations may limit the subject matter and language of out-of-home displays.

#### **ITEM 1A. Risk Factors**

#### **Risks Related to Our Business**

#### Our results have been in the past, and could be in the future, adversely affected by deteriorations in economic conditions

The risks associated with our businesses become more acute in periods of a slowing economy or recession, which may be accompanied by a decrease in advertising. Expenditures by advertisers tend to be cyclical, reflecting economic conditions and budgeting and buying patterns. The recent global economic downturn resulted in a decline in advertising and marketing by our customers, which resulted in a decline in advertising revenues had an adverse effect on our revenue, profit margins, cash flow and liquidity. Although we believe that global economic conditions are improving, if they do not continue to improve or if they deteriorate again, global economic conditions may once again adversely impact our revenue, profit margins, cash flow and liquidity. Furthermore, because a significant portion of our revenue is derived from local advertisers, our ability to

generate revenues in specific markets is directly affected by local and regional conditions, and regional economic declines also may adversely impact our results. In addition, even in the absence of a downturn in general economic conditions, an individual business sector or market may experience a downturn, causing it to reduce its advertising expenditures, which may also adversely impact our results.

Our consolidated revenue increased \$313.8 million during 2010 compared to 2009. However, primarily as a result of the recent global economic downturn, our consolidated revenue decreased \$1.14 billion during 2009 compared to 2008. This decrease in 2009 was experienced by each of our Radio, Americas outdoor and International outdoor segments.

We performed impairment tests on our goodwill and other intangible assets during the fourth quarter of 2010 and recorded non-cash impairment charges of \$15.4 million primarily related to a specific outdoor market for which the unfavorable impact of litigation has resulted in the impairment of certain advertising structures and declines in revenue. Additionally, we performed impairment tests in 2008 and 2009 on our indefinite-lived assets and goodwill and, as a result of the global economic downturn and the corresponding reduction in our revenues, we recorded non-cash impairment charges of \$5.3 billion and \$4.1 billion, respectively. Although we believe we have made reasonable estimates and used appropriate assumptions to calculate the fair value of our licenses, billboard permits and reporting units, it is possible a material change could occur. If actual market conditions and operational performance for the respective reporting units underlying the intangible assets were to deteriorate, or if facts and circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the estimated fair value of the indefinite-lived assets or goodwill for these reporting units below their adjusted carrying amounts, we may also be required to recognize additional impairment charges in future periods, which could have a material impact on our financial condition and results of operations.

# If we need additional cash to fund our working capital, debt service, capital expenditures or other funding requirements, we may not be able to access the credit markets

Our primary source of liquidity is cash flow from operations, which improved during 2010 but was adversely impacted by the decline in our advertising revenues during 2008 and 2009 as a result of the global economic downturn. Based on our current and anticipated levels of operations and conditions in our markets, we believe that cash on hand as well as cash flow from operations will enable us to meet our working capital, capital expenditure, debt service and other funding requirements for at least the next 12 months. However, our ability to fund our working capital needs, debt service and other obligations and to comply with the financial covenant under our financing agreements depends on our future operating performance and cash flow, which are in turn subject to prevailing economic conditions and other factors, many of which are beyond our control. If our future operating performance does not meet our expectation or our plans materially change in an adverse manner or prove to be materially inaccurate, we may need additional financing. In addition, the purchase price of possible acquisitions, capital expenditures for deployment of digital billboards and/or other strategic initiatives could require additional indebtedness or equity financing on our part. Adverse securities and credit market conditions, such as those experienced during 2008 and 2009, could significantly affect the availability of equity or credit financing. Consequently, there can be no assurance that such financing, if permitted under the terms of our financing agreements, will be available on terms acceptable to us or at all. The inability to obtain additional financing in such circumstances could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and on our ability to meet our obligations or pursue strategic initiatives. Additional indebtedness could increase our leverage and make us more vulnerable to economic downturns and may limit our ability to withstand competitive pressures.

# Downgrades in our credit ratings may adversely affect our borrowing costs, limit our financing options, reduce our flexibility under future financings and adversely affect our liquidity, and also may adversely impact our business operations

Our corporate credit ratings by Standard & Poor s Ratings Services and Moody s Investors Service are speculative-grade and have been downgraded and upgraded at various times during the past several years. Any reductions in our credit ratings could increase our borrowing costs, reduce the availability of financing to us or increase the cost of doing business or otherwise negatively impact our business operations.

#### Our financial performance may be adversely affected by certain variables which are not in our control

Certain variables that could adversely affect our financial performance by, among other things, leading to decreases in overall revenues, the numbers of advertising customers, advertising fees, or profit margins include:

unfavorable economic conditions, both general and relative to the radio broadcasting, outdoor advertising and all related media industries, which may cause companies to reduce their expenditures on advertising;

an increased level of competition for advertising dollars, which may lead to lower advertising rates as we attempt to retain customers or which may cause us to lose customers to our competitors who offer lower rates that we are unable or unwilling to match;

unfavorable fluctuations in operating costs, which we may be unwilling or unable to pass through to our customers;

technological changes and innovations that we are unable to adopt or are late in adopting that offer more attractive advertising or listening alternatives than what we offer, which may lead to a loss of advertising customers or to lower advertising rates;

the impact of potential new royalties charged for terrestrial radio broadcasting, which could materially increase our expenses;

unfavorable shifts in population and other demographics, which may cause us to lose advertising customers as people migrate to markets where we have a smaller presence or which may cause advertisers to be willing to pay less in advertising fees if the general population shifts into a less desirable age or geographical demographic from an advertising perspective;

unfavorable changes in labor conditions, which may impair our ability to operate or require us to spend more to retain and attract key employees; and

changes in governmental regulations and policies and actions of regulatory bodies which could restrict the advertising media that we employ or restrict some or all of our customers that operate in regulated areas from using certain advertising media, or from advertising at all.

#### We face intense competition in the broadcasting and outdoor advertising industries

We operate in a highly competitive industry, and we may not be able to maintain or increase our current audience ratings and advertising and sales revenues. Our radio stations and outdoor advertising properties compete for audiences and advertising revenues with other radio stations and outdoor advertising companies, as well as with other media, such as newspapers, magazines, television, direct mail, iPods, smart mobile phones, satellite radio and Internet-based media, within their respective markets. Audience ratings and market shares are subject to change, which could have the effect of reducing our revenues in that market. Our competitors may develop services or advertising media that are equal or superior to those we provide or that achieve greater market acceptance and brand recognition than we achieve. It also is possible that new competitors may emerge and rapidly acquire significant market share in any of our business segments. An increased level of competitors of advertising dollars may lead to lower advertising rates as we attempt to retain customers or may cause us to lose customers to our competitors who offer lower rates that we are unable or unwilling to match.

#### Our business is dependent upon the performance of on-air talent and program hosts

We employ or independently contract with many on-air personalities and hosts of syndicated radio programs with significant loyal audiences in their respective markets. Although we have entered into long-term agreements with some of our key on-air talent and program hosts to protect our interests in those relationships, we can give no assurance that all or any of these persons will remain with us or will retain their audiences. Competition for these individuals is intense and many of these individuals are under no legal obligation to remain with us. Our competitors may choose to extend offers to any of these individuals on terms which we may be unwilling to meet. Furthermore, the popularity and audience loyalty of our key on-air talent and program hosts is highly sensitive to rapidly changing public tastes. A loss of such popularity or audience loyalty is beyond our control and could have a material adverse effect on our ability to attract local and/or national advertisers and on our revenue and/or ratings, and could result in increased expenses.

# Our business is dependent on our management team and other key individuals, many of whom are new to our company and one of whom, our President and Chief Executive Officer, has announced his intention to retire

Our business is dependent upon the performance of our management team and other key individuals. A number of these individuals, including Robert W. Pittman, the new Chairman of our Media and Entertainment Platforms pursuant to a consulting agreement, Thomas W. Casey, our Chief Financial Officer, Scott D. Hamilton, our Chief Accounting Officer, and Robert H. Walls, Jr., our General Counsel, joined us in 2010, and

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two of our three divisional CEOs, Ronald Cooper, the Chief Executive Officer of Outdoor Americas, and William Eccleshare, the Chief Executive Officer of Outdoor International, have joined us within the last 18 months. Although we have entered into agreements with some of these and other individuals, we can give no assurance that all or any of our management team or key individuals will remain with us. Competition for these individuals is intense and many of our key employees are at-will employees who are under no legal obligation to remain with us, and may decide to leave for a variety of personal or other reasons beyond our control.

In June 2010, Mark P. Mays announced his decision to retire as our President and Chief Executive Officer and asked our Board of Directors to initiate a search for his replacement. We have been actively searching for a replacement but, to date, have not identified his successor. In January 2011, Mr. Mays informed us that he would step down as President and Chief Executive Officer on the earlier of the date that his successor joins the Company or March 31, 2011.

While Mr. Mays has indicated his desire to continue to serve as the Chairman of our Board of Directors and to remain actively involved with us in that capacity, if we are unable to identify a suitable candidate to succeed him as President and Chief Executive Officer, if any other senior members of our management or key individuals decide to leave us in the future, or if we are not successful in attracting, motivating and retaining other key employees, our business could be adversely affected.

#### New technologies may increase competition with our broadcasting operations

Our radio broadcasting business faces increasing competition from new technologies, such as broadband wireless, satellite radio and audio broadcasting by cable television systems, as well as new consumer products, such as portable digital audio players and smart mobile phones. These new technologies and alternative media platforms compete with our radio stations for audience share and advertising revenues. The FCC also has approved new technologies for use in the radio broadcasting industry, including the terrestrial delivery of digital audio broadcasting, which significantly enhances the sound quality of radio broadcasts. We are unable to predict the effect that such technologies and related services and products will have on our broadcasting operations, but the capital expenditures necessary to implement such technologies could be substantial. We cannot assure that we will continue to have the resources to acquire new technologies or to introduce new services to compete with other new technologies or services, and other companies employing such new technologies or services could increase competition with our businesses.

# Extensive current government regulation, and future regulation, may limit our broadcasting operations or adversely affect our business and financial results

Congress and several federal agencies, including the FCC, extensively regulate the domestic broadcasting industry. For example, the FCC could impact our profitability by imposing large fines on us if, in response to pending complaints, it finds that we broadcast indecent programming. Additionally, we cannot be sure that the FCC will approve renewal of the licenses we must have in order to operate our stations. Nor can we be assured that our licenses will be renewed without conditions and for a full term. The non-renewal, or conditioned renewal, of a substantial number of our FCC licenses, could have a materially adverse impact on our operations. Furthermore, possible changes in interference protections, spectrum allocations and other technical rules may negatively affect the operation of our stations. For example, Congress has recently passed legislation that eliminates certain minimum distance separation requirements between full-power and low-power FM radio stations. In addition, Congress and the FCC have considered, and may in the future consider and adopt, new laws, regulations and policies that could, directly or indirectly, have an adverse effect on our business operations and financial performance. In particular, Congress is considering legislation that would impose an obligation upon all U.S. broadcasters to pay performing artists a royalty for use of their sound recordings (this would be in addition to payments already made by broadcasters to owners of musical work rights, such as songwriters, composers and publishers). We cannot predict whether this or other legislation affecting our radio broadcasting business will be adopted. Such legislation could have a material impact on our operations and financial results.

#### Government regulation of outdoor advertising may restrict our outdoor advertising operations

U.S. federal, state and local regulations have a significant impact on the outdoor advertising industry and our business. One of the seminal laws is the HBA, which regulates outdoor advertising on the 306,000 miles of Federal-Aid Primary, Interstate and National Highway Systems. The HBA regulates the size and location of billboards, mandates a state compliance program, requires the development of state standards, promotes the expeditious removal of illegal signs and requires just compensation for takings. Construction, repair, maintenance, lighting, upgrading, height, size, spacing, the location and permitting of billboards and the use of new technologies for changing displays, such as digital displays, are regulated by federal, state and local governments. From time to time, states and municipalities have prohibited or significantly limited the construction of new outdoor advertising structures. Changes in laws and regulations affecting outdoor advertising at any level of government, including laws of the foreign jurisdictions in which we operate, could have a significant financial impact on us by requiring us to make significant expenditures or otherwise limiting or restricting some of our operations. Due to such regulations, it has become increasingly difficult to develop new outdoor advertising locations.

From time to time, certain state and local governments and third parties have attempted to force the removal of our displays under various state and local laws, including zoning ordinances, permit enforcement, condemnation and amortization. Amortization is the attempted forced removal of legal non-conforming billboards (billboards which conformed with applicable laws and regulations when built, but which do not conform to current laws and regulations) or the commercial advertising placed on such billboards after a period of years. Pursuant to this concept, the governmental body asserts that just compensation is earned by continued operation of the billboard over time. Amortization is prohibited along all controlled roads and generally prohibited along non-controlled roads. Amortization has, however, been upheld along non-controlled roads in limited instances where provided by state and local law. Other regulations limit our ability to rebuild, replace, repair, maintain and upgrade non-conforming displays. In addition, from time to time third parties or local governments assert that we own or operate displays that either are not properly permitted or otherwise are not in strict compliance with applicable law. For example, recent court rulings have upheld regulations in the City of New York that have impacted our displays in certain areas within the city. Although the number of our billboards from which we have been required to remove commercial advertising as a result of these regulations and allegations have not had a material impact on our results of operations to date, but if we are increasingly unable to resolve such allegations or obtain acceptable arrangements in circumstances in which our displays are subject to removal, modification or amortization, or if there occurs an increase in such regulations or their enforcement, our operating results could suffer.

A number of state and local governments have implemented or initiated legislative billboard controls, including taxes, fees and registration requirements in an effort to decrease or restrict the number of outdoor signs and/or to raise revenue. In addition, a number of jurisdictions, including the City of Los Angeles, have implemented legislation or interpreted existing legislation to restrict or prohibit the installation of new digital billboards. While these controls have not had a material impact on our business and financial results to date, we expect states and local governments to continue these efforts. The increased imposition of these controls and our inability to overcome any such regulations could reduce our operating income if those outcomes require removal or restrictions on the use of preexisting displays. In addition, if we are unable to pass on the cost of these items to our clients, our operating income could be adversely affected.

International regulation of the outdoor advertising industry varies by region and country, but generally limits the size, placement, nature and density of out-of-home displays. Other regulations limit the subject matter and language of out-of-home displays. For instance, the United States and most European Union countries, among other nations, have banned outdoor advertisements for tobacco products. Our failure to comply with these or any future international regulations could have an adverse impact on the effectiveness of our displays or their attractiveness to clients as an advertising medium and may require us to make significant expenditures to ensure compliance. As a result, we may experience a significant impact on our operations, revenue, international client base and overall financial condition.

# Additional restrictions on outdoor advertising of tobacco, alcohol and other products may further restrict the categories of clients that can advertise using our products

Out-of-court settlements between the major U.S. tobacco companies and all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and four other U.S. territories include a ban on the outdoor advertising of tobacco products. Other products and services may be targeted in the future, including alcohol products. Legislation regulating tobacco and alcohol advertising has also been introduced in a number of European countries in which we conduct business and could have a similar impact. Any significant reduction in alcohol-related advertising due to content-related restrictions could cause a reduction in our direct revenues from such advertisements and an increase in the available space on the existing inventory of billboards in the outdoor advertising industry.

#### Environmental, health, safety and land use laws and regulations may limit or restrict some of our operations

As the owner or operator of various real properties and facilities, especially in our outdoor advertising operations, we must comply with various foreign, federal, state and local environmental, health, safety and land use laws and regulations. We and our properties are subject to such laws and regulations relating to the use, storage, disposal, emission and release of hazardous and non-hazardous substances and employee health and safety as well as zoning restrictions. Historically, we have not incurred significant expenditures to comply with these laws. However, additional laws which may be passed in the future, or a finding of a violation of or liability under existing laws, could require us to make significant expenditures and otherwise limit or restrict some of our operations.

#### Doing business in foreign countries exposes us to certain risks not found when doing business in the United States

Doing business in foreign countries carries with it certain risks that are not found when doing business in the United States. The risks of doing business in foreign countries that could result in losses against which we are not insured include:

exposure to local economic conditions;

potential adverse changes in the diplomatic relations of foreign countries with the United States;

hostility from local populations;

the adverse effect of foreign exchange controls;

government policies against businesses owned by foreigners;

investment restrictions or requirements;

expropriations of property;

the potential instability of foreign governments;

the risk of insurrections;

risks of renegotiation or modification of existing agreements with governmental authorities;

difficulties collecting receivables and otherwise enforcing contracts with governmental agencies and others in some foreign legal systems;

withholding and other taxes on remittances and other payments by subsidiaries;

changes in tax structure and level; and

changes in laws or regulations or the interpretation or application of laws or regulations. In addition, because we own assets in foreign countries and derive revenues from our International operations, we may incur currency translation losses due to changes in the values of foreign currencies and in the value of the U.S. dollar. We cannot predict the effect of exchange rate fluctuations upon future operating results.

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Our international operations involve contracts with, and regulation by, foreign governments. We operate in many parts of the world that experience government corruption to some degree. Although we have policies and procedures in place that are designed to promote legal and regulatory compliance (including with respect to the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the United Kingdom Bribery Act 2010), our employees, subcontractors and agents could take actions that violate applicable anticorruption laws or regulations. Violations of these laws, or allegations of such violations, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position and results of operations.

# The success of our street furniture and transit products is dependent on our obtaining key municipal concessions, which we may not be able to obtain on favorable terms

Our street furniture and transit products businesses require us to obtain and renew contracts with municipalities and other governmental entities. Many of these contracts, which require us to participate in competitive bidding processes at each renewal, typically have terms ranging from three to 20 years and have revenue share and/or fixed payment components. Our inability to successfully negotiate, renew or complete these contracts due to governmental demands and delay and the highly competitive bidding processes for these contracts could affect our ability to offer these products to our clients, or to offer them to our clients at rates that are competitive to other forms of advertising, without adversely affecting our financial results.

#### Future acquisitions and other strategic transactions could pose risks

We frequently evaluate strategic opportunities both within and outside our existing lines of business. We expect from time to time to pursue additional acquisitions and may decide to dispose of certain businesses. These acquisitions or dispositions could be material. Our acquisition strategy involves numerous risks, including:

certain of our acquisitions may prove unprofitable and fail to generate anticipated cash flows;

to successfully manage our large portfolio of broadcasting, outdoor advertising and other properties, we may need to:

recruit additional senior management as we cannot be assured that senior management of acquired companies will continue to work for us and we cannot be certain that any of our recruiting efforts will succeed, and

expand corporate infrastructure to facilitate the integration of our operations with those of acquired properties, because failure to do so may cause us to lose the benefits of any expansion that we decide to undertake by leading to disruptions in our ongoing businesses or by distracting our management;

we may enter into markets and geographic areas where we have limited or no experience;

we may encounter difficulties in the integration of operations and systems;

our management s attention may be diverted from other business concerns; and

we may lose key employees of acquired companies or stations.

Additional acquisitions by us of radio stations and outdoor advertising properties may require antitrust review by federal antitrust agencies under the antitrust laws of foreign jurisdictions. We can give no assurances that the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), the Federal Trade Commission or foreign antitrust agencies will not seek to bar us from acquiring additional radio stations or outdoor advertising properties in any market where we already have a significant position. The DOJ actively reviews proposed acquisitions of outdoor advertising properties and radio broadcasting assets. In addition, the antitrust laws of foreign jurisdictions will apply if we acquire international outdoor properties or radio broadcasting properties. Further, radio station acquisitions by us are subject to FCC approval. Such acquisitions must comply with the Communications Act and FCC regulatory requirements and policies, including with respect to the number of broadcast facilities in which a person or entity may have an ownership or attributable interest, in a given local market, and the level of interest that may be held by a foreign individual or entity. The FCC s media ownership rules remain subject to ongoing agency and court proceedings. Future changes could restrict our ability to acquire new radio stations.

#### Our cost savings initiatives may not be entirely successful

In the fourth quarter of 2008, CCMH initiated a restructuring program targeting a reduction in fixed costs through renegotiations of lease agreements, workforce reductions, the elimination of overlapping functions and other cost savings initiatives. We incurred restructuring and other expenses under the program, and have incurred additional such expenses during 2010. We may incur additional expenses through ongoing cost-saving initiatives in the future. No assurance can be given that anticipated cost savings will be achieved in the timeframe expected or at all, or for how long any cost savings will persist.

#### Significant equity investors control us and may have conflicts of interest with us in the future

Private equity funds sponsored by or co-investors with Bain Capital and THL indirectly own a majority of our outstanding capital stock and will exercise control over matters requiring approval of our shareholder and Board of Directors. The directors elected by THL and Bain Capital will have significant authority to effect decisions affecting our capital structure, the incurrence of additional indebtedness, and the implementation of stock repurchase programs.

Additionally, THL and Bain Capital are in the business of making investments in companies and may acquire and hold interests in businesses that compete directly or indirectly with us. One or more of the entities advised by or affiliated with THL or Bain Capital may also pursue acquisition opportunities that may be complementary to our business and, as a result, those acquisition opportunities may not be available to us. So long as entities advised by or affiliated with THL and Bain Capital directly or indirectly own a significant amount of the voting power of our capital stock, even if such amount is less than 50%, THL and Bain Capital will continue to be able to strongly influence or effectively control our decisions.

#### **Risks Related to Our Indebtedness**

# We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service all of our indebtedness and may be forced to take other actions to satisfy our obligations under our indebtedness, which may not be successful

We have substantial amounts of indebtedness. At December 31, 2010, we had \$20.6 billion of total indebtedness outstanding, including (i) \$13.7 billion aggregate principal amount outstanding under our senior secured credit facilities, which obligations mature at various dates from 2014

through 2016; (ii) \$384.2 million outstanding under our receivables based facility, which matures in 2014; (iii) \$796.3 million and \$829.8 million outstanding under our senior cash pay notes and senior toggle notes, respectively, which mature in August 2016; (iv) \$2.3 billion outstanding under our senior notes, net of \$623.3 million in unamortized discounts; (v) \$2.5 billion aggregate principal amount outstanding of subsidiary senior notes, which mature in 2017; and (vi) \$67.8 million outstanding under other unsecured senior debt and long-term obligations. This large amount of indebtedness could have negative consequences for us, including, without limitation:

dedicating a substantial portion of our cash flow to the payment of principal and interest on indebtedness, thereby reducing cash available for other purposes, including to fund operations and capital expenditures, invest in new technology and pursue other business opportunities;

limiting our liquidity and operational flexibility and limiting our ability to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures, debt service requirements, acquisitions and general corporate or other purposes;

limiting our ability to adjust to changing economic, business and competitive conditions;

requiring us to defer planned capital expenditures, reduce discretionary spending, sell assets, restructure existing indebtedness or defer acquisitions or other strategic opportunities;

limiting our ability to refinance any of our indebtedness or increasing the cost of any such financing in any downturn in our operating performance or decline in general economic conditions;

making us more vulnerable to an increase in interest rates, a downturn in our operating performance or a decline in general economic conditions; and

making us more susceptible to changes in credit ratings, which could impact our ability to obtain financing in the future and increase the cost of such financing.

If compliance with our debt obligations materially hinders our ability to operate our business and adapt to changing industry conditions, we may lose market share, our revenue may decline and our operating results may suffer. The terms of our credit facilities and other indebtedness allow us, under certain conditions, to incur further indebtedness, including secured indebtedness, which heightens the foregoing risks.

Our ability to make scheduled payments on our debt obligations depends on our financial condition and operating performance, which is subject to prevailing economic and competitive conditions and to certain financial, business and other factors beyond our control. We may not be able to maintain a level of cash flows from operating activities sufficient to permit us to pay the principal, premium, if any, and interest on our indebtedness.

If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations, we may be forced to reduce or delay capital expenditures, sell assets or operations, seek additional capital or restructure or refinance our indebtedness. We may not be able to take any of these actions, and these actions may not be successful or permit us to meet our scheduled debt service obligations. Furthermore, these actions may not be permitted under the terms of our existing or future debt agreements.

Our ability to restructure or refinance our debt will depend on the condition of the capital markets and our financial condition at such time. Any refinancing of our debt could be at higher interest rates and may require us to comply with more onerous covenants, which could further restrict our business operations. The terms of existing or future debt instruments may restrict us from adopting some of these alternatives. These alternative measures may not be successful and may not permit us to meet our scheduled debt service obligations. If we cannot make scheduled payments on our indebtedness we will be in default under one or more of our debt agreements and, as a result we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation.

# Because we derive a substantial portion of operating income from our subsidiaries, our ability to repay our debt depends upon the performance of our subsidiaries and their ability to dividend or distribute funds to us.

We derive a substantial portion of operating income from our subsidiaries. As a result, our cash flow and the ability to service our indebtedness depend on the performance of our subsidiaries and the ability of those entities to distribute funds to us. We cannot assure you that our subsidiaries will be able to, or be permitted to, pay to us the amounts necessary to service our debt.

### The documents governing our indebtedness contain restrictions that limit our flexibility in operating our business

Our material financing agreements, including our credit agreements and indentures, contain various covenants restricting, among other things, our ability to:

make acquisitions or investments;

make loans or otherwise extend credit to others;

incur indebtedness or issue shares or guarantees;

create security;

sell, lease, transfer or dispose of assets;

merge or consolidate with other companies; and

make a substantial change to the general nature of our business.

In addition, under our senior secured credit facilities we are required to comply with certain affirmative covenants and certain specified financial covenants and ratios. For instance, our senior secured credit facilities require us to comply on a quarterly basis with a financial covenant limiting the ratio of our consolidated secured debt, net of cash and cash equivalents, to our consolidated EBITDA (as defined under the terms of our senior secured credit facilities) for the preceding four quarters.

The restrictions contained in our credit agreements and indentures could affect our ability to operate our business and may limit our ability to react to market conditions or take advantage of potential business opportunities as they arise. For example, such restrictions could adversely affect our ability to finance our operations, make strategic acquisitions, investments or alliances, restructure our organization or finance our capital needs. Additionally, our ability to comply with these covenants and restrictions may be affected by events beyond our control. These include prevailing economic, financial and industry conditions. If we breach any of these covenants or restrictions, we could be in default under the agreements governing our indebtedness, and as a result we would be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation.

#### **Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements**

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a safe harbor for forward-looking statements made by us or on our behalf. Except for the historical information, this report contains various forward-looking statements which represent our expectations or beliefs concerning future events, including, without limitation, our future operating and financial performance and availability of capital and the terms thereof. Statements expressing expectations and projections with respect to future matters are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. We caution that these forward-looking statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties and are subject to many variables which could impact our future performance. These statements are made on the basis of management s views and assumptions, as of the time the statements are made, regarding future events and performance. There can be no assurance, however, that management s expectations will necessarily come to pass. We do not intend, nor do we undertake any duty, to update any forward-looking statements.

A wide range of factors could materially affect future developments and performance, including:

the impact of the substantial indebtedness incurred to finance the consummation of the merger, including the effect of our leverage on our financial position and earnings;

the need to allocate significant amounts of our cash flow to make payments on our indebtedness, which in turn could reduce our financial flexibility and ability to fund other activities;

risks associated with a global economic downturn and its impact on capital markets;

other general economic and political conditions in the United States and in other countries in which we currently do business, including those resulting from recessions, political events and acts or threats of terrorism or military conflicts;

the impact of the geopolitical environment;

industry conditions, including competition;

fluctuations in operating costs;

technological changes and innovations;

changes in labor conditions;

legislative or regulatory requirements;

capital expenditure requirements;

fluctuations in exchange rates and currency values;

the outcome of pending and future litigation;

changes in interest rates;

taxes;

shifts in population and other demographics;

access to capital markets and borrowed indebtedness;

the risk that we may not be able to integrate the operations of recently acquired companies successfully;

the risk that our cost savings initiatives may not be entirely successful or that any cost savings achieved from those initiatives may not persist; and

certain other factors set forth in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. This list of factors that may affect future performance and the accuracy of forward-looking statements is illustrative and is not intended to be exhaustive. Accordingly, all forward-looking statements should be evaluated with the understanding of their inherent uncertainty.

#### **ITEM 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments**

None.

#### **ITEM 2. Properties**

#### Corporate

Our corporate headquarters is in San Antonio, Texas, where we own an approximately 55,000 square foot executive office building and an approximately 123,000 square foot data and administrative service center.

#### **Radio Broadcasting**

Our radio executive operations are located in our corporate headquarters in San Antonio, Texas. The types of properties required to support each of our radio stations include offices, studios, transmitter sites and antenna sites. We either own or lease our transmitter and antenna sites. These leases generally have expiration dates that range from five to 15 years. A radio station s studios are generally housed with its offices in downtown or business districts. A radio station s transmitter sites and antenna sites are generally located in a manner that provides maximum market coverage.

#### Americas and International Outdoor Advertising

The headquarters of our Americas Outdoor Advertising operations is in Phoenix, Arizona, and the headquarters of our International Outdoor Advertising operations is in London, England. The types of properties required to support each of our outdoor advertising branches include offices, production facilities and structure sites. An outdoor branch and production facility is generally located in an industrial or warehouse district.

With respect to each of the Americas and International Outdoor Advertising segments, we primarily lease our outdoor display sites and own or have acquired permanent easements for relatively few parcels of real property that serve as the sites for our outdoor displays. Our leases generally range from month-to-month to year-to-year and can be for terms of 10 years or longer, and many provide for renewal options.

There is no significant concentration of displays under any one lease or subject to negotiation with any one landlord. We believe that an important part of our management activity is to negotiate suitable lease renewals and extensions.

#### Consolidated

The studios and offices of our radio stations and outdoor advertising branches are located in leased or owned facilities. These leases generally have expiration dates that range from one to 40 years. We do not anticipate any difficulties in renewing those leases that expire within the next several years or in leasing other space, if required. We own substantially all of the equipment used in our radio broadcasting and outdoor advertising businesses.

As noted above, as of December 31, 2010, we owned 892 radio stations and owned or leased approximately 822,000 outdoor advertising display faces in various markets throughout the world. Therefore, no one property is material to our overall operations. We believe that our properties are in good condition and suitable for our operations.

The following table provides the number of radio stations and outdoor displays in our markets in our Radio Broadcasting and Americas Outdoor Advertising segments, respectively.

	Arbitron	Number	DMA®	Number
	Market	of	Market	of
Market	Rank <sup>(1)</sup>	Stations	Rank <sup>(2)</sup>	Displays
New York, NY	1	5	1	2,607
Los Angeles, CA	2	8	2	9,984
Chicago, IL	3	7	3	11,709
San Francisco, CA	4	7	6	10,104
Dallas-Ft. Worth, TX	5	6	5	17,571
Houston-Galveston, TX	6	6	10	3,036

Atlanta, GA	7	6	8	2,527
Philadelphia, PA	8	6	4	5,285
Washington, DC	9	5	9	3,202
Boston, MA	10	4	7	2,924
Detroit, MI	11	7	11	587
Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood, FL	12	7	16	5,313
Seattle-Tacoma, WA	13	7	13	6,233
Boston, MA Detroit, MI Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood, FL	10 11 12	3 4 7 7 7	7 11 16	2,924 587 5,313

	Arbitron	Number	DMA <sup>®</sup>	Number
	Market	of	Market	of
Market	Rank <sup>(1)</sup>	Stations	Rank <sup>(2)</sup>	Displays <sup>(5)</sup>
Phoenix, AZ	15	8	12	9,151
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN	16	7	15	1,893
San Diego, CA	17	7	28	756
Nassau-Suffolk (Long Island), NY	18	2	*	*
Denver-Boulder, CO	19	8	17	1,156
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	20	8	14	2,319
St. Louis, MO	21	6	21	323
Baltimore, MD	22	4	26	1,909
Portland, OR	23	7	22	1,141
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC	24	5	23	12
Pittsburgh, PA	25	6	24	93
Riverside-San Bernardino, CA	26	6	*	*
Sacramento, CA	27	6	20	2,610
Cincinnati, OH	28	6	33	12
Cleveland, OH	29	6	18	3,329
Salt Lake City-Ogden-Provo, UT	30	6	32	65
San Antonio, TX	31	7	37	6,991
Kansas City, KS	32	0	31	1,174
Las Vegas, NV	33	3	42	1,176
San Jose, CA	34	2	¥	¥
Orlando, FL	35	7	19	3,765
Columbus, OH	36	7	34	1,818
Austin, TX	37	5	44	134
Milwaukee-Racine, WI	38	6	35	6,034
Indianapolis, IN	39	3	27	3,243
Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket, RI	41	4	*	*
Raleigh-Durham, NC	42	4	25	1,814
Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA	43	4	43	379
Nashville, TN	44	5	29	732
Greensboro-Winston Salem-High Point, NC	45	5	47	751
Jacksonville, FL	46	6	49	956
Oklahoma City, OK	47	6	45	49
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL	48	6	38	624
Memphis, TN	49	7	48	1,708
Hartford-New Britain-Middletown, CT	50	4	30	667
Louisville, KY	а	а	50	159
Greenville-Spartanburg, SC	а	а	36	91
Grand Rapids, MI	а	а	41	290
Albuquerque, NM	a	a	46	1,180
Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle, PA	a	a	39	176
Various U.S. Cities	51-100	236	51-100	14,393
Various U.S. Cities	101-150	95	101-150	3,890
Various U.S. Cities	151-200	101	151-200	2,119
Various U.S. Cities	201-300	114	201+	63
Various U.S. Cities	unranked	76	N/A	N/A
Non-U.S. Markets	N/A	N/A	N/A	27,897
Total <sup>(3)(4)</sup>		892		188,124

\* Represents markets where outdoor advertising is not operated.

Represents radio markets whose Arbitron ranking is above 51. а

¥ The San Jose market is combined with the San Francisco market for outdoor advertising ranking purposes. (1) Radio markets are ranked according to Arbitron Rankings as of Fall 2010.

- (2) Americas Outdoor Advertising markets are ranked by designated market area ( DMA ) regional ranking. DMA is a registered trademark of Nielsen Media Research, Inc.
- (3) Excluded from the 892 radio stations owned by us are two radio stations programmed pursuant to a local marketing agreement (FCC license not owned by us). Also excluded are radio stations in Australia and New Zealand. We own a 50% equity interest in the Australian Radio Network which has radio broadcasting operations in both of these markets.
- (4) Included in the total are stations that were placed in a trust in order to bring the merger into compliance with the FCC s media ownership rules. We have divested certain stations in the past and will continue to divest these stations as required.
- (5) Included in transit displays in our Americas Outdoor Advertising markets is our airport advertising business which offers products such as traditional static wall displays, visitor information centers, and other digital products including LCD screens and touch screen kiosks. Our digital products provide multiple display opportunities unlike our traditional static wall displays. Each of the digital display opportunities is counted as a unique display in the table.

The following table sets forth certain selected information with regard to our International outdoor advertising inventory, which are listed in descending order according to 2010 revenue contribution:

International Markets	Total Displays	International Markets	Total Displays
France	121,902	Holland	6,508
United Kingdom	56,512	Finland	14,947
China	70,869	Poland	7,262
Italy	52,422	Baltic States/Russia	14,489
Australia/New Zealand	19,603	Singapore	3,801
Spain	33,422	Romania	154
Sweden	106,888	Hungary	30
Switzerland	17,691	Germany	37
Belgium	24,070	Austria	12
Denmark	34,054	Portugal	12
Norway	23,849	Czech Republic	6
Turkey	15,350	United Arab Emirates	1
Ireland ITEM 3. Legal Proceedings	9,874	Total International Displays	633,765

We currently are involved in certain legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business and, as required, have accrued an estimate of the probable costs for the resolution of these claims. These estimates have been developed in consultation with counsel and are based upon an analysis of potential results, assuming a combination of litigation and settlement strategies. It is possible, however, that future results of operations for any particular period could be materially affected by changes in our assumptions or the effectiveness of our strategies related to these proceedings. Additionally, due to the inherent uncertainty of litigation, there can be no assurance that the resolution of any particular claim or proceeding would not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

We and a subsidiary of ours are co-defendants with Live Nation (which was spun off as an independent company in December 2005) in 22 putative class actions filed beginning in May 2006 by different named plaintiffs in various district courts throughout the country. These actions generally allege that the defendants monopolized or attempted to monopolize the market for live rock concerts in violation of Section 2 of the Sherman Act. Plaintiffs claim that they paid higher ticket prices for defendants rock concerts as a result of defendants conduct. They seek damages in an undetermined amount. On April 17, 2006, the Judicial Panel for Multidistrict Litigation centralized these class action proceedings in the Central District of California. On March 2, 2007, plaintiffs filed motions for class certification in five template cases involving five regional markets: Los Angeles, Boston, New York, Chicago and Denver. Defendants opposed that motion and, on October 22, 2007, the district court issued its decision certifying the class for each regional market. On February 20, 2008, defendants filed a Motion for Reconsideration of the Class Certification Order, which is still pending. Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Approval of the Class Notice Plan on September 25, 2009, but

the Court denied the Motion as premature and ordered the entire case stayed until the 9th Circuit issues its en banc opinion in *Dukes v*. *Wal-Mart*, 509 F.3d 1168 (9th Cir. 2007), a case that may change the standard for granting class certification in the 9th Circuit. On April 26, 2010, the 9th Circuit issued its opinion adopting

a new class certification standard which will require district courts to resolve Rule 23 factual disputes that overlap with the merits of the case. In response, the defendants asked the court to set a hearing date for argument on our Motion for Reconsideration of the Class Certification Order. On July 30, 2010, Plaintiffs filed a motion to lift the stay of proceedings in the case. On October 13, 2010 the district court granted plaintiffs request to lift the stay and denied defendants motion to reconsider the decision to grant class certification. The court also ordered the parties to meet and confer on a joint stipulation for proceeding with class notification and discovery. On November 2, 2010, Live Nation filed a motion for leave to appeal the court s Order Denying Reconsideration and Lifting the Stay on the Case. Plaintiffs filed their opposition on November 8, 2010, and Live Nation filed its reply on November 12, 2010. The parties are in the process of negotiating a discovery schedule. On January 4, 2011, the court denied our request for leave to file an appeal. In the Master Separation and Distribution Agreement between us and Live Nation that was entered into in connection with the spin-off of Live Nation in December 2005, Live Nation agreed, among other things, to assume responsibility for legal actions existing at the time of, or initiated after, the spin-off in which we are a defendant if such actions relate in any material respect to the business of Live Nation. Pursuant to the Agreement, Live Nation also agreed to indemnify us with respect to all liabilities assumed by Live Nation, including those pertaining to the claims discussed above.

On or about July 12, 2006 and April 12, 2007, two of our operating businesses (L&C Outdoor Ltda. (L&C) and Publicidad Klimes Sao Paulo Ltda. (Klimes), respectively) in the Sao Paulo, Brazil market received notices of infraction from the state taxing authority, seeking to impose a value added tax (VAT) on such businesses, retroactively for the period from December 31, 2001 through January 31, 2006. The taxing authority contends that our businesses fall within the definition of communication services and as such are subject to the VAT.

We have filed petitions to challenge the imposition of this tax against each of our businesses, which are proceeding separately. Our challenge for L&C was unsuccessful at the first administrative level, but successful at the second administrative level. The state taxing authority filed an appeal to the third and final administrative level, which required consideration by a full panel of 16 administrative law judges. On September 27, 2010, we received an unfavorable ruling at this final administrative level concluding that the VAT applied to L&C and intend to appeal this ruling to the judicial level. We have filed a petition to have the case remanded to the second administrative level for consideration of the reasonableness of the amount of the penalty assessed against us. The amounts allegedly owed by L&C are approximately \$9.3 million in taxes, approximately \$18.6 million in penalties and approximately \$25.8 million in interest (as of December 31, 2010 at an exchange rate of .58).

Our challenge for Klimes was unsuccessful at the first administrative level, and denied at the second administrative level on or about September 24, 2009. On January 5, 2011, the administrative law judges at the third administrative level published a ruling that the VAT applies to Klimes as well but did reduce the penalty assessed by the state taxing authority. With the penalty reduction, the amounts allegedly owed by Klimes are approximately \$10.5 million in taxes, approximately \$5.2 million in penalties and approximately \$16.1 million in interest (as of December 31, 2010 at an exchange rate of ..58). In mid-January 2011, the taxing authority filed an extraordinary appeal to the third administrative level, asking that it reconsider the decision to reduce the penalty assessed against Klimes. The president of the third administrative level must decide whether to accept that appeal before it can proceed. Based on our review of the law in similar cases in other Brazilian states, we have not accrued any costs related to these claims and believe the occurrence of loss is not probable.

## PART II

#### ITEM 5. Market for Registrant s Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

#### **Market Information**

There is no established public trading market for our stock. Clear Channel Capital I directly owns all of our issued and outstanding stock. All of Clear Channel Capital I s issued and outstanding equity interests are directly owned by Clear Channel Capital II, LLC, and all of the issued and outstanding equity interests of Clear Channel Capital II, LLC are owned by CCMH. All equity interests in CCMH are owned, directly or indirectly, by the Sponsors and their co-investors, public investors and certain employees of CCMH and its subsidiaries, including certain executive officers and directors.

#### **Dividend Policy**

We have not paid cash dividends on the shares of our common stock since the merger and our ability to pay dividends is subject to restrictions should we seek to do so in the future. Our debt financing arrangements include restrictions on our ability to pay dividends. See Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources Sources of Capital.

### **Sales of Unregistered Securities**

We did not sell any equity securities during 2010 that were not registered under the Securities Act of 1933.

### **Purchases of Equity Securities**

We did not purchase any of our equity securities during the fourth quarter of 2010.



#### ITEM 6. Selected Financial Data

As permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC, the financial statements and related footnotes included in Item 6 and Item 8 of Part II of this Annual Report on Form 10-K are those of Clear Channel Capital I, LLC (Clear Channel Capital I), the direct parent of Clear Channel Communications, Inc., a Texas corporation (Clear Channel or Subsidiary Issuer), and contain certain footnote disclosures regarding the financial information of Clear Channel and Clear Channel s domestic wholly-owned subsidiaries that guarantee certain of Clear Channel s outstanding indebtedness. All other financial information and other data and information contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K is that of Clear Channel, unless otherwise indicated. Accordingly, all references in Item 6 and Item 7 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K to we, us and our refer to Clear Channel and its consolidated subsidiaries.

The following tables set forth our and Clear Channel Capital I s summary historical consolidated financial and other data as of the dates and for the periods indicated. The summary historical financial data are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements. Historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for future periods. Acquisitions and dispositions impact the comparability of the historical consolidated financial data reflected in this schedule of Selected Financial Data.

The summary historical consolidated financial and other data should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations' and our consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto located within Item 8 of Part II of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2008 is comprised of two periods: post-merger and pre-merger. We applied purchase accounting adjustments to the opening balance sheet on July 31, 2008 as the merger occurred at the close of business on July 30, 2008. The merger resulted in a new basis of accounting beginning on July 31, 2008. For additional discussion regarding the pre-merger and post-merger periods, please refer to the consolidated financial statements located within Item 8 of Part II of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

(In thousands)	For the Years Ended December 31,				
	2010	2009	2008	2007 (1)	2006
	Post-Merger	Post-Merger	Combined	Pre-Merger	Pre-Merger
Results of Operations Data:	C C	U		U	
Revenue	\$ 5,865,685	\$ 5,551,909	\$ 6,688,683	\$ 6,921,202	\$ 6,567,790
Operating expenses:					
Direct operating expenses (excludes depreciation and amortization)	2,442,167	2,583,263	2,904,444	2,733,004	2,532,444
Selling, general and administrative expenses					
(excludes depreciation and amortization)	1,509,692	1,466,593	1,829,246	1,761,939	1,708,957
Corporate expenses (excludes depreciation and					
amortization)	284,042	253,964	227,945	181,504	196,319
Depreciation and amortization	732,869	765,474	696,830	566,627	600,294
Merger expenses			155,769	6,762	7,633
Impairment charges <sup>(2)</sup>	15,364	4,118,924	5,268,858		
Other operating income (expense) net	(16,710)	(50,837)	28,032	14,113	71,571
Operating income (loss)	864,841	(3,687,146)	(4,366,377)	1,685,479	1,593,714
Interest expense	1,533,341	1,500,866	928,978	451,870	484,063
Gain (loss) on marketable securities	(6,490)	(13,371)	(82,290)	6,742	2,306
Equity in earnings (loss) of nonconsolidated affiliates	5,702	(20,689)	100,019	35,176	37,845
Other income (expense) net	46,455	679,716	126,393	5,326	(8,593)
Income (loss) before income taxes and discontinued					
operations	(622,833)	(4,542,356)	(5,151,233)	1,280,853	1,141,209
Income tax benefit (expense)	159,980	493,320	524,040	(441,148)	(470,443)
Income (loss) before discontinued operations	(462,853)	(4,049,036)	(4,627,193)	839,705	670,766
Income from discontinued operations, net <sup>(3)</sup>			638,391	145,833	52,678
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Consolidated net income (loss)	(462,853)	(4,049,036)	(3,988,802)	985,538	723,444
Less amount attributable to noncontrolling interest	16,236	(14,950)	16,671	47,031	31,927
Net income (loss) attributable to the Company	\$ (479,089)	\$ (4,034,086)	\$ (4,005,473)	\$ 938,507	\$ 691,517

	Pre-Merger		
	For the Seven Months		
	Ended July 30,	For the Years En 31.	
	2008	2007(1)	2006
Net income (loss) per common share:			
Basic:			
Income (loss) attributable to the Company before			
discontinued operations	\$ 0.80	\$ 1.59	\$ 1.27
Discontinued operations	1.29	0.30	0.11
Net income (loss) attributable to the Company	\$ 2.09	\$ 1.89	\$ 1.38
Diluted:			
Income (loss) attributable to the Company before			
discontinued operations	\$ 0.80	\$ 1.59	\$ 1.27
Discontinued operations	1.29	0.29	0.11
Net income (loss) attributable to the Company	\$ 2.09	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.38
Dividends declared per share	\$	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.75

(In thousands)			As of December 31,		
	2010	2009	2008	2007 (1)	2006
Balance Sheet Data:	Post-Merger	Post-Merger	Post-Merger	Pre-Merger	Pre-Merger
Current assets	\$ 3,622,658	\$ 3,658,845	\$ 2,066,555	\$ 2,294,583	\$ 2,205,730
Property, plant and equipment net,					
including discontinued operations	3,145,554	3,332,393	3,548,159	3,215,088	3,236,210
Total assets	17,479,867	18,047,101	21,125,463	18,805,528	18,886,455
Current liabilities	2,118,064	1,544,136	1,845,946	2,813,277	1,663,846
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	19,739,617	20,303,126	18,940,697	5,214,988	7,326,700
Member s interest (deficit)/ shareholders					
equity	(7,204,686)	(6,844,738)	(2,916,231)	9,233,851	8,391,733

- (1) Effective January 1, 2007, we adopted FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, codified in ASC 740-10. In accordance with the provisions of ASC 740-10, the effects of adoption were accounted for as a cumulative-effect adjustment recorded to the balance of retained earnings on the date of adoption. The adoption of ASC 740-10 resulted in a decrease of \$0.2 million to the January 1, 2007 balance of Retained deficit, an increase of \$101.7 million in Other long term-liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits and a decrease of \$123.0 million in Deferred income taxes.
- (2) We recorded non-cash impairment charges of \$15.4 million during 2010. We also recorded non-cash impairment charges of \$4.1 billion in 2009 and \$5.3 billion in 2008 as a result of the global economic downturn which adversely affected advertising revenues across our businesses. Our impairment charges are discussed more fully in Item 8 of Part II of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.
- (3) Includes the results of operations of our television business, which we sold on March 14, 2008, and certain of our non-core radio stations.

#### ITEM 7. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

#### **OVERVIEW**

#### **Executive Summary**

The key highlights of our business for the year ended December 31, 2010 are summarized below:

Consolidated revenue increased \$313.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2010 compared to 2009, primarily as a result of improved economic conditions.

Radio revenue increased \$161.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2010 compared to 2009, primarily as a result of increased average rates per minute driven by increased demand for both national and local advertising.

Americas outdoor revenue increased \$51.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2010 compared to 2009, driven by revenue growth across our advertising inventory, particularly digital.

International outdoor revenue increased \$48.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2010 compared to 2009, primarily as a result of increased revenue from street furniture across most countries, partially offset by a decrease from movements in foreign exchange of \$10.3 million.

Our subsidiary, Clear Channel Investments, Inc. ( CC Investments ), repurchased \$185.2 million aggregate principal amount of our senior toggle notes for \$125.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2010.

We repaid \$240.0 million upon the maturity of our 4.50% senior notes due 2010 during the year ended December 31, 2010.

During 2010, we repaid our remaining 7.65% senior notes upon maturity for \$138.8 million with proceeds from our delayed draw term loan facility that was specifically designated for this purpose.

During 2010, we received \$132.3 million in Federal income tax refunds.

On October 15, 2010, Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings, Inc. (CCOH), our subsidiary, transferred its interest in its Branded Cities operations to its joint venture partner, The Ellman Companies. We recorded a loss of \$25.3 million in Other operating income (expense) net related to the transfer.

We performed impairment tests on our goodwill, FCC licenses, billboard permits, and other intangible assets and recorded impairment charges of \$15.4 million. Please see the notes to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 8 of Part II of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for a more complete description of the impairment charges.

The key highlights of our business for the year ended December 31, 2009 are summarized below:

Consolidated revenue decreased \$1.14 billion for the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to 2008, primarily as a result of weakness in advertising and the global economy.

Radio revenue declined \$557.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to 2008, primarily as a result of decreases in local and national advertising demand.

Americas outdoor revenue decreased \$192.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to 2008, driven by declines in bulletin, poster and transit revenues due to cancellations and non-renewals from larger national advertisers.

International outdoor revenue decreased \$399.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to 2008, primarily as a result of weak advertising demand across most countries. Also contributing to the decline was \$118.5 million from movements in foreign exchange.

We recorded a \$21.3 million impairment to taxi contract intangible assets in our Americas outdoor segment, a \$55.0 million impairment primarily related to street furniture tangible assets and contract intangible assets in our International outdoor segment and an \$11.3 million impairment related to corporate assets under ASC 360-10.

We performed impairment tests on our goodwill, FCC licenses, billboard permits, and other intangible assets and recorded impairment charges of \$4.1 billion. We had previously recorded impairment charges of \$5.3 billion as of December 31, 2008. Please see the notes to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 8 of Part II of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for a more complete description of the impairment charges.

Our subsidiary, Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc. ( CCWH ), issued \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of Series A Senior Notes due 2017 and \$2.0 billion aggregate principal amount of Series B Senior Notes due 2017.

Our wholly-owned subsidiaries, CC Finco, LLC, and Clear Channel Acquisition, LLC (previously known as CC Finco II, LLC), repurchased an aggregate \$1.2 billion of our debt through open market repurchases, privately negotiated transactions and tenders. Cash paid to repurchase the debt was \$343.5 million.

On December 31, 2009, our subsidiary Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc. ( CCOI ) disposed of Clear Channel Taxi Media, LLC, our taxi advertising business and recorded a loss of \$20.9 million.

#### **Format of Presentation**

Management s discussion and analysis of our results of operations and financial condition should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related footnotes. Our discussion is presented on both a consolidated and segment basis. Our reportable operating segments are radio broadcasting (radio or radio broadcasting), which includes our national syndication business, Americas Outdoor Advertising (Americas outdoor or Americas outdoor advertising), and International Outdoor Advertising (International outdoor or International outdoor advertising). Included in the other segment are our media representation business, Katz Media, as well as other general support services and initiatives.

We manage our operating segments primarily focusing on their operating income, while Corporate expenses, Merger expenses, Impairment charges, Other operating income (expense) - net, Interest expense, Gain (loss) on marketable securities, Equity in earnings (loss) of nonconsolidated affiliates, Other income (expense) - net, Income tax benefit (expense) and Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net are managed on a total company basis and are, therefore, included only in our discussion of consolidated results.

#### Certain Credit Agreement EBITDA Adjustments

In the fourth quarter of 2008, CCMH initiated a restructuring program targeting a reduction in fixed costs through renegotiations of lease agreements, workforce reductions, the elimination of overlapping functions and other cost savings initiatives (the restructuring program ). This restructuring program was substantially complete as of December 31, 2010.

Our senior secured credit facilities allow us to adjust the calculation of consolidated EBITDA (as calculated in accordance with our senior secured credit facilities) for certain charges. These charges include restructuring costs of \$47.3 million, \$164.4 million and \$95.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively. In addition, certain other charges, including costs related to the closure and/or consolidation of facilities, retention charges, systems establishment costs, costs related to refinancing and acquisition and consulting fees incurred in connection with any of the foregoing, among other items, are also adjustments to the calculation of consolidated EBITDA. For the year ended December 31, 2010, we adjusted our consolidated EBITDA calculation for an additional \$8.6 million. See *Sources of Capital* below for a description of the calculation of our consolidated EBITDA pursuant to the senior secured credit facilities.

#### **Radio Broadcasting**

Our revenue is derived from selling advertising time, or spots, on our radio stations, with advertising contracts typically less than one year in duration. The programming formats of our radio stations are designed to reach audiences with targeted demographic characteristics that appeal to our advertisers. Management monitors average advertising rates, which are principally based on the length of the spot and how many people in a targeted audience listen to our stations, as measured by an independent ratings service. Also, our advertising rates are influenced by the time of day the advertisement airs, with morning and evening drive-time hours typically highest priced. Management monitors yield per available minute in addition to average rates because yield allows management to track revenue performance across our inventory. Yield is measured by management in a variety of ways, including revenue earned divided by minutes of advertising sold.

Management monitors macro level indicators to assess our radio operations performance. Due to the geographic diversity and autonomy of our markets, we have a multitude of market specific advertising rates and audience demographics. Therefore, management reviews average unit rates across each of our stations.

Management looks at our radio operations overall revenue as well as the revenue from each type of advertising, including local advertising, which is sold predominately in a station s local market, and national advertising, which is sold across multiple markets. Local advertising is sold by each radio station s sales staff while national advertising is sold, for the most part, through our national representation firm. Local advertising, which is our largest source of advertising revenue, and national advertising revenues are tracked separately because these revenue streams have different sales forces and respond differently to changes in the economic environment. We periodically review and refine our selling structures in all markets in an effort to maximize the value of our offering to advertisers and, therefore, our revenue.

Management also looks at radio revenue by market size. Typically, larger markets can reach larger audiences with wider demographics than smaller markets. Additionally, management reviews our share of radio advertising revenues in markets where such information is available, as well as our share of target demographics listening to the radio in an average quarter hour. This metric gauges how well our formats are attracting and retaining listeners.

A portion of our radio segment s expenses vary in connection with changes in revenue. These variable expenses primarily relate to costs in our sales department, such as commissions and bad debt. Our programming and general and administrative departments incur most of our fixed costs, such as talent costs, rights fees, utilities and office salaries. We incur discretionary costs in our marketing and promotions, which we primarily use in an effort to maintain and/or increase our audience share. Lastly, we have incentive systems in each of our departments which provide for bonus payments based on specific performance metrics, including ratings, sales levels, pricing and overall profitability.

#### Americas and International Outdoor Advertising

Our revenue is derived from selling advertising space on the displays we own or operate in key markets worldwide, consisting primarily of billboards, street furniture and transit displays. We own the majority of our advertising displays, which typically are located on sites that we either lease or own or for which we have acquired permanent easements. Our advertising contracts with clients typically outline the number of displays reserved, the duration of the advertising campaign and the unit price per display.

Our advertising rates are based on a number of different factors including location, competition, size of display, illumination, market and gross ratings points. Gross ratings points are the total number of impressions delivered by a display or group of displays, expressed as a percentage of a market population. The number of impressions delivered by a display is measured by the number of people passing the site during a defined period of time and, in some international markets, is weighted to account for such factors as illumination, proximity to other displays and the speed and viewing angle of approaching traffic. Management typically monitors our business by reviewing the average rates, average revenue per display, or yield, occupancy, and inventory levels of each of our display types by market. In addition, because a significant portion of our advertising operations are conducted in foreign markets, primarily Europe and China, management reviews the operating results from our foreign operations on a constant dollar basis. A constant dollar basis allows for comparison of operations independent of foreign exchange movements.

The significant expenses associated with our operations include (i) direct production, maintenance and installation expenses, (ii) site lease expenses for land under our displays and (iii) revenue-sharing or minimum guaranteed amounts payable under our billboard, street furniture and transit display contracts. Our direct production, maintenance and installation expenses include costs for printing, transporting and changing the advertising copy on our displays, the related labor costs, the vinyl and paper costs and the costs for cleaning and maintaining our displays. Vinyl and paper costs vary according to the complexity of the advertising copy and the quantity of displays. Our site lease expenses include lease payments for use of the land under our displays, as well as any revenue-sharing arrangements or minimum guaranteed amounts payable that we may have with the landlords. The terms of our site leases and revenue-sharing or minimum guaranteed contracts generally range from one to 20 years.

In our International business, normal market practice is to sell space on billboards and street furniture as network packages with contract terms typically ranging from one to two weeks, compared to contract terms typically ranging from four weeks to one year in the U.S. In addition, competitive bidding for street furniture and transit display contracts, which constitute a larger portion of our International business, and a different regulatory environment for billboards, result in higher site lease cost in our International business compared to our Americas business. As a result, our margins are typically lower in our International business than in the Americas.

Our street furniture and transit display contracts with municipal agencies, the terms of which range from three to 20 years, generally require us to make upfront investments in property, plant and equipment. These contracts may also include upfront lease payments and/or minimum annual guaranteed lease payments. We can give no assurance that our cash flows from operations over the terms of these contracts will exceed the upfront and minimum required payments.

#### THE COMPARISON OF YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 TO YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 IS AS FOLLOWS:

(In thousands)	Years ended December 31,		
	2010	2009	% Change
Revenue	\$ 5,865,685	\$ 5,551,909	6%
Operating expenses:			
Direct operating expenses (excludes depreciation and amortization)	2,442,167	2,583,263	(5%)
Selling, general and administrative expenses (excludes depreciation and			
amortization)	1,509,692	1,466,593	3%
Corporate expenses (excludes depreciation and amortization)	284,042	253,964	12%
Depreciation and amortization	732,869	765,474	(4%)
Impairment charges	15,364	4,118,924	
Other operating expense net	(16,710)	(50,837)	
Operating income (loss)	864,841	(3,687,146)	
Interest expense	1,533,341	1,500,866	
Loss on marketable securities	(6,490)	(13,371)	
Equity in earnings (loss) of nonconsolidated affiliates	5,702	(20,689)	
Other income net	46,455	679,716	
Loss before income taxes	(622,833)	(4,542,356)	
Income tax benefit	159,980	493,320	
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Consolidated net loss	(462,853)	(4,049,036)	
Less amount attributable to noncontrolling interest	16,236	(14,950)	
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Net loss attributable to the Company	\$ (479,089)	\$ (4,034,086)	

#### **Consolidated Results of Operations**

#### Revenue

Consolidated revenue increased \$313.8 million during 2010 compared to 2009. Our radio broadcasting revenue increased \$161.7 million driven by increases in both national and local advertising from average rates per minute. Americas outdoor revenue increased \$51.9 million, driven by revenue increases across most of our advertising inventory, particularly digital. Our International outdoor revenue increased \$48.1 million, primarily due to revenue growth from street furniture across most countries, partially offset by a \$10.3 million decrease from movements in foreign exchange. Other revenue increased \$61.0 million compared to the same period of 2009, primarily from stronger national advertising in our media representation business.

#### **Direct Operating Expenses**

Direct operating expenses decreased \$141.1 million during 2010 compared to 2009. Our radio broadcasting direct operating expenses decreased \$81.6 million, primarily from a \$29.9 million decline in expenses incurred in connection with our restructuring program from which cost savings resulted in declines of \$26.7 million and \$11.0 million in programming expenses and compensation expenses, respectively. Americas outdoor direct operating expenses decreased \$19.5 million, primarily as a result of the disposition of our taxi advertising business, partially offset by an increase in site lease expenses associated with the increase in revenue. Direct operating expenses in our International outdoor segment decreased \$45.6 million, primarily as a result of a \$20.4 million decline in expenses incurred in connection with our restructuring program in addition to decreased site lease expenses associated with cost savings from our restructuring program, and included an \$8.2 million decrease from movements in foreign exchange.

#### Selling, General and Administrative ( SG&A ) Expenses

Consolidated SG&A expenses increased \$43.1 million during 2010 compared to 2009. Our radio broadcasting SG&A expenses increased \$47.6 million, primarily as a result of increased bonus and commission expense associated with the increase in revenue. SG&A expenses increased \$16.6 million in our Americas outdoor segment, primarily as a result of increased selling and marketing costs associated with the increase in revenue in addition to the unfavorable impact of litigation. Our International outdoor SG&A expenses decreased \$6.3 million, primarily as a result of a decrease in business tax related to a change in French tax law, and included a \$2.3 million decrease from movements in foreign exchange.

#### Corporate Expenses

Corporate expenses increased \$30.1 million during 2010 compared to 2009, primarily due to a \$49.9 million increase in bonus expense from improved operating performance and a \$53.8 million increase primarily related to headcount from centralization efforts and the expansion of corporate capabilities. Partially offsetting the 2010 increase was \$23.5 million related to an unfavorable outcome of litigation recorded in 2009, a \$22.6 million decrease in expenses during 2010 associated with our restructuring program and an \$18.6 million decrease related to various corporate accruals.

#### Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization decreased \$32.6 million during 2010 compared to 2009, primarily as a result of assets in our International outdoor segment that became fully amortized during 2009. Additionally, 2009 included \$8.0 million of additional amortization expense associated with the finalization of purchase price allocations to the acquired intangible assets in our Radio segment.

#### **Impairment Charges**

We performed our annual impairment test on October 1, 2010 on our goodwill, FCC licenses, billboard permits, and other intangible assets and recorded impairment charges of \$15.4 million. We also performed impairment tests on our goodwill, FCC licenses, billboard permits, and other intangible assets in 2009 and recorded impairment charges of \$4.1 billion. Please see the notes to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 8 of Part II of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for a further description of the impairment charges.

#### Other Operating Expense - Net

Other operating expense of \$16.7 million for 2010 primarily related to a \$25.3 million loss recorded as a result of the transfer of our subsidiary s interest in its Branded Cities business, partially offset by a \$6.2 million gain on the sale of representation contracts.

The \$50.8 million expense for 2009 is primarily related to a \$42.0 million loss on the sale and exchange of radio stations and a \$20.9 million loss on the sale of our taxi advertising business. The losses were partially offset by a \$10.1 million gain on the sale of Americas and International outdoor assets.

#### Interest Expense

Interest expense increased \$32.5 million during 2010 compared to 2009, primarily as a result of the issuance of \$2.5 billion in subsidiary senior notes in December 2009. This increase was partially offset by decreased interest expense due to maturities of the 4.5% senior notes due January 2010, repurchases of senior toggle notes during the first quarter of 2010, repurchases of senior notes during the fourth quarter of 2009 and prepayment of \$2.0 billion of term loans in December 2009. Our weighted average cost of debt for 2010 and 2009 was 6.1% and 5.8%, respectively.

#### Loss on Marketable Securities

The loss on marketable securities of \$6.5 million and \$13.4 million in 2010 and 2009, respectively, related primarily to the impairment of Independent News & Media PLC (INM). The fair value of INM was below cost for an extended period of time. As a result, we considered the guidance in ASC 320-10-S99 and reviewed the length of the time and the extent to which the market was less than cost and the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer. After this assessment, we concluded that the impairment at each date was other than temporary and recorded non-cash impairment charges to our investment in INM as noted above.

#### Equity in Earnings (Loss) of Nonconsolidated Affiliates

Equity in earnings of nonconsolidated affiliates increased in 2010 and was partially offset by an \$8.3 million impairment of an equity investment in our International outdoor segment. Equity in loss of nonconsolidated affiliates for 2009 included a \$22.9 million impairment of equity investments in our International outdoor segment in addition to a \$4.0 million loss on the sale of a portion of our investment in Grupo ACIR Communicaciones (Grupo ACIR).

Other Income (Expense) Net

Other income of \$46.5 million in 2010 primarily related to an aggregate gain of \$60.3 million on the repurchase of our senior toggle notes partially offset by a \$12.8 million foreign exchange loss on the translation of short-term intercompany notes. Please refer to the *Debt Repurchases, Tender Offers, Maturities and Other* section within this Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations (MD&A) for additional discussion of the repurchase.

Other income of \$679.7 million in 2009 relates to an aggregate gain of \$368.6 million on the repurchases of certain of our senior notes and an aggregate gain of \$373.7 million on the repurchases of certain of our senior toggle notes and senior cash pay notes. The gains on extinguishment of debt were partially offset by a \$29.3 million loss related to loan costs associated with the \$2.0 billion retirement of certain of our outstanding senior secured debt. Please refer to the *Debt Repurchases, Tender Offers, Maturities and Other* section within this MD&A for additional discussion of the repurchases and debt retirement.

#### Income Taxes

The effective tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2010 was 25.7% as compared to 10.9% for the year ended December 31, 2009. The effective tax rate for 2010 was impacted by our inability to benefit from tax losses in certain foreign jurisdictions due to the uncertainty of the ability to utilize those losses in future years. In addition, we recorded a valuation allowance of \$13.6 million in 2010 against deferred tax assets related to capital allowances in foreign jurisdictions due to the uncertainty of the ability to realize those assets in future periods.

The effective tax rate for 2009 was impacted by the goodwill impairment charges, which are not deductible for tax purposes, along with our inability to benefit from tax losses in certain foreign jurisdictions as discussed above.

#### **Radio Broadcasting Results of Operations**

Our radio broadcasting operating results were as follows:

(In thousands)	Years Ended December 31,			
	2010	2009	% Change	
Revenue	\$ 2,898,087	\$ 2,736,404	6%	
Direct operating expenses	820,214	901,799	(9%)	
SG&A expenses	981,094	933,505	5%	
Depreciation and amortization	256,673	261,246	(2%)	
Operating income	\$ 840,106	\$ 639,854	31%	

Radio broadcasting revenue increased \$161.7 million during 2010 compared to 2009, driven primarily by a \$79.5 million increase in national advertising and a \$51.0 million increase in local advertising. Average rates per minute increased during 2010 compared to 2009 as a result of improved economic conditions. Increases occurred across various advertising categories including automotive, political, food and beverage and healthcare.

Direct operating expenses during 2010 decreased \$81.6 million compared to 2009, primarily from a \$29.9 million decline in expenses incurred in connection with our restructuring program. Cost savings from our restructuring program resulted in declines of \$26.7 million and \$11.0 million in programming expenses and compensation expenses, respectively. Direct operating expenses declined further from the non-renewals of sports contracts, offset by the impact of \$8.0 million associated with the finalization of purchase accounting during the first nine months of 2009. SG&A expenses increased \$47.6 million, primarily as a result of a \$26.6 million increase in bonus and commission expense associated with the increase in revenue in addition to a \$24.1 million increase in selling and marketing expenses.

Depreciation and amortization decreased \$4.6 million during 2010 compared to 2009. The 2009 results included \$8.0 million of additional amortization expense associated with the finalization of purchase price allocations to the acquired intangible assets.

#### **Americas Outdoor Advertising Results of Operations**

#### Disposition of Taxi Business

On December 31, 2009, our subsidiary CCOI disposed of Clear Channel Taxi Media, LLC ( Taxis ), our taxi advertising business. For the year ended December 31, 2009, Taxis contributed \$41.5 million in revenue, \$39.8 million in direct operating expenses and \$10.5 million in SG&A expenses.

Our Americas outdoor operating results were as follows:

(In thousands)	Years Ended December 31,		
	2010	2009	% Change
Revenue	\$ 1,290,014	\$ 1,238,171	4%
Direct operating expenses	588,592	608,078	(3%)
SG&A expenses	218,776	202,196	8%
Depreciation and amortization	209,127	210,280	(1%)
Operating income	\$ 273,519	\$ 217,617	26%

Americas outdoor revenue increased \$51.9 million during 2010 compared to 2009 as a result of revenue growth across most of our advertising inventory, particularly digital. The increase was driven by increases in both occupancy and rate. Partially offsetting the revenue increase was the decrease in revenue related to the sale of Taxis.

Direct operating expenses decreased \$19.5 million during 2010 compared to 2009. The decline in direct operating expenses was due to the disposition of Taxis, partially offset by a \$20.2 million increase in site-lease expenses associated with the increase in revenue. SG&A expenses increased \$16.6 million as a result of a \$6.3 million increase primarily related to the unfavorable impact of litigation, a \$4.7 million increase in consulting costs and a \$6.2 million increase primarily due to bonus and commission expenses associated with the increase in revenue, partially offset by the disposition of Taxis.

### International Outdoor Advertising Results of Operations

Our International outdoor operating results were as follows:

(In thousands)	Years Ended	Years Ended December 31,		
	2010	2009	% Change	
Revenue	\$ 1,507,980	\$ 1,459,853	3%	
Direct operating expenses	971,380	1,017,005	(4%)	
SG&A expenses	275,880	282,208	(2%)	
Depreciation and amortization	204,461	229,367	(11%)	
Operating income (loss)	\$ 56,259	\$ (68,727)		

International outdoor revenue increased \$48.1 million during 2010 compared to 2009, primarily as a result of revenue growth from street furniture across most countries, partially offset by the exit from the businesses in Greece and India. Foreign exchange movements negatively impacted revenue by \$10.3 million.

Direct operating expenses decreased \$45.6 million during 2010 compared to 2009, primarily as a result of a \$20.4 million decrease in expenses incurred in connection with our restructuring program and a \$15.6 million decline in site-lease expenses associated with cost savings from our restructuring program. Also contributing to the decreased expenses was the exit from the businesses in Greece and India and an \$8.2 million decrease from movements in foreign exchange. SG&A expenses decreased \$6.3 million during 2010 compared to 2009, primarily as a result of a \$5.4 million decrease in business tax related to a change in French tax law and a \$2.3 million decrease from movements in foreign exchange.

Depreciation and amortization decreased \$24.9 million during 2010 compared to 2009 primarily as a result of assets that became fully amortized during 2009.

Reconciliation of Segment Operating Income (Loss) to Consolidated Operating Income (Loss)

(In thousands)	Years Ended	Years Ended December 31,	
	2010	2009	
Radio broadcasting	\$ 840,106	\$ 639,854	
Americas outdoor advertising	273,519	217,617	
International outdoor advertising	56,259	(68,727)	
Other	20,716	(43,963)	
Impairment charges	(15,364)	(4,118,924)	
Other operating expense - net	(16,710)	(50,837)	
Corporate expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	(293,685)	(262,166)	
Consolidated operating income (loss)	\$ 864,841	\$ (3,687,146)	

(1) Corporate expenses include expenses related to radio broadcasting, Americas outdoor, International outdoor and our other segment. THE COMPARISON OF YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 TO YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 IS AS FOLLOWS: