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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Form 10-Q**

(Mark One)

- QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2006**
- OR**
- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Commission file number: 1-32381**

**HERBALIFE LTD.**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Cayman Islands**

*(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)*

**98-0377871**

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

**c/o Herbalife International, Inc.**

**1800 Century Park East**

**Los Angeles, CA 90067**

*(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)*

**(310) 410-9600**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**P.O. Box 309GT**

**Ugland House, South Church Street**

**Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands**

*(Former Address if changed since last report)*

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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

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer

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

Number of shares of registrant's common shares outstanding as of November 7, 2006 was 71,273,602.

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Filed with the Quarterly Report of the Company on Form 10-Q  
For the Three and Nine Months ended September 30, 2006**

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	<b>December 31, 2005</b>	<b>September 30, 2006 (Unaudited)</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except share amounts)</b>	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 88,248	\$ 123,273
Receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$4,678 (2005) and \$5,125 (2006)	37,266	47,932
Inventories	109,785	124,230
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	40,667	44,813
Deferred income taxes	23,585	35,550
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>299,551</b>	<b>375,798</b>
Property, at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$30,819 (2005) and \$50,312 (2006)	64,946	94,606
Deferred compensation plan assets	13,149	16,758
Other assets	7,510	10,714
Deferred financing costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$3,749 (2005) and \$188 (2006)	3,531	2,089
Marketing related intangibles	310,000	310,000
Product certification, product formulas and other intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$17,792 (2005) and \$20,117 (2006)	4,908	2,583
Goodwill	134,206	125,096
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 837,801</b>	<b>\$ 937,644</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 39,156	\$ 41,830
Royalty overrides	87,401	108,903
Accrued compensation	32,570	42,309
Accrued expenses	93,597	102,009
Current portion of long term debt	9,816	7,098

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Advance sales deposits	10,874	7,450
Income taxes payable	12,043	21,816
Total current liabilities	285,457	331,415
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Long term debt, net of current portion	253,276	180,693
Deferred compensation	15,145	16,561
Deferred income taxes	112,714	102,230
Other non-current liabilities	2,321	7,400
Total liabilities	668,913	638,299
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		
SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY:		
Preference shares, \$0.002 par value, 7.5 million shares authorized and unissued		
Common shares, \$0.002 par value, 175 million shares authorized, 69.9 million (2005) and 71.3 million (2006) shares issued and outstanding	140	142
Additional paid in capital	89,508	120,625
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	605	(1,546)
Retained earnings	78,635	180,124
Total shareholders equity	168,888	299,345
TOTAL	\$ 837,801	\$ 937,644

See the accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

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	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30, 2005</b>	<b>September 30, 2006</b>	<b>September 30, 2005</b>	<b>September 30, 2006</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>			
	<b>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</b>			
Product sales	\$ 345,761	\$ 412,788	\$ 997,384	\$ 1,209,233
Handling & freight income	55,236	63,586	160,340	188,916
Net sales	400,997	476,374	1,157,724	1,398,149
Cost of sales	79,482	97,159	232,592	281,165
Gross profit	321,515	379,215	925,132	1,116,984
Royalty overrides	138,618	168,658	410,875	501,307
Selling, general & administrative expenses	121,584	146,070	349,430	421,995
Operating income	61,313	64,487	164,827	193,682
Interest expense, net	7,950	25,869	37,598	36,839
Income before income taxes	53,363	38,618	127,229	156,843
Income taxes	26,226	12,151	64,042	55,354
NET INCOME	\$ 27,137	\$ 26,467	\$ 63,187	\$ 101,489
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.92	\$ 1.44
Diluted	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.87	\$ 1.37
Weighted average shares outstanding:				
Basic	69,077	71,179	68,800	70,593
Diluted	73,455	74,257	72,373	74,173

See the accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

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	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>	<b>September 30,</b>
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net income	\$ 63,187	\$ 101,489
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	27,749	21,857
Stock-based compensation expenses	2,567	8,340
Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements		(15,558)
Amortization of discount and deferred financing costs	1,098	755
Deferred income taxes	6,397	(21,399)
Unrealized foreign exchange gain	(2,303)	(952)
Write-off of deferred financing costs and unamortized discounts	5,388	6,621
Other	511	284
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	(11,185)	(9,223)
Inventories	(17,703)	(13,045)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	11,102	(4,255)
Changes in other assets	7	(2,836)
Accounts payable	4,638	821
Royalty overrides	(957)	20,085
Accrued expenses and accrued compensation	12,281	20,056
Advance sales deposits	8,578	(3,708)
Income taxes payable	19,066	34,262
Deferred compensation liability	464	1,415
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>\$ 130,885</b>	<b>\$ 145,009</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Purchases of property	(21,761)	(45,526)
Proceeds from sale of property	33	63
Deferred compensation plan assets	(1,027)	(3,609)
Other		(38)
<b>NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>\$ (22,755)</b>	<b>\$ (49,110)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Borrowings from long term debt	172	215,000
Principal payments on long term debt	(91,700)	(132,020)
Repurchases of 91/2% Notes and 113/4% Notes	(110,000)	(165,137)
Increase in deferred financing costs		(2,277)



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Exercise of stock options	1,599	7,178
Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements		15,558
Other	(374)	
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	\$ (200,303)	\$ (61,698)
EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH	(4,224)	824
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(96,397)	35,025
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	201,577	88,248
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	\$ 105,180	\$ 123,273
CASH PAID FOR:		
Interest	\$ 28,003	\$ 36,469
Income taxes	\$ 35,846	\$ 42,481
NON-CASH ACTIVITIES:		
Accrued capital expenditures	\$ 540	\$ 3,569

See the accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. Organization**

Herbalife Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted limited liability company ( Herbalife or the Company ), incorporated on April 4, 2002, and its direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries, WH Intermediate Holdings Ltd., a Cayman Islands company ( WH Intermediate ), WH Luxembourg Holdings S.à.R.L., a Luxembourg unipersonal limited liability company ( Lux Holdings ), WH Luxembourg CM S.à.R.L., a Luxembourg unipersonal limited liability company, and WH Acquisition Corp., a Nevada corporation ( WH Acquisition ), were formed on behalf of Whitney & Co., LLC ( Whitney ) and Golden Gate Private Equity, Inc. ( Golden Gate ), in order to acquire Herbalife International, Inc., a Nevada corporation, and its subsidiaries (collectively, Herbalife International ) on July 31, 2002 (the Acquisition ). Herbalife and its subsidiaries are referred to collectively herein as the Company.

***IPO Recapitalization***

On December 16, 2004, Herbalife completed an initial public offering of its common shares (the IPO ), as part of a series of recapitalization transactions, including:

a tender offer for \$159.8 million of the outstanding 113/4% senior subordinated notes due 2010 (the 113/4% Notes ), issued by Herbalife International;

the replacement of Herbalife International s existing \$205.0 million senior credit facility with a new \$225.0 million senior credit facility;

the payment of a \$139.8 million special cash dividend to the pre-IPO shareholders of Herbalife; and

the amendment of Herbalife s Memorandum and Articles of Association to: (1) effect a 1:2 reverse stock split of Herbalife s common shares; (2) increase Herbalife s authorized common shares to 500 million shares; and (3) increase Herbalife s authorized preference shares to 7.5 million shares, all of which took effect on December 1, 2004.

As a planned continuation of the IPO and the recapitalization, Herbalife exercised a contract provision in December 2004 to redeem 40%, or \$110.0 million principal value (excluding a premium of \$10.5 million), of the 91/2% notes due 2011, (the 91/2% Notes ). After the required notice period, this redemption was completed on February 4, 2005. The redemption premium of \$10.5 million and the write-off of deferred financing fees of \$3.7 million associated with this redemption are included in interest expense in the first quarter of 2005.

In connection with the IPO and the recapitalization, the Company incurred \$24.7 million in fees and expenses of which \$19.8 million were associated with the IPO (included in equity) and \$4.9 million were associated with the establishment of a credit facility, all of which were included in deferred financing cost. This credit facility was fully repaid in the third quarter of 2006 and the associated deferred financing costs were written off. See note 4 for discussion.

***Secondary Offering***

On December 19, 2005, Herbalife completed a secondary public offering of 13 million common shares held by certain existing shareholders. The selling shareholders received all net proceeds from the sale of common shares sold in this

offering. Accordingly, Herbalife did not receive any proceeds from the sale of common shares.

## **2. Basis of Presentation**

The unaudited interim financial information of the Company has been prepared in accordance with Article 10 of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Regulation S-X. Accordingly, it does not include all of the information required by generally accepted accounting principals in the U.S. ( GAAP ) for complete financial statements. The Company's consolidated financial statements as of and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2006 include Herbalife and all of its direct and indirect subsidiaries. In the

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opinion of management, the accompanying financial information contains all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, necessary to present fairly the Company's consolidated financial statements as of and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2006. Operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2006.

***New Accounting Pronouncements***

Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted the fair value recognition provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123R, Share-Based Payment (SFAS No. 123R), which generally requires, among other things, that all employee share-based compensation be measured using a fair value method and that the resulting compensation cost be recognized in the financial statements. The Company selected the modified prospective method of adoption. Under this method, compensation expense that the Company recognized for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 included: (a) compensation expense for all share-based payments granted prior to, but not yet vested as of January 1, 2006, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation (SFAS No. 123), and (b) compensation expense for all share-based payments granted on or after January 1, 2006, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 123R. Results for prior periods were not restated. See Note 8 to the consolidated financial statements for more details on stock based compensation.

In June 2006, Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Interpretation No. 48 (FIN 48), Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes was issued in its final version. FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements in accordance with FASB Statement No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. FIN 48 provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. Earlier application of the provisions of FIN 48 is encouraged if the enterprise has not yet issued financial statements, including interim financial statements, in the period FIN 48 is adopted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting FIN 48.

In June 2006, the FASB ratified the consensus of Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) Issue No. 06-3, How Taxes Collected from Customers and Remitted to Governmental Authorities Should Be Presented in the Income Statement (That Is, Gross versus Net Presentation) (EITF 06-3). EITF 06-3 clarifies that the scope of this issue includes any tax assessed by a governmental authority that is directly imposed on a revenue-producing transaction between a seller and a customer and indicates that the income statement presentation on either a gross basis or a net basis of the taxes within the scope of the issue is an accounting policy decision that should be disclosed. Furthermore, for taxes reported on a gross basis, an enterprise should disclose the amounts of those taxes in interim and annual financial statements for each period for which an income statement is presented. The consensus is effective, through retrospective application, for periods beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company is currently evaluating the presentation basis to be utilized in accordance with EITF 06-3.

In September 2006, the FASB issued No. 157, Fair Value Measurement, (SFAS No. 157), which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with GAAP and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The provisions of SFAS No. 157 are effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The Company is currently evaluating the impact, if any, of adopting SFAS No. 157.

In September 2006, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108, Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current year Financial Statements ( SAB 108 ), which provides interpretive guidance on how the effects of the carryover or reversal of prior year misstatements should be considered in quantifying a current year misstatement. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2006 and it allows a one-time transitional cumulative effect adjustment to beginning-of-year retained earnings at the first fiscal year ending after November 15, 2006 for errors

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that were not previously deemed material, but are material under the guidance in SAB 108. The Company is currently evaluating the impact, if any, of adopting SAB 108 on its consolidated financial statements.

***Reclassifications***

Certain reclassifications were made to the prior period consolidated financial statements to conform to current period presentation.

**3. Transactions with related parties**

In 2004, Whitney acquired a 50 percent indirect ownership interest in Shuster Laboratories, Inc. ( Shuster ), a provider of product testing and formula development for Herbalife. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, total purchases from Shuster were zero and \$0.02 million, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, there were no purchases from Shuster.

In 2004, Whitney acquired a 50 percent indirect ownership interest in TBA Entertainment ( TBA ), a provider of creative services to Herbalife. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, payments of \$0.02 million and \$5.71 million were made to TBA for services relating to the 25th Anniversary Extravaganza, of which the majority were reimbursements of extravaganza expenses paid to third parties. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, payments to TBA were \$0.51 million and \$0.61 million, respectively.

In 2004, Golden Gate acquired a 47 percent ownership interest in Leiner Health Products Inc. ( Leiner ), a nutritional manufacturer and supplier of certain Herbalife products. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, total purchases from Leiner were zero and \$0.14 million, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, there were no purchases from Leiner.

In January 2005, Whitney, together with its affiliates, acquired a 77 percent ownership interest in Stauber Performance Ingredients ( Stauber ), a value-added distributor of bulk specialty nutraceutical ingredients. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, total purchases from Stauber were \$0.40 million and \$0.85 million, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, total purchases from Stauber were \$0.06 million and \$0.25 million, respectively.

**4. Long Term Debt**

Long term debt consists of the following:

	As of	
	December 31, 2005	September 30, 2006
	(In millions)	
113/4% Notes	\$ 0.1	\$
Borrowings under Prior Credit Facility (see below)	89.8	

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Borrowings under New Credit Facility (see below)		180.0
9 1/2% Notes, net of unamortized discounts of \$3.7 million (2005)	161.3	
Capital leases	5.4	6.2
Other debt	6.5	1.6
	263.1	187.8
Less: current portion	9.8	7.1
	\$ 253.3	\$ 180.7

During 2005 the Company prepaid approximately \$109.0 million of its term loan under the \$225.0 million senior secured credit facility, originally entered into on December 21, 2004 (the Prior Credit Facility ), resulting in

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approximately \$2.2 million of additional interest expense from the write-off of unamortized deferred financing costs. In March 2006, the Company made a prepayment on its term loan under the Prior Credit Facility of \$9.8 million. Consequently, the Company expensed \$0.2 million of related unamortized deferred financing costs in the first quarter of 2006.

On July 21, 2006, the Company entered into a \$300.0 million senior secured credit facility (the New Credit Facility ) with a syndicate of financial institutions as lenders. The New Credit Facility is comprised of a \$200.0 million term loan and a \$100.0 million revolving credit facility and replaced the Prior Credit Facility. The new term loan bears interest at LIBOR rate plus a margin of 1.5%, or the base rate plus a margin of 0.50% and matures on July 21, 2013. The new revolver bears interest at LIBOR rate plus a margin of 1.25%, or the base rate plus a margin of 0.25% and is available until July 21, 2012. The Company incurred approximately \$2.3 million of debt issuance costs which are being amortized over the term of the debt. The Company is obligated to pay \$0.5 million each quarter from December 31, 2006 until June 30, 2013 and the remaining principal on July 21, 2013 for the new term loan. The Company used \$65.0 million in available cash and \$15.0 million in borrowings under the new revolving credit facility to repay all amounts outstanding under the Prior Credit Facility amounting to \$79.6 million. Consequently, the Company expensed \$1.7 million of unamortized deferred financing costs related to the Prior Credit Facility. Also in July 2006, the Company redeemed the outstanding \$0.1 million aggregate principal amount of its 113/4% Notes.

On August 23, 2006, the Company borrowed \$200.0 million pursuant to the term loan under the New Credit Facility to repay the borrowings under the new revolver and to fund the redemption of its 91/2% Notes. The total redemption price of the 91/2% Notes was \$187.8 million and consisted of \$165.0 million aggregate principal amount, \$16.6 million purchase premium and \$6.2 million accrued interest. The redemption premium of \$16.6 million and the write-off of unamortized deferred financing costs and discounts of \$4.6 million associated with the 91/2% Notes are included in interest expense in the third quarter of 2006.

In September 2006, the Company made a prepayment on the term loan under the New Credit Facility of \$20.0 million resulting in \$0.1 million additional interest expense from the write-off of unamortized deferred financing costs.

No borrowings were outstanding under the new revolver at September 30, 2006.

**5. Contingencies**

The Company is from time to time engaged in routine litigation. The Company regularly reviews all pending litigation matters in which it is involved and establishes reserves deemed appropriate by management for these litigation matters when a probable loss estimate can be made.

Herbalife International and certain of its independent distributors have been named as defendants in a purported class action lawsuit filed February 17, 2005, in the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, and served on Herbalife International on March 14, 2005 (*Minton v. Herbalife International, et al.*). The case has been transferred to the Los Angeles County Superior Court. The plaintiff is challenging the marketing practices of certain Herbalife International independent distributors and Herbalife International under various state laws prohibiting endless chain schemes, insufficient disclosure in assisted marketing plans, unfair and deceptive business practices, and fraud and deceit. The plaintiff alleges that the Freedom Group system operated by certain independent distributors of Herbalife International products places too much emphasis on recruiting and encourages excessively large purchases of product



and promotional materials by distributors. The plaintiff also alleges that Freedom Group pressured distributors to disseminate misleading promotional materials. The plaintiff seeks to hold Herbalife International vicariously liable for the actions of its independent distributors and is seeking damages and injunctive relief. The Company believes that it has meritorious defenses to the suit.

Herbalife International and certain of its distributors have been named as defendants in a class action lawsuit filed July 16, 2003, in the Circuit Court of Ohio County in the State of West Virginia (*Mey v. Herbalife*)

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*International, Inc., et al*). On April 21, 2006, the court granted plaintiff's motion for class certification in West Virginia. The complaint alleges that certain telemarketing practices of certain Herbalife International distributors violate the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, or TCPA, and seeks to hold Herbalife International vicariously liable for the practices of these distributors. More specifically, the plaintiffs' complaint alleges that several of Herbalife International's distributors used pre-recorded telephone messages and autodialers to contact prospective customers in violation of the TCPA's prohibition of such practices. Herbalife International's distributors are independent contractors and if any such distributors in fact violated the TCPA they also violated Herbalife's policies, which require its distributors to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws. The Company believes that it has meritorious defenses to the suit.

As a marketer of dietary and nutritional supplements and other products that are ingested by consumers or applied to their bodies, the Company has been and is currently subjected to various product liability claims. The effects of these claims to date have not been material to the Company, and the reasonably possible range of exposure on currently existing claims is not material to the Company. The Company believes that it has meritorious defenses to the allegations contained in the lawsuits. The Company currently maintain product liability insurance with an annual deductible of \$10 million.

Certain of the Company's subsidiaries have been subject to tax audits by governmental authorities in their respective countries. In certain of these tax audits, governmental authorities are proposing that significant amounts of additional taxes and related interest and penalties are due. The Company and its tax advisors believe that there are substantial defenses to their allegations that additional taxes are owed, and the Company is vigorously contesting the additional proposed taxes and related charges.

These matters may take several years to resolve, and the Company cannot be sure of their ultimate resolution. However, it is the opinion of management that adverse outcomes, if any, will not likely result in a material effect on the Company's financial condition and operating results. This opinion is based on the Company's belief that any losses it suffers would not be material and that it has meritorious defenses. Although the Company has reserved an amount that it believes represents the likely outcome of the resolution of these disputes, if the Company is incorrect in its assessment it may have to record additional expenses.

**6. Comprehensive Income**

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>September</b>
	<b>30,</b>	<b>30,</b>	<b>30,</b>	<b>30,</b>
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>(In millions)</b>			
Net income	\$ 27.1	\$ 26.5	\$ 63.2	\$ 101.5
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivative instruments	\$ 0.4	\$ (0.6)	\$ 0.3	\$ (0.6)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	\$ (0.6)	\$ (0.1)	\$ (1.9)	\$ (1.6)

Comprehensive income	\$	26.9	\$	25.8	\$	61.6	\$	99.3
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**7. Segment Information**

The Company is a network marketing company that sells a wide range of weight management products, nutritional supplements and personal care products within one industry segment as defined under SFAS 131, Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information. The Company's products are manufactured by third party providers and then sold to independent distributors who sell Herbalife products to retail consumers or other distributors.

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The Company sells products in 62 countries throughout the world and is organized and managed by geographic unit. The Company elected to aggregate its operating segments into one reporting segment, as management believes that the Company's operating segments have similar operating characteristics and similar long term operating performance. In making this determination, management believes that the operating segments are similar with regard to the nature of the products sold, the product acquisition process, the types of customers products are sold to, the methods used to distribute the products, and the nature of the regulatory environment.

Revenues reflect sales of products to distributors based on the distributors' geographic location.

In July 2006, the Company changed its geographic unit from four to seven units as part of the Company's on-going realignment for growth efforts. These changes are intended to create growth opportunities for distributors, support faster decision making across the organization due to reduced management layers, and improve the sharing of ideas and tools to accelerate growth in its high potential markets. The Company's reporting segment's operating information and sales by product line are as follows:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>	<b>September 30,</b>	<b>September 30,</b>	<b>September 30,</b>
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>(In millions)</b>			
<b>Net sales:</b>				
United States	\$ 70.7	\$ 88.1	\$ 215.9	\$ 252.3
Mexico	61.5	102.1	149.0	278.8
Others	268.8	286.2	792.8	867.1
<b>Total net sales</b>	<b>\$ 401.0</b>	<b>\$ 476.4</b>	<b>\$ 1,157.7</b>	<b>\$ 1,398.2</b>
<b>Operating margin(1):</b>				
United States	\$ 32.9	39.9	\$ 92.2	\$ 105.4
Mexico	27.4	43.3	64.8	122.3
Others	122.6	127.4	357.2	388.0
<b>Total operating margin</b>	<b>\$ 182.9</b>	<b>\$ 210.6</b>	<b>\$ 514.2</b>	<b>\$ 615.7</b>
Selling, general and administrative expense	121.6	146.1	349.4	422.0
Interest expense, net	8.0	25.8	37.6	36.9
Income before income taxes	53.3	38.7	127.2	156.8
Income taxes	26.2	12.2	64.0	55.3
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 27.1</b>	<b>\$ 26.5</b>	<b>\$ 63.2</b>	<b>\$ 101.5</b>

Net sales by product line:

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Weight management	\$	167.1	\$	202.1	\$	476.6	\$	591.2
Inner Nutrition		176.9		209.9		502.0		617.3
Outer Nutrition®		37.0		33.7		123.0		112.9
Literature, promotional and other(2)		20.0		30.7		56.1		76.8
Total net sales	\$	401.0	\$	476.4	\$	1,157.7	\$	1,398.2
Net sales by geographic unit:								
North America(3)	\$	75.1	\$	92.1	\$	230.1	\$	266.8
Mexico and Central America		61.7		103.0		149.7		281.1
Brazil		28.9		32.8		76.8		99.4
South America and Southeast Asia(4)		37.0		51.6		94.3		142.3
EMEA(5)		131.2		127.4		417.6		414.1
Greater China(6)		29.2		36.2		82.4		92.5
North Asia(7)		37.9		33.3		106.8		102.0
Total net sales	\$	401.0	\$	476.4	\$	1,157.7	\$	1,398.2

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- (1) Operating margin consists of net sales less cost of sales and royalty overrides.
- (2) Product buybacks and returns in all product categories are included in the literature, promotional and other category.
- (3) Consists of the U.S., Canada, Jamaica and Dominican Republic.
- (4) Includes New Zealand and Australia and excludes Brazil, Taiwan and Hong Kong.
- (5) Consists of Europe, Middle East and Africa.
- (6) Consists of China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.
- (7) Consists of Japan and Korea.

	As of	
	December 31, 2005	September 30, 2006
	(In millions)	
<b>Total Assets:</b>		
United States	\$ 520.1	\$ 620.7
Mexico	52.5	64.5
Others	265.2	252.4
 Total assets	 \$ 837.8	 \$ 937.6

**8. Stock Based Compensation**

The Company has six stock-based compensation plans, the WH Holdings (Cayman Islands) Ltd. Stock Incentive Plan ( Management Plan ), the WH Holdings (Cayman Islands) Ltd. Independent Directors Stock Incentive Plan ( Independent Directors Plan ), the Herbalife Ltd. 2004 Incentive Plan ( 2004 Stock Incentive Plan ), the Herbalife Ltd. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan ( 2005 Stock Incentive Plan ), the Herbalife Ltd. Executive Incentive Plan ( Executive Incentive Plan ) and the Herbalife Ltd. Independent Directors Deferred Compensation and Stock Unit Plan ( Independent Director Stock Unit Plan ). The Management Plan provides for the grant of options to purchase common shares of Herbalife to members of the Company's management. The Independent Directors Plan provides for the grant of options to purchase common shares of Herbalife to the Company's independent directors. The 2004 Stock Incentive Plan replaced the Management Plan and the Independent Directors Plan and after the adoption thereof, no additional awards were made under either the Management Plan or the Independent Directors Plan. However, the shares remaining available for issuance under these plans were absorbed by and became available for issuance under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. The 2005 Stock Incentive Plan authorizes the issuance of 4,000,000 common shares

pursuant to awards, plus any shares that remained available for issuance under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan at the time of the adoption of the 2005 Stock Incentive Plan. The terms of the 2005 Stock Incentive Plan are substantially similar to the terms of the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. The purpose of the Executive Incentive Plan is to govern the award and payment of annual bonuses to certain company executives. The purpose of the Independent Directors Stock Unit Plan is to facilitate equity ownership in the Company by its independent directors through the award of stock units and to allow for deferral by the independent directors of compensation realized in connection with such stock units. The Company's stock compensation awards outstanding as of September 30, 2006 include stock options, stock appreciation rights (SARS) and stock units.

Prior to January 1, 2006, the Company applied the intrinsic value method as outlined in Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees (APB 25), and related interpretations, in accounting for share-based awards made under these plans. Under the intrinsic value method, compensation expense is recorded on the date of grant to the extent that the current market price of the underlying stock exceeds the exercise price. On January 1, 2006, the Company adopted SFAS No. 123R. This statement replaces SFAS No. 123 and supersedes APB 25. SFAS No. 123R requires that all share-based compensation be recognized

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as an expense in the financial statements and that such cost be measured based on the fair value of the awards granted. The Company adopted SFAS No. 123R using the modified prospective transition method which requires the recognition of compensation expense on a prospective basis only. Accordingly, prior period financial statements have not been restated. Under this transition method, stock-based compensation cost for the first three quarters of 2006 include (a) compensation cost for all share-based awards granted prior to, but not yet vested as of, January 1, 2006, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of SFAS No. 123; and (b) compensation cost for all share-based awards granted subsequent to January 1, 2006 based on the grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 123R.

SFAS No. 123R also requires the Company to estimate forfeitures in calculating the expense relating to share-based compensation as opposed to recognizing forfeitures as an expense reduction as they occur. The adjustment to apply estimated forfeitures to previously recognized share-based compensation was considered immaterial and as such was not classified as a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle.

The Company records compensation expense over the requisite service period which is equal to the vesting period. For awards granted prior to January 1, 2006, compensation expense is recognized on a graded-vesting basis over the vesting term. For awards granted on or after January 1, 2006, compensation expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the vesting term. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, stock-based compensation expense was included in Selling, General & Administrative Expenses in the amount of \$2.8 million and \$8.3 million, respectively, as well as related income tax benefits recognized in earnings in the amount of \$1.1 million and \$3.3 million, respectively.

As of September 30, 2006, the total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested stock awards was \$28.4 million and the related weighted-average period over which it is expected to be recognized is approximately 2.3 years.

As a result of the adoption of SFAS No. 123R, the Company's net income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 was \$1.3 million and \$4.1 million lower, respectively, than it would have been under the Company's previous accounting method for share-based compensation. Basic and diluted net earnings per common share for the three months ended September 30, 2006 were both negatively impacted by the change in accounting method by \$0.02 per share. The negative impact on both basic and diluted net earnings per common share for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was \$0.06 per share. Prior to the Company's adoption of SFAS No. 123R, benefits of tax deductions in excess of recognized compensation costs were reported as operating cash inflows. SFAS No. 123R requires that these excess tax benefits be recorded as a financing cash inflow rather than as a reduction of taxes paid. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, tax benefits of \$1.4 million and \$15.6 million, respectively, were generated from option exercises.



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The following table illustrates the effect on net income and earnings per share if the Company had applied the fair value recognition provision of SFAS No. 123 to options granted under the Company's stock-based compensation plans for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005. For purposes of this pro forma disclosure, the value of the options is estimated using the Black-Scholes-Merton option-pricing model and amortized to expense using a graded vesting schedule with forfeitures recognized as they occur.

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2005</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005</b>
	<b>(In millions)</b>	
Net income as reported	\$ 27.1	\$ 63.2
Add: Stock-based employee compensation expense included in reported net income, net of tax	0.2	1.5
Less: Stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based methods for all awards, net of tax	(1.4)	(5.3)
Pro forma net income	\$ 25.9	\$ 59.4
Basic earnings per share		
As reported	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.92
Pro forma	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.86
Diluted earnings per share		
As reported	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.87
Pro forma	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.82

The Company's stock-based compensation plans provide for grants of stock options, SARS, restricted stock and stock units (collectively called the "awards"). Stock options typically vest quarterly over a five-year period beginning on the grant date, and certain stock option grants vest over a period of less than five years. SARS vest quarterly over a five-year period beginning on the grant date. The contractual term of stock options and SARS is ten years. Stock unit awards under the 2005 Incentive Plan ("Incentive Plan Stock Units") vest annually over a three year period which is equal to the contractual term.

Stock unit awards under the Independent Directors Stock Unit Plan ("Independent Director Stock Units") vest at a 25% rate on each of April 15, July 15 and October 15 of the calendar year in which the award is granted and January 15 of the calendar year following the year in which the award is granted. Unless otherwise determined at the time of grant, the value of each stock unit shall be equal to one common share of Herbalife.

The fair value of each award is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes-Merton option-pricing model based on the assumptions in the following tables. The expected term of the award is based on observed historical exercise patterns. Because of the very limited historical data, all groups of employees have been determined to have

similar historical exercise patterns for valuation purposes. The expected volatility of stock awards is primarily based upon on the historical volatility of the Company's common stock and, due to the limited period of public trading data for its common stock, it is also validated against the volatility rates of a peer group of companies. The risk free interest rate is based on the implied yield on a U.S. Treasury zero-coupon issue with a remaining term equal to the expected term of the award. The dividend yield reflects that the Company has not paid

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any cash dividends since inception. The following table summarizes the weighted average assumptions used in the calculation of fair market value for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 and 2006.

	<b>Stock Options</b>		<b>SARS</b>		<b>Incentive Plan Stock Units</b>		<b>Independent Directors Stock Units</b>	
	<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Expected volatility	32.75%			38.08%		37.75%		
Dividends yield	zero			zero		zero		
Expected term	6.3 years			6.3 years		2.5 years		
Risk-free interest rate	4.01%			4.70%		4.71%		

	<b>Stock Options</b>		<b>SARS</b>		<b>Incentive Plan Stock Units</b>		<b>Independent Directors Stock Units</b>	
	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Expected volatility	32.75%	37.03%		38.43%		38.40%		37.29%
Dividends yield	zero	zero		zero		zero		zero
Expected term	6.3 years	6.3 years		6.3 years		2.5 years		3.0 years
Risk-free interest rate	3.91%	3.94%		4.59%		4.10%		3.56%

The following tables summarize the activity under the stock-based compensation plans for the nine months ended September 30, 2006:

<b>Stock Options &amp; SARS</b>	<b>Shares (In thousands)</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price</b>	<b>Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term</b>	<b>Aggregate</b>
				<b>Intrinsic Value (In millions)</b>

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Outstanding at December 31, 2005	10,197	\$	12.30		
Granted	1,130		33.78		
Exercised	(1,406)		5.11		
Forfeited	(151)		9.98		
Outstanding at September 30, 2006	9,770	\$	15.86	7.6 years	\$ 215.3
Exercisable at September 30, 2006	3,896	\$	12.58	7.6 years	\$ 98.6

<b>Incentive Plan and Independent Directors Stock Units</b>	<b>Shares (In thousands)</b>		<b>Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value</b>	<b>Aggregate Fair Value (In millions)</b>
Outstanding and nonvested at December 31, 2005		\$		\$
Granted	132.4		33.25	4.4
Vested	(9.3)		32.19	(0.3)
Outstanding and nonvested at September 30, 2006	123.1	\$	33.33	\$ 4.1

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The weighted-average grant date per share fair value of stock awards granted during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 was \$18.49 and \$17.44, respectively. The total intrinsic value of stock awards exercised during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 was \$3.8 million and \$45.0 million, respectively.

**9. Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities**

The Company designates certain derivatives as cash flow hedges. The Company engages in a foreign exchange hedging strategy for which the hedged transactions are forecasted foreign currency denominated intercompany transactions. The hedged risk is the variability of the forecasted foreign currency cash flows where the hedging strategy involves the purchase of average rate options. The Company also engages in an interest rate hedging strategy for which the hedged transactions are forecasted interest payments on the Company's variable rate term loan. The hedged risk is the variability of forecasted interest rate cash flows, where the hedging strategy involves the purchase of interest rate swaps. As of December 31, 2005 and September 30, 2006, the Company did not have any outstanding cash flow hedges on foreign exchange exposure. For the outstanding cash flow hedges on interest rate exposures at December 31, 2005, the maximum length of time over which the Company is hedging these exposures is approximately three years. The interest rate swap outstanding as of December 31, 2005, was accounted for under the shortcut method, as defined by SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Investments and Hedging Activities*, which assumes the hedge to be perfectly effective. Consequently, all changes in the fair value of the derivative are deferred and recorded in other comprehensive income (OCI) until the related forecasted transaction is recognized in the consolidated statements of income.

On July 21, 2006 the interest rate swap, originally entered into on February 21, 2005, was terminated due to the debt refinancing and income of approximately \$0.8 million was recorded as interest income in the Company's consolidated statements of income for the quarter ended September 30, 2006. On August 23, 2006, the Company entered into a new interest rate swap agreement. The agreement provides for the Company to pay interest for a three-year period at a fixed rate of 5.26% on various notional amounts while receiving interest for the same period at the LIBOR rate on the same notional principal amounts. The swap was entered into as a cash flow hedge against LIBOR interest rate movements on the new term loan. The Company assesses the effectiveness of the hedge based on the hypothetical derivative method. Under the hypothetical derivative method, the cumulative change in fair value of the actual swap is compared to the cumulative change in fair value of a hypothetical swap, which has terms that identically match the critical terms of the hedged transaction. Thus, the hypothetical swap is presumed to perfectly offset the hedged cash flows. The change in fair value of the perfect hypothetical swap will then be regarded as a proxy for the present value of the cumulative change in the expected future cash flows from the hedged transactions. As of September 30, 2006, the hedge relationship qualified as an effective hedge under SFAS No. 133. Consequently, all changes in the fair value of the derivative are deferred and recorded in OCI until the related forecasted transaction is recognized in the consolidated statements of income. The estimated net amount of existing loss expected to be reclassified into earnings over the next three years, which related to cash flow hedge, is \$0.6 million.

The Company designates certain derivatives as free standing derivatives for which hedge accounting does not apply. The changes in the fair market value of the derivatives are recorded in the Company's consolidated statements of income. The Company purchases average rate put options, which give the Company the right, but not the obligation, to sell foreign currency at a specified exchange rate (strike rate). These contracts provide protection in the event the foreign currency weakens beyond the strike rate. The Company also uses foreign currency forward contracts, which give the Company the obligation to buy or sell foreign currency at a specified time and rate. The contracts are used to

protect against changes in the functional currency equivalent value of inter-company or third party nonfunctional currency payables and receivables. The fair values of the option and forward contracts are based on third-party bank quotes. In December 2005, the Company entered into a short term interest rate cap agreement, which was not designated under hedge accounting. The interest rate cap agreement expired in the first quarter of 2006.

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**10. Subsequent Events**

In November 2006, the Company announced a realignment of its employee base as part of its realignment for growth plan. Under this plan, the Company expects to incur severance and other employee related costs of approximately \$8 to \$10 million. Such costs are expected to be recognized within the next twelve months.

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**Item 2. Management's Discussion And Analysis Of Financial Condition and Results Of Operations**

**Overview**

We are a global network marketing company that sells weight management, nutritional supplement and personal care products. We pursue our mission of changing people's lives by providing a financially rewarding business opportunity to distributors and quality products to distributors and customers who seek a healthy lifestyle. We are one of the largest network marketing companies in the world with net sales of approximately \$1.6 billion for the year ended December 31, 2005. We sell our products in 62 countries through a network of over one million independent distributors, except in China, where we currently use a retail business model with employed sales representatives because of regulatory restrictions on direct selling. We believe the quality of our products and the effectiveness of our distribution network, coupled with geographic expansion, have been the primary reasons for our success throughout our 26-year operating history.

We offer products in three principal categories: weight management products, nutritional supplements which we refer to as Inner Nutrition and personal care products which we refer to as Outer Nutrition. Our products are often sold in programs, which are comprised of a series of related products designed to simplify weight management and nutrition for our consumers and maximize our distributors' cross-selling opportunities.

Industry-wide factors that affect us and our competitors include the increasing prevalence of obesity and the aging of the worldwide population, which are driving demand for nutrition and wellness-related products and the recruitment and retention of distributors.

The opportunities and challenges upon which we are most focused are driving retailing of our product, recruitment and retention of distributors and improving distributor productivity, entering new markets, further penetrating existing markets, pursuing local distributor initiatives, introducing new products, developing niche market segments and further investing in our infrastructure.

In July 2006, we changed our geographic unit from four to seven units as part of our on-going realignment for growth efforts. These changes are intended to create growth opportunities for our distributors, to support faster decision making across the organization by reducing the number of management layers, and to improve the sharing of ideas and tools to accelerate growth in our high potential markets. Under the new geographic units we report revenue from:

North America, which consists of the U.S., Canada, Jamaica and the Dominican Republic;

Mexico and Central America, which consists of Mexico, Costa Rica and Panama;

Brazil;

South America and Southeast Asia, which includes New Zealand and Australia and excludes Brazil, Taiwan and Hong Kong;

EMEA, which consists of Europe, the Middle East and Africa;

Greater China, which consists of China, Taiwan and Hong Kong; and

North Asia, which consists of Japan and Korea.



A key non-financial measure we focus on is Volume Points on a Royalty Basis (hereafter "Volume Points"), which is essentially our weighted unit measure of product sales volume. It is a useful measure for us, as it excludes the impact of foreign currency fluctuations and ignores the differences generated by varying retail pricing across geographic markets. In general, an increase in Volume Points in a particular group or country directionally indicates an increase in local currency net sales.

**Table of Contents****Volume Points by Geographic Unit**

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2006	% Change (Volume points in millions)	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2006	% Change
North America	118.3	145.8	23.2%	356.9	408.2	14.4%
Mexico & Central America	100.4	170.2	69.5%	247.3	467.5	89.0%
Brazil	40.5	41.0	1.2%	115.3	126.3	9.5%
South America and Southeast Asia	52.3	73.9	41.3%	133.0	191.5	44.0%
EMEA	140.6	129.7	(7.8)%	432.8	426.7	(1.4)%
Greater China	38.1	40.3	5.8%	104.7	105.7	1.0%
North Asia	33.7	29.6	(12.2)%	92.4	89.5	(3.1)%
Worldwide	523.9	630.5	20.3%	1,482.4	1,815.4	22.5%

Another key non-financial measure on which we focus is the number of distributors qualified as supervisors under our compensation system. Distributors qualify for supervisor status based on their Volume Points.

Our compensation system requires supervisors to re-qualify annually. The re-qualification period covers the twelve months starting in February and ending the following January. There is significant variation in the number of supervisors from the fourth quarter to the first quarter of any given year due to the timing of the re-qualification process. This fluctuation is normal and consistent, and does not reflect a dramatic underlying change in the business in comparing these two sequential quarters. The growth in the number of supervisors is a general indicator of the level of distributor recruitment, which generally drives net sales in a particular country or group.

The following tables show trends in the number of supervisors over the reporting period by geographic unit, and fluctuations within notable countries are discussed below in the appropriate net sales section below where pertinent.

**Number of Supervisors by Geographic Unit as of Reporting Period**

	As of September 30,		
	2005	2006	% Change
North America	57,993	66,640	14.9%
Mexico & Central America	33,434	66,097	97.7%
Brazil	33,267	38,857	16.8%
South America and Southeast Asia	36,409	50,723	39.3%
EMEA	86,364	87,762	1.6%
Greater China	23,597	28,176	19.4%
North Asia	18,967	20,913	10.3%

Worldwide	290,031	359,168	23.8%
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	2005	As of February, 2006	% Change
North America	40,818	45,778	12.2%
Mexico & Central America	19,045	38,344	101.3%
Brazil	21,605	27,318	26.4%
South America and Southeast Asia	23,983	30,846	28.6%
EMEA	65,104	66,103	1.5%
Greater China	16,673	19,447	16.6%
North Asia	13,872	15,736	13.4%
Worldwide	201,100	243,572	21.1%

For the twelve month re-qualification period ended January 2006, 41.5% of our supervisors re-qualified, up from 39.7% a year ago. The number of supervisors by geographic unit as of the reporting dates will normally be higher than the number of supervisors by geographic unit as of the re-qualification period because supervisors who do not re-qualify during the relevant twelve-month period will be dropped from the rank of supervisor in February. Since supervisors purchase most of our products for resale to other distributors and consumers, comparisons of supervisor totals on a year-to-year, same period basis are good indicators of our recruitment and retention efforts in different geographic units.

We provide distributors with products, support material, training, special events and a competitive compensation program. If a distributor wants to pursue the Herbalife business opportunity, the distributor is responsible for growing his or her business and personally pays for the sales activities related to attracting new customers and recruiting distributors by hosting events such as Herbalife Opportunity Meetings or Success Training Seminars; by advertising Herbalife's products, by purchasing and using promotional materials such as t-shirts, buttons and caps; by utilizing and paying for direct mail and print material such as brochures, flyers, catalogs, business cards, posters and banners and telephone book listings; by purchasing inventory for sale or use as samples; and by training, mentoring and following up, in person or via the phone or internet, with customers and recruits on how to use Herbalife products and/or pursue the Herbalife business opportunity.

**Presentation**

Retail Sales represent the gross sales amounts on our invoices to distributors before distributor allowances (as defined below). Net Sales which reflects distributor allowances and handling and freight income, represent what the Company collects and recognizes as net sales in its financial statements. We discuss Retail Sales because of its fundamental role in our compensation systems, internal controls and operations, including its role as the basis upon which distributor discounts, royalties and bonuses are awarded. In addition, information in daily and monthly reports reviewed by our management relies on Retail Sales data. However, such a measure is not in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the U.S., or GAAP. You should not consider Retail Sales in isolation from, nor is it a substitute for, net sales and other consolidated income or cash flow statement data prepared in accordance with GAAP, or as a measure of profitability or liquidity. A reconciliation of net sales to Retail Sales is presented below.

Product sales represent the actual product purchase prices paid to us by our distributors, after giving effect to distributor discounts referred to as distributor allowances, which approximate 50% of retail sales prices. Distributor allowances as a percentage of sales may vary by country depending upon regulatory restrictions that limit or otherwise

restrict distributor allowances.

Our gross profit consists of net sales less cost of sales, which represents the prices we pay to our raw material suppliers and manufacturers of our products as well as costs related to product shipments, duties and tariffs, freight expenses relating to shipment of products to distributors and importers and similar expenses.

Royalty Overrides are our most significant expense and consist of:

royalty overrides and production bonuses, which total approximately 15% and 7%, respectively, of the Retail Sales of Weight management, Inner nutrition, Outer nutrition® and promotional products;

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the Mark Hughes Bonus payable to some of our most senior distributors in the aggregate amount of up to 1% of Retail Sales of Weight management, Inner nutrition, Outer nutrition® and promotional products; and

other discretionary incentive cash bonuses payable to qualifying distributors.

Royalty Overrides are generally earned based on Retail Sales, and approximate, in the aggregate, about 22% of Retail Sales or approximately 35% of our net sales. Royalty Overrides, together with distributor allowances, represent the potential earnings to distributors of up to approximately 73% of Retail Sales. The compensation to distributors is generally for the development, retention and improved productivity of their distributor sales organizations and is paid to several levels of distributors on each sale. Because of local country regulatory constraints, we may be required to modify our typical distributor incentive plans as described above. Because of restrictions on direct selling in China, our full-time employed sales representatives in China are compensated with wages, bonuses and benefits instead of the distributors' earnings, distributor allowances and royalty overrides. Consequently, the total distributor discount percentage may vary over time. We also offer reduced distributor allowances and pay reduced royalty overrides with respect to certain products worldwide.

Our operating margins consist of net sales less cost of sales and royalty overrides.

Selling, General & Administrative Expenses represent our operating expenses, components of which include labor and benefits, sales events, professional fees, travel and entertainment, distributor marketing, occupancy costs, communication costs, bank fees, depreciation and amortization, foreign exchange gains and losses and other miscellaneous operating expenses.

Most of our sales to distributors outside the United States are made in the respective local currencies. In preparing our consolidated financial statements, we translate revenues into U.S. dollars using average exchange rates. Additionally, the majority of our purchases from our suppliers are generally made in U.S. dollars. Consequently, a strengthening of the U.S. dollar versus a foreign currency can have a negative impact on our reported sales and operating margins and can generate transaction losses on intercompany transactions. Throughout the last five years, foreign currency exchange rates have fluctuated significantly. From time to time, we enter into foreign exchange forward contracts and option contracts to mitigate our foreign currency exchange risk.

## **Summary Financial Results**

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, net sales increased by 18.8% and 20.8%, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2005, primarily due to increases in North America, Mexico and Central America, and Brazil. Net sales in EMEA and North Asia decreased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 when compared to the same periods of 2005. The overall increase in net sales for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 reflects the continued sales momentum generated from the successful promotions in 2005 and 2006 and the enthusiasm and unity within our distributor organization.

Net income decreased for the three months ended September 30, 2006 to \$26.5 million, or \$0.36 per diluted share, from \$27.1 million or \$0.37 per diluted share, for the same period in 2005. Net income includes the impact of \$14.3 million recapitalization expenses in connection with the repayment of the \$225.0 million senior secured credit facility, originally entered into on December 21, 2004 (the Prior Credit Facility) and our 9 1/2% Notes due 2011 (the 9 1/2% Notes) and a \$2.7 million additional tax benefit from refinancing transactions in the third quarter of 2006 and a favorable impact of \$2.5 million relating to a change in the allowance for uncollectible royalty overrides receivables from distributors in the third quarter of 2005. For the three months ended September 30, 2006 as compared to the same period in 2005, net sales growth and a lower effective tax rate, partially offset by higher labor costs, promotional

expenses and professional fees had a net favorable impact to net income. Foreign currencies had an unfavorable impact of \$0.1 million on net results for the three months ended September 30, 2006.

Net income increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 to \$101.5 million, or \$1.37 per diluted share, from \$63.2 million or \$0.87 per diluted share, for the same period in 2005. Net income includes the impact of a \$3.7 million tax benefit resulting from an international income tax settlement in the first quarter of 2006, \$14.3 million recapitalization expenses incurred in connection with the repayment of our Prior Credit Facility and our 9 1/2% Notes and a \$2.7 million additional tax benefit from refinancing transactions, in the third quarter of 2006, and \$14.2 million of recapitalization expenses incurred in the first quarter of 2005 associated with the \$110.0 million

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clawback of our 91/2% Notes and a favorable impact of \$2.5 million relating to a change in the allowance for uncollectible royalty overrides receivables from distributors in the third quarter of 2005. For the nine months ended September 30, 2006 as compared to the same period in 2005, net sales growth, lower interest expense and a lower effective tax rate, partially offset by higher labor costs, promotional expenses and professional fees, had a net favorable impact to net income. Foreign currencies had a favorable impact of \$2.6 million on net results for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

**Results of Operations**

Our results of operations for the periods described below are not necessarily indicative of results of operations for future periods, which depend upon numerous factors, including our ability to recruit and retain new distributors, open new markets and further penetrate existing markets and introduce new products and develop niche market segments.

The following table sets forth selected results of our operations expressed as a percentage of net sales for the periods indicated.

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2006
<b>Operations:</b>				
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales	19.8	20.4	20.1	20.1
Gross profit	80.2	79.6	79.9	79.9
Royalty overrides	34.6	35.4	35.5	35.9
Selling, general & administrative expenses	30.3	30.7	30.2	30.2
Operating income	15.3	13.5	14.2	13.8
Interest expense	2.0	5.4	3.2	2.6
Income before income taxes	13.3	8.1	11.0	11.2
Income taxes	6.5	2.6	5.5	4.0
Net income	6.8	5.5	5.5	7.2

**Net Sales**

The following chart reconciles Retail Sales to net sales:

**Sales by Geographic Unit**

		2005			Three Months Ended September 30,			2006			Chang in Net
		Handling			Handling			Handling			
Gross	Distributor	Product	Net	Gross	Distributor	Product	Net	Gross	Distributor	Product	Net



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	Sales	Allowance	Sales	& Freight Income	Sales	Sales	Allowance	Sales	& Freight Income	Sales	Sales
	(In millions)										
h America	\$ 120.9	\$ (57.7)	\$ 63.2	\$ 11.9	\$ 75.1	\$ 148.0	\$ (70.5)	\$ 77.5	\$ 14.6	\$ 92.1	22.6
ico and											
tral											
erica	\$ 103.5	\$ (50.1)	\$ 53.4	\$ 8.3	\$ 61.7	173.5	(84.4)	89.1	13.9	103.0	66.9
il	47.9	(22.9)	25.0	3.9	28.9	53.8	(25.7)	28.1	4.7	32.8	13.5
h America											
Southeast											
	60.9	(28.6)	32.3	4.7	37.0	88.3	(42.1)	46.2	5.4	51.6	39.5
EA	214.1	(101.7)	112.4	18.8	131.2	209.0	(99.9)	109.1	18.3	127.4	(2.9)
ater China	50.5	(24.7)	25.8	3.4	29.2	54.8	(21.5)	33.3	2.9	36.2	24.0
h Asia	61.8	(28.2)	33.6	4.3	37.9	53.5	(24.0)	29.5	3.8	33.3	(12.1)
1	\$ 659.6	\$ (313.9)	\$ 345.7	\$ 55.3	\$ 401.0	\$ 780.9	\$ (368.1)	\$ 412.8	\$ 63.6	\$ 476.4	18.8

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	Nine Months Ended September 30,									
	2005					2006				
	Gross Sales	Distributor Allowance	Product Sales	Handling & Freight Income	Net Sales	Gross Sales	Distributor Allowance	Product Sales	Handling & Freight Income	Net Sales
	(In millions)									
merica	\$ 370.8	\$ (177.2)	\$ 193.6	\$ 36.5	\$ 230.1	\$ 429.1	\$ (204.7)	\$ 224.4	\$ 42.4	\$ 266.8
	\$ 251.1	\$ (121.6)	\$ 129.5	\$ 20.2	\$ 149.7	473.1	(229.8)	243.3	37.8	281.1
	127.2	(60.8)	66.4	10.4	76.8	164.1	(78.5)	85.6	13.8	99.4
merica east	155.6	(72.5)	83.1	11.2	94.3	245.2	(118.1)	127.1	15.2	142.3
	682.0	(324.8)	357.2	60.4	417.6	681.1	(326.9)	354.2	59.9	414.1
ina	142.7	(69.9)	72.8	9.6	82.4	145.2	(61.0)	84.2	8.3	92.5
	175.2	(80.5)	94.7	12.1	106.8	165.3	(74.9)	90.4	11.6	102.0
	\$ 1,904.6	\$ (907.3)	\$ 997.3	\$ 160.4	\$ 1,157.7	\$ 2,303.1	\$ (1,093.9)	\$ 1,209.2	\$ 189.0	\$ 1,398.2

Changes in net sales are directly associated with the recruiting, retention and retailing of our distributor force, the quality and completeness of the product offerings that the distributor force has to sell and the number of countries in which we operate. Management's role, both in-country and at the corporate level is to provide distributors with a competitive and broad product line, encourage strong teamwork and leadership among the Chairman's Club and President's Team distributors and offer leading edge business tools to make doing business with Herbalife simple. Management uses our marketing program coupled with educational and motivational tools to incentivize distributors to drive recruiting, retention and retailing which in turn affect net sales. Such tools include corporate sales events Extravaganzas and World Team Schools where large groups of distributors gather, thus allowing them to network with other distributors, learn recruiting, retention and retailing techniques from our leading distributors and become more familiar with how to market and sell our products and business opportunities. Accordingly, management believes that these development and motivation programs can increase the productivity of the supervisor network. The expenses for such programs are included in Selling, General & Administrative expenses. Sales are driven by several factors including the number and productivity of distributor leaders who continually build, educate and motivate their respective distribution and sales organizations. We also use product event and non-event promotions to motivate distributors to increase recruiting, retention and retailing activities. These promotions have ranged from our 2005 Worldwide Cup promotion to vacations or other qualifying events for distributors that meet certain selling and recruiting goals. The costs of these promotions are included in Selling, General & Administrative expenses.

The factors described above have driven growth in our business. The following net sales by geographic unit discussion provides further details regarding some of the above factors and describes unique growth factors specific to certain groups, including major countries within such groups. The Company believes that the correct foundation, coupled with ongoing training and promotional initiatives is required to increase recruiting and retention of distributors and retailing of our products. The correct foundation includes strong country management that works closely with the distributor leadership, a broad product line that appeals to local consumer needs, a favorable regulatory environment, a scalable and stable technology platform and an attractive marketing plan. Initiatives such as

Success Training Seminars, World Team Schools, Promotional Events and regional Extravaganzas are integral components of developing a highly motivated and educated distributor sales organization that will work toward increasing the recruitment and retention of distributors.

Our strategy will continue to include generating and maintaining growth within existing markets and increased focus on the support and acculturation of successful distributor daily methods of operations ( DMOs ). We expect to increase spending in Selling, General & Administrative expenses to maintain or stimulate sales growth, while making strategic investments in new initiatives. In addition, new ideas are being generated in our regional markets, either by distributors, country management or corporate management. Examples are the Nutrition Clubs in Mexico, the Total Plan in Brazil and GenerationH, or GenH in the U.S., each as described below in the net sales discussion below. Management's strategy is to review the feasibility of expanding successful country initiatives throughout a region and/or globally where appropriate and financially support the expansion of these initiatives.

**Table of Contents*****North America***

Net sales in North America increased \$17.0 million and \$36.7 million, or 22.6% and 15.9%, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to the same periods of 2005. In local currency, net sales increased by 22.5% and 15.5%, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to the same periods of 2005. The fluctuation of foreign currency rates had a favorable impact of \$0.2 million and \$0.9 million, respectively on net sales for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006. The overall increase in net sales in North America was a result of net sales growth in the U.S. of \$17.4 million and \$36.3 million or 24.7% and 16.8% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, as compared to the same periods of 2005.

Net sales in the U.S. increased as a result of a number of factors, including strong supervisor growth, up 16.1% at September 30, 2006, as compared to September 30, 2005; the establishment of a dedicated U.S. country management team; continued branding efforts such as sponsorship of the AVP Volleyball Tour, the Bay to Breakers Run, the 2006 Amgen Tour of California bicycle race and the 2006 Nautica Triathlon; and various new promotions including the 2006 Active World Team promotion and the 2006 President Team Challenge. To further support the retailing and recruiting efforts of our distributors, we plan to open a new sales centers in the U.S. during the fourth quarter of 2006 and, in particular, to stimulate sales within the vicinity of the new sales centers. Additionally, in July 2006 at our North American Extravaganza, we introduced a water mixable version of our top selling Formula 1 shake, a reformulated version of our *Garden 7<sup>th</sup>* product and NouriFusion in individual use packets.

We believe that 2006 sales in North America should continue its positive year over year growth primarily as a result of the expected continuation of the strong momentum in key markets, the rapid success and expansion of the Nutrition Club DMO and increased distribution focus on providing samples of product in individual use packets.

***Mexico and Central America***

Net sales in Mexico and Central America for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, increased \$41.3 million and \$131.4 million, or 66.9% and 87.8%, respectively, as compared to the same periods of 2005. In local currency, net sales for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, increased by 70.5% and 87.7%, respectively, as compared to the same periods of 2005. The fluctuation of foreign currency rates had an unfavorable impact of \$2.3 million on net sales for the three months ended September 30, 2006 and a favorable impact of \$0.2 million on net sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The overall increase was a result of net sales growth in Mexico of \$40.6 million and \$129.8 million or 66.0% and 87.1% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, as compared to the same periods of 2005.

The net sales growth trend in Mexico reflects strong supervisor growth, up 97.9% at September 30, 2006, as compared to September 30, 2005, and the continued expansion of our Nutrition Clubs. We estimate that distributors are operating approximately 36,000 Nutrition Clubs in Mexico. During the first nine months of 2006 we opened an additional sales center in Mexico City, held a Presidents Team Tour attended by approximately 9,000 distributors, hosted the Mexico Extravaganza in Mexico City, which was attended by over 11,000 distributors and held two Active Supervisor Schools, which approximately 4,300 distributors attended. Additionally, we relocated our Mexico headquarters and main warehouse in Guadalajara and plan to open a new sales center in the Mexico City area to better support our expansion efforts.

We believe that the 2006 sales in Mexico and Central America should continue its positive year over year growth primarily as a result of the strong supervisor growth, increased development of products, literature and promotions to support and leverage the success of the Nutrition Clubs and building upon the momentum within our distributor organization. As sales have continued to increase primarily in Mexico, resulting in a corresponding higher sales base,

the rate of increase in net sales, when measured as a percent of net sales for the corresponding quarter last year, has declined for Mexico and Central America. This trend is expected to continue in the fourth quarter of 2006.

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***Brazil***

Net sales in Brazil increased \$3.9 million and \$22.6 million, or 13.5% and 29.4%, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to the same periods of 2005. In local currency, net sales increased by 5.2% and 13.3%, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to the same periods of 2005. The fluctuation of foreign currency rates had a favorable impact of \$2.4 million and \$12.5 million on net sales for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively.

The net sales growth trend in Brazil is a result of strong supervisor growth, up 16.8% at September 30, 2006, as compared to September 30, 2005, strong distributor leadership, a highly effective country management team and the introduction of a new distributor promotion launched in the third quarter of 2006. In addition, expansion of the Total Plan lead generation method and the introduction of the Nutrition Club concept in this market have been key catalysts for growth. During the year we held a World Team School attended by over 4,500 distributors and launched the NouriFusion basic line in individual use packets.

We believe the 2006 sales in Brazil should continue its positive year over year growth primarily as a result of the increase in the Nutrition Club DMOs and plans to refine our product portfolio to help us compete more aggressively in the personal care industry by leveraging our product knowledge and the Total Plan. Although net sales in Brazil is expected to increase in 2006 on a year over year basis and we expect fourth quarter net sales to be slightly higher than in the fourth quarter of 2005, we have experienced a leveling sales in the last nine months.

***South America and Southeast Asia***

Net sales in South America and Southeast Asia increased \$14.6 million and \$48.0 million, or 39.5% and 50.9%, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, as compared to the same periods of 2005. In local currency, net sales increased 37.6% and 50.6%, respectively for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to the same periods of 2005. The fluctuation of foreign currency rates had a \$0.6 million and \$0.4 million favorable impact, respectively on net sales for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006. The overall increase was attributable mainly to net sales increases in Colombia, Argentina, Venezuela and Bolivia and the opening of Malaysia in February 2006 as a new market. During the quarter ended September 30, 2006, we held an extravaganza for the region in Bangkok, Thailand, which was attended by over 15,000 distributors from 13 countries.

Colombia, Argentina, Venezuela and Bolivia experienced sales increases of 80.3%, 54.5%, 71.9% and 63.4%, respectively, for the quarter ended September 30, 2006. For the nine months ended September 30, 2006, Colombia, Argentina, Venezuela and Bolivia experienced continued sales increases of 214.4%, 78.2%, 43.6% and 123.1%, respectively. This growth was the result of positive momentum from the local events, including Millionaires Retreats held in Panama and Pucon, Chile, sponsored activities such as the Bogota, Colombia Marathon during the third quarter of 2006.

We opened our Malaysia market in February 2006. Over 10,000 people attended the various opening events. Net sales for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 were \$7.8 million and \$19.1 million, respectively. During the quarter ended September 30, 2006, several workshops and trainings were conducted to support the continued growth of sales in Malaysia.

We believe the 2006 sales in South America and Southeast Asia should continue its positive year over year growth primarily as a result of the opening of Peru and the ability to respond more quickly to challenges as a result of the realignment.

***EMEA***

EMEA net sales decreased \$3.8 million and \$3.5 million, or 2.9% and 0.8%, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to the same periods of 2005. In local currency, net sales decreased 5.7% for the three months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to the same period of 2005 and increased 1.0% for the nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to the same period of 2005. The fluctuation of foreign currency rates had a favorable impact on net sales of \$3.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006 and an unfavorable impact on net sales of \$7.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Portugal,

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France and Spain continue to grow and experienced sales increases of 32.5%, 13.2% and 15.6%, respectively, while Germany and the Netherlands experienced decreases in net sales of 25.7% and 21.2%, respectively for the quarter ended September 30, 2006, as compared to the same period of 2005. For the nine months ended September 30, 2006, Portugal, France, and Spain sales increased 36.1%, 26.2%, and 13.1%, respectively, while Germany and the Netherlands experienced decreased net sales of 20.4% and 22.1%, respectively. During the first quarter of 2006 we relocated our call centers to Italy, France and the Netherlands in an effort to improve service and support to distributors who previously were serviced out of the United Kingdom. During this process we also opened our first sales center in the Netherlands. Additionally, during the third quarter an Extravaganza was held in Athens, Greece and was attended by over 15,000 distributors from over 40 countries.

The net sales increases in Portugal, France, and Spain continued, primarily due to a well balanced performance across distributor retailing, recruiting and retention efforts, a united distributor leadership working closely with the local management, and a program focus on the Total Plan. In addition, there has been an increasing emphasis on good health and nutrition in France, which is supported and promoted by local nutritionists. Two Nutrition Advisory Board members were appointed in France and Spain during the third quarter of 2006.

The decline in Germany was primarily driven by a decrease in supervisors, down 22.4% at September 30, 2006, as compared to September 30, 2005. In Germany, a recently constituted strategy group has focused on turnaround initiatives, both in business activity as well as brand building. Significant distributor training has been undertaken, concentrating on long term customers, Nutrition Clubs and wellness coaching. In addition, improved distributor communications has been a key focus and new online tools are being provided.

The net sales decline in the Netherlands was primarily driven by lower recruiting of new distributors. A reconstituted distributor strategy group, working closely with regional management is focused on initiatives to reverse that trend. These included a National Supervisor recruitment drive, the launch of Liftoff™ in June 2006, a highly successful Spring Spectacular event and the appointment of a member of the Global Nutritional Advisory Board.

While progress is being made, the turnaround is expected to be slow in Germany and the Netherlands and net sales for 2006 are expected to be below the level of 2005 for these countries.

We expect 2006 net sales in EMEA to be slightly lower when compared to 2005 and measured in US dollars, while flat when measured in local currency. We have identified several high-potential markets for which we are developing strategic plans to grow sales in these emerging markets. We plan to continue to support these markets through our global and local branding initiatives. This includes sponsoring the London Triathlon, the Italian Beach Volleyball Championship, the Nice Ironman Triathlon and the Madrid Triathlon, which are intended to continually improve our corporate and brand reputation in the market. We are also enhancing distributor communication processes and training, and, in addition, we have the introduction of some new products into the region, most notably Liftoff™. Liftoff™ was introduced in ten markets in the EMEA group in the third quarter of 2006, and is scheduled for launch during the fourth quarter of 2006 in several additional markets.

### ***Greater China***

Greater China net sales increased \$7.0 million and \$10.1 million, or 24.0% and 12.3%, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, as compared to the same periods of 2005. In local currency, net sales increased 24.2% and 13.0%, respectively for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to the same periods of 2005. The fluctuation of foreign currency rates had an unfavorable impact of \$0.1 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, on net sales for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006. The overall increase in net sales was attributable mainly to an increase in China, while Taiwan and Hong Kong continued to experience a decline in sales.



Net sales in China increased by \$10.9 million to \$11.6 million and by \$20.5 million to \$21.9 million, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to the same periods of 2005. Since March of 2005 we have opened 33 retail stores in 20 provinces throughout China. During the fourth quarter of 2006, we plan to hold a World Team School and open an additional 9 stores.

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Net sales in Taiwan decreased \$2.2 million and \$6.7 million, or 9.3% and 9.8%, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to the same periods of 2005. In local currency, net sales in Taiwan decreased 7.9% and 7.9%, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to the same periods of 2005. The fluctuation of foreign currency rates had an unfavorable impact on net sales of \$0.3 million and \$1.3 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively. The decrease in net sales was primarily attributable to the focus of local distributor leadership and some of their key members, whose attention was temporarily shifted, in net sales on the opening of Malaysia and the emerging business opportunity in China. During the fourth quarter of 2006, we plan to hold a World Training School and as well as a special training event in November.

Net sales in Hong Kong decreased \$1.7 million and \$3.8 million, or 38.8% and 29.4%, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to the same periods of 2005. The decline in net sales is primarily the result of a decrease in supervisors, down 22.2% at September 30, 2006, as compared to September 30, 2005.

We believe the 2006 sales in Greater China should continue its positive year over year growth primarily as a result of the continued expansion of our retail presence and continued efforts to enhance our product portfolio.

**North Asia**

North Asia net sales decreased \$4.6 million and \$4.8 million, or 12.1% and 4.5%, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to the same periods of 2005. In local currency, net sales decreased 13.1% and 2.5% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to the same periods of 2005. The fluctuation of foreign currency rates had a favorable impact of \$0.3 million and an unfavorable impact of \$2.2 million on net sales for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively. The decrease was mainly attributable to Japan.

Net sales in Japan decreased \$5.8 million and \$11.8 million, or 24.3% and 16.5%, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to the same periods of 2005. In spite of the decrease in net sales, the number of new distributors and the supervisor retention rate are improving when compared to the same periods last year. The improved retention rate was caused by an increase in the number of distributors taking advantage of the modified re-qualification criteria. We believe the modified re-qualification criteria will lead to increased future sales. During the three months ended September 30, 2006, NouriFusion™ skin whitening foundation was launched, and a new Nutrition Center showroom and sales center, which will operate seven days a week, were opened in Osaka and a recruiting promotion was launched. During the fourth quarter of 2006, we will be launching several new products and promotions, which are expected to generate excitement among our distributors.

We believe the 2006 sales in North Asia should remain flat year over year. We plan to remain focused on reinvigorating our distributor leadership and exporting successful DMOs into this market.

**Sales by Product Category**

<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>											<b>% Ch in Ne Sal</b>
<b>2005</b>					<b>2006</b>						
<b>Retail</b>	<b>Distributor</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Handling &amp; Freight</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Retail</b>	<b>Distributor</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Handling &amp; Freight</b>	<b>Net</b>		
<b>Sales</b>	<b>Allowance</b>	<b>Sales</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Sales</b>	<b>Sales</b>	<b>Allowance</b>	<b>Sales</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Sales</b>	<b>Sales</b>	

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(In millions)

Management	\$ 282.4	\$ (139.0)	\$ 143.4	\$ 23.7	\$ 167.1	\$ 344.6	\$ (170.6)	\$ 174.0	\$ 28.1	\$ 202.1	2
Nutrition	299.0	(147.2)	151.8	25.1	176.9	358.0	(177.2)	180.8	29.1	209.9	1
Nutrition®	62.8	(31.0)	31.8	5.2	37.0	57.5	(28.5)	29.0	4.7	33.7	(
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	\$ 659.6	\$ (313.9)	\$ 345.7	\$ 55.3	\$ 401.0	\$ 780.9	\$ (368.1)	\$ 412.8	\$ 63.6	\$ 476.4	1

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	Nine Months Ended September 30,									
	2005					2006				
	Retail	Distributor	Product	Handling & Freight	Net	Retail	Distributor	Product	Handling & Freight	Net
	Sales	Allowance	Sales	Income	Sales	Sales	Allowance	Sales	Income	Sales
	(In millions)									
Weight Management	\$ 805.2	\$ (396.5)	\$ 408.7	\$ 67.9	\$ 476.6	\$ 1,003.4	\$ (494.6)	\$ 508.8	\$ 82.4	\$ 591.2
Inner Nutrition	848.2	(417.7)	430.5	71.5	502.0	1,047.8	(516.4)	531.4	85.9	617.3
Outer Nutrition®	208.1	(102.5)	105.6	17.4	123.0	191.7	(94.5)	97.2	15.7	112.9
Other	43.1	9.4	52.5	3.6	56.1	60.2	11.6	71.8	5.0	76.8
	\$ 1,904.6	\$ (907.3)	\$ 997.3	\$ 160.4	\$ 1,157.7	\$ 2,303.1	\$ (1,093.9)	\$ 1,209.2	\$ 189.0	\$ 1,398.2

Our increased emphasis on the science of weight management and nutrition during the recent years, illustrated by our assembly of the Scientific Advisory Board and the Medical Advisory Board, has resulted in product introductions such as *Niteworks*<sup>tm</sup>, *Garden 7*<sup>tm</sup> and Formula I Instant Nutritional Snack Mix and the introduction of *ShapeWorks*<sup>tm</sup>, a personalized meal replacement program. Due to the launch of these new products together with the continued positive sales momentum discussed above, net sales of weight management products and inner nutrition products increased at a higher rate than net sales of outer nutrition<sup>®</sup> products. We expect shifts within these categories from time to time as we launch new products.

**Gross Profit**

Gross profit was \$379.2 million and \$1,117.0 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to \$321.5 million and \$925.1 million in the same periods of 2005. As a percentage of net sales, gross profit for the three months ended September 30, 2006 decreased slightly from 80.2% to 79.6%, as compared to the same period of 2005. The gross profit for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 remained flat at approximately 79.9% of net sales, as compared to the same period of 2005. Generally, gross profit percentages do not vary significantly as a percentage of net sales other than due to product and country mix, currency fluctuations, importation cost and provisions for slow moving and obsolete inventory. Additionally, we believe that we have the ability to mitigate price increases by raising the prices of our products or shifting product sourcing to alternative manufacturers.

**Royalty Overrides**

Royalty Overrides as a percentage of net sales were 35.4% and 35.9% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to 34.6% and 35.5% in the same periods of 2005. The increase for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to the same periods of 2005, was primarily due to a favorable pre-tax impact of \$4.0 million relating to a change in the allowance for uncollectible royalty overrides receivables from distributors in the third quarter of 2005. Generally, this ratio varies slightly from period to period due to changes in the mix of products and countries because full Royalty Overrides are not paid on certain products or in certain countries. Due to the structure of our global compensation plan, we do not expect to see significant fluctuations in Royalty Overrides as a percentage of net sales.

### **Selling, General & Administrative Expenses**

Selling, General & Administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales were 30.7% and 30.2% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to 30.3% and 30.2% in the same periods of 2005. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, Selling, General & Administrative expenses increased \$24.5 million and \$72.6 million to \$146.1 million and \$422.0 million, respectively, as compared to the same periods of 2005. The unfavorable impact of foreign currency fluctuations was \$1.8 million and \$2.0 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively.

The increases in Selling, General, & Administrative expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 included \$10.5 million and \$32.6 million in higher salaries and benefits, due primarily to normal merit increases, higher employee bonuses, higher stock based compensation expenses, and increases related to the strengthening of the management team regionally and in the U.S; higher compensation costs associated with

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employee sales representatives in China; \$3.6 million and \$12.8 million in higher professional fees primarily associated with our technology infrastructure and legal expenses; and \$4.0 million and \$8.5 million in higher occupancy expenses due to new facilities, respectively.

We expect 2006 Selling, General & Administrative expenses to increase over 2005 levels, reflecting general salary merit increases and the ongoing investments in our five key strategies distributor, direct-to-consumer, product development, China, and infrastructure.

## **Net Interest Expense**

Net interest expense was \$25.9 million and \$36.8 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to \$8.0 million and \$37.6 million for the same periods of 2005. Interest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2006 includes recapitalization expenses of \$22.9 million due to the repayment of our Prior Credit Facility of \$79.6 million in July 2006 and the redemption of the \$165.0 million aggregate principal amount of our 9 1/2% Notes due 2011 in August 2006. The recapitalization expenses include \$1.7 million of write-off of unamortized deferred financing cost for the Prior Credit Facility, \$16.6 million of purchase premium and \$4.6 million of write-off of discount and deferred financing cost in respect of our 9 1/2% Notes. The Company entered into a new credit agreement in July 2006 which provides for a term loan of \$200.0 million and a revolving credit facility of \$100.0 million (the New Credit Facility). In August 2006, the Company borrowed \$200.0 million of term loan under the New Credit Facility, and in September 2006, we prepaid \$20.0 million of the term loan borrowing, resulting in approximately \$0.1 million additional interest expense from the write-off of deferred financing fees.

## **Income Taxes**

Income taxes were \$12.2 million and \$55.4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 respectively, as compared to \$26.2 million and \$64.0 million in the same periods of 2005. As a percentage of pre-tax income, the effective income tax rate was 31.5% and 35.3% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, as compared to 49.1% and 50.3% in the same periods of 2005. The decrease in the effective tax rate for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 as compared to 2005 was caused primarily by higher pre-tax income in lower taxed jurisdictions and the impact of recapitalization charges in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 as well as the settlement of an international tax audit and the additional tax benefit from refinancing transactions in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006. Excluding the effect of the settlement related to the international tax audit and the tax benefit of the bond redemption, the effective tax rate would have been approximately 37.5% and 39.1% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively.

## **Foreign Currency Fluctuations**

Currency fluctuations had an unfavorable impact of \$0.1 million and a favorable impact of \$2.6 million on net results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, when compared to what current year net results would have been using last year's foreign exchange rates. For the three months ended September 30, 2006, the regional effects of currency fluctuations were zero impact in North America, an unfavorable impact of \$0.7 million in Mexico and Central America, a favorable impact of \$0.6 million in Brazil, a favorable impact of \$0.2 million in South America and Southeast Asia, a favorable impact of \$0.4 million in EMEA, an unfavorable impact of \$0.1 million in Greater China and an unfavorable impact of \$0.5 million in North Asia. For the nine months ended September 30, 2006, the regional effects of currency fluctuation were a favorable impact of \$0.3 million in North America, a favorable impact of \$0.4 million in Mexico and Central America, a favorable impact of \$2.6 million in Brazil, a favorable impact of \$0.3 million in South America and Southeast Asia, an unfavorable impact of \$0.9 million in EMEA, an unfavorable impact of \$0.4 million in Greater China and a favorable impact of \$0.3 million in North Asia.



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Net income decreased for the three months ended September 30, 2006 to \$26.5 million, or \$0.36 per diluted share, from \$27.1 million or \$0.37 per diluted share, for the same period in 2005. Net income includes the impact of \$14.3 million recapitalization expenses in connection with the repayment to the Prior Credit Facility and our 91/2% Notes and a \$2.7 million additional tax benefit from refinancing transactions in the third quarter of 2006 and a favorable impact of \$2.5 million relating to a change in the allowance for uncollectible royalty overrides receivables from distributors in the third quarter of 2005. For the three months ended September 30, 2006 as compared to the same period in 2005, net sales growth and a lower effective tax rate, partially offset by higher labor costs, promotional expenses and professional fees, had a net favorable impact to net income. Foreign currencies had an unfavorable impact of \$0.1 million on net results for the three months ended September 30, 2006.

Net income increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 to \$101.5 million, or \$1.37 per diluted share, from \$63.2 million or \$0.87 per diluted share, for the same period in 2005. Net income includes the impact of a \$3.7 million tax benefit resulting from an international income tax settlement in the first quarter of 2006, \$14.3 million recapitalization expenses incurred in connection with the repayment of our Prior Credit Facility and our 91/2% Notes and a \$2.7 million additional tax benefit from refinancing transactions in the third quarter of 2006, and \$14.2 million of recapitalization expenses incurred in the first quarter of 2005 associated with the \$110.0 million clawback of our 91/2% Notes and a favorable impact of \$2.5 million relating to a change in the allowance for uncollectible royalty overrides receivables from distributors in the third quarter of 2005. For the nine months ended September 30, 2006 as compared to the same period in 2005, net sales growth, lower interest expense and a lower effective tax rate, partially offset by higher labor costs, promotional expenses and professional fees, had a net favorable impact to net income. Foreign currencies had a favorable impact of \$2.6 million on net results for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

We have historically met our working capital and capital expenditure requirements, including funding for expansion of operations, through net cash flows provided by operating activities. Our principal source of liquidity is our operating cash flows. Variations in sales of our products would directly affect the availability of funds. There are no material restrictions on the ability to transfer and remit funds among our international affiliated companies.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2006, we generated \$145.0 million from operating cash flows, as compared to \$130.9 million in the same period of 2005. The increase in cash generated from operations reflected an increase in net income of \$38.3 million, which was primarily driven by a 20.8% growth in net sales, partially offset by higher royalty overrides and selling, general & administrative expenses.

Capital expenditures, including capital leases, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 were \$23.5 million and \$49.1 million, respectively, as compared to \$9.5 million and \$22.3 million, for the same periods in 2005. We expect to incur capital expenditures of approximately \$55 million in 2006. The majority of these expenditures represent investments in management information systems, the development of the Company's direct-to-consumer platform, the expansion of our facilities in China and for the build-out and construction of new U.S. facilities.

2005 and 2006 are investment years for us in China as we expand our business there. The operating loss in China for 2005 was \$2.2 million and we currently anticipate funding an operating loss of less than \$1.0 million in 2006, in addition to total capital expenditures and working capital of up to \$4.0 million for the planned build-out of retail stores, our offices and the expansion of the capabilities of our manufacturing facility. In 2005, we invested approximately \$4.5 million in capital expenditures in China.



In February 2005, we redeemed a \$110 million principal amount, excluding discounts, or 40% of our 9 1/2% Notes for the cash amount of \$124.1 million, including a premium of \$10.5 million and accrued interest of \$3.6 million. Interest expense in 2005 includes the redemption amount of \$14.2 million, which represents \$10.5 million of premium and \$3.7 million of write-off of deferred financing cost and discount. In August 2006, we redeemed the \$165.0 million principal amount of our 9 1/2% Notes for a total amount of \$187.8 million, including a premium of \$16.6 million and accrued interest of \$6.2 million. Interest expense in the third quarter of

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2006 includes the call premium of \$16.6 million and \$4.6 million of write-off of discounts and deferred financing costs.

Our Prior Credit Facility consisted of a senior secured revolving credit facility with total availability of up to \$25.0 million and a senior secured term loan facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$200.0 million. In July 2006, we prepaid all amounts outstanding under the Prior Credit Facility amounting to \$79.6 million. Interest expense in the third quarter of 2006 includes \$1.7 million of write-off of deferred financing cost.

In July 2006, we entered into the New Credit Facility, a \$300.0 million senior secured credit facility, with a syndicate of financial institutions as lenders. The New Credit Facility replaced the Prior Credit Facility. The New Credit Facility provides for a \$200.0 million term loan and a revolving credit facility of \$100.0 million. The term loan matures on July 21, 2013 and the revolving credit facility is available until July 21, 2012. The term loan bears interest at LIBOR plus a margin of 1.5%, and the revolver bears interest at LIBOR rate plus a margin of 1.25%. The Company is obligated to pay \$0.5 million of the term loan every quarter from December 31, 2006 until June 30, 2013 and the remaining principal on July 21, 2013. In September 2006, the Company made a prepayment of the new term loan borrowings of \$20.0 million resulting in \$0.1 million additional interest expense from write-off of unamortized deferred financing costs.

In July 2006, we redeemed the outstanding \$0.1 million principal balance of the 113/4% Notes due 2010.

The following summarizes our contractual obligations including interest at September 30, 2006 and the effect such obligations are expected to have on our liquidity and cash flows in future periods:

	<b>Payments Due by Period</b>						<b>2011 &amp; Thereafter</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	
				<b>(In millions)</b>			
Senior secured term loan	\$ 262.3	\$ 3.7	\$ 14.5	\$ 14.3	\$ 14.2	\$ 14.0	\$ 201.6
Capital leases	6.4	1.4	3.1	1.2	0.7		
Other debt	1.6	0.7	0.9				
Operating leases	91.8	5.2	16.0	11.7	10.0	8.9	40.0
Total	\$ 362.1	\$ 11.0	\$ 34.5	\$ 27.2	\$ 24.9	\$ 22.9	\$ 241.6

As of September 30, 2006, we had positive working capital of \$44.4 million. Cash and cash equivalents were \$123.3 million at September 30, 2006, compared to \$88.2 million at December 31, 2005.

We expect that cash and funds provided from operations and available borrowings under our existing revolving credit facility will provide sufficient working capital to operate our business, to make expected capital expenditures and to meet foreseeable liquidity requirements. There can be no assurance, however, that our business will service our debt, or fund our other liquidity needs.

The majority of our purchases from suppliers are generally made in U.S. dollars while sales to Herbalife distributors generally are made in local currencies. Consequently, strengthening of the U.S. dollar versus a foreign currency can have a negative impact on operating margins and can generate transaction losses on intercompany transactions. For discussion of our foreign exchange contracts and other hedging arrangements, see the quantitative and qualitative

disclosures about market risks described below.

**Subsequent Events**

In November 2006, we announced a realignment of our employee base as part of our realignment for growth plan. Under this plan, we expect to incur employee related costs of approximately \$8 to \$10 million. Such costs are expected to be recognized within the next twelve months.

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### **Contingencies**

We are from time to time engaged in routine litigation. We regularly review all pending litigation matters in which we are involved and establish reserves deemed appropriate by management for these litigation matters when a probable loss estimate can be made.

Herbalife International and certain of its independent distributors have been named as defendants in a purported class action lawsuit filed February 17, 2005, in the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, and served on Herbalife International on March 14, 2005 (*Minton v. Herbalife International, et al*). The case has been transferred to the Los Angeles County Superior Court. The plaintiff is challenging the marketing practices of certain Herbalife International independent distributors and Herbalife International under various state laws prohibiting endless chain schemes, insufficient disclosure in assisted marketing plans, unfair and deceptive business practices, and fraud and deceit. The plaintiff alleges that the Freedom Group system operated by certain independent distributors of Herbalife International products places too much emphasis on recruiting and encourages excessively large purchases of product and promotional materials by distributors. The plaintiff also alleges that Freedom Group pressured distributors to disseminate misleading promotional materials. The plaintiff seeks to hold Herbalife International vicariously liable for the actions of its independent distributors and is seeking damages and injunctive relief. We believe that we have meritorious defenses to the suit.

Herbalife International and certain of its distributors have been named as defendants in a class action lawsuit filed July 16, 2003, in the Circuit Court of Ohio County in the State of West Virginia (*Mey v. Herbalife International, Inc., et al*). On April 21, 2006, the court granted plaintiff's motion for class certification in West Virginia. The complaint alleges that certain telemarketing practices of certain Herbalife International distributors violate the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, or TCPA, and seeks to hold Herbalife International vicariously liable for the practices of these distributors. More specifically, the plaintiff's complaint alleges that several of Herbalife International's distributors used pre-recorded telephone messages and autodialers to contact prospective customers in violation of the TCPA's prohibition of such practices. Herbalife International's distributors are independent contractors and if any such distributors in fact violated the TCPA they also violated Herbalife's policies, which require our distributors to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws. We believe that we have meritorious defenses to the suit.

As a marketer of dietary and nutritional supplements and other products that are ingested by consumers or applied to their bodies, we have been and are currently subjected to various product liability claims. The effects of these claims to date have not been material to us, and the reasonably possible range of exposure on currently existing claims is not material to us. We believe that we have meritorious defenses to the allegations contained in the lawsuits. We currently maintain product liability insurance with an annual deductible of \$10 million.

Certain of our subsidiaries have been subject to tax audits by governmental authorities in their respective countries. In certain of these tax audits, governmental authorities are proposing that significant amounts of additional taxes and related interest and penalties are due. We and our tax advisors believe that there are substantial defenses to their allegations that additional taxes are owed, and we are vigorously contesting the additional proposed taxes and related charges.

These matters may take several years to resolve, and we cannot be sure of their ultimate resolution. However, it is the opinion of management that adverse outcomes, if any, will not likely result in a material effect on our financial condition and operating results. This opinion is based on our belief that any losses we suffer would not be material and that we have meritorious defenses. Although we have reserved an amount that we believe represents the likely outcome of the resolution of these disputes, if we are incorrect in our assessment we may have to record additional expenses.

**Critical Accounting Policies**

Our Consolidated Financial Statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which require us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates. We consider the following policies to be most critical in understanding the judgments that are

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involved in preparing the consolidated financial statements and the uncertainties that could impact our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

We are a network marketing company that sells a wide range of weight management products, nutritional supplements and personal care products within one industry segment as defined under SFAS 131, Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information. Our products are manufactured by third party providers and then sold to independent distributors who sell Herbalife products to retail consumers or other distributors.

We sell products in 62 countries throughout the world which are organized and managed by geographic region. In the first quarter of 2003, we elected to aggregate our operating segments into one reporting segment, as management believes that our operating segments have similar operating characteristics and similar long term operating performance. In making this determination, management believes that the operating segments are similar in the nature of the products sold, the product acquisition process, the types of customers products are sold to, the methods used to distribute the products and the nature of the regulatory environment.

Revenue is recognized when products are shipped and title passes to the independent distributor or importer. Amounts billed for freight and handling costs are included in net sales. We generally receive the net sales price in cash or through credit card payments at the point of sale. Related royalty overrides and allowances for product returns are recorded when the merchandise is shipped.

Allowances for product returns primarily in connection with our buyback program are provided at the time the product is shipped. This accrual is based upon historic return rates for each country, which vary from zero to approximately 5.0% of retail sales, and the relevant return pattern, which reflects anticipated returns to be received over a period of up to 12 months following the original sale. Historically, product returns and buybacks have not been significant. Product returns and buybacks were approximately 1.2%, 1.0% and 1.0%, 1.0%, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 and 2006, respectively. No material changes in estimates have been recognized for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and 2006.

We record reserves against our inventory to provide for estimated obsolete or unsalable inventory based on assumptions about future demand for our products and market conditions. If future demand and market conditions are less favorable than management's assumptions, additional reserves could be required. Likewise, favorable future demand and market conditions could positively impact future operating results if previously reserved for inventory is sold. We reserved for obsolete and slow moving inventory totaling \$8.0 million and \$9.8 million as of December 31, 2005 and September 30, 2006, respectively.

In accordance with SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, long-lived assets, such as property, plant, and equipment, and purchased intangibles subject to amortization, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated future cash flows, an impairment charge is recognized by the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the fair value of the asset. Assets to be disposed of would be separately presented in the balance sheet and reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell, and are no longer depreciated. The assets and liabilities of a disposed group classified as held for sale would be presented separately in the appropriate asset and liability sections of the balance sheet.

Goodwill and other intangibles not subject to amortization are tested annually for impairment and are tested for impairment more frequently if events and circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. An impairment loss is recognized to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds the asset's fair value. This determination is made at the

reporting unit level and consists of two steps. First, the Company determines the fair value of a reporting unit and compares it to its carrying amount. Second, if the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss is recognized for any excess of the carrying amount of the reporting unit's goodwill and other intangibles over the implied fair value. The implied fair value is determined by allocating the fair value of the reporting unit in a manner similar to a purchase price allocation, in accordance with SFAS No. 141, Business Combinations. The residual fair value after this allocation is the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill and other intangibles. As of September 30, 2006, we had goodwill of approximately \$125.1 million, and marketing

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franchise of \$310.0 million. Goodwill was reduced in the first three quarters of 2006 by approximately \$4.7 million, \$2.0 million and \$2.4 million, respectively, due primarily to the effect of the settlement of an international tax audit related to the pre-acquisition period, the use of net operating losses and the reduction of certain pre-acquisition income tax reserves.

Contingencies are accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 5, Accounting for Contingencies ( SFAS No. 5 ). SFAS No. 5 requires that we record an estimated loss from a loss contingency when information available prior to issuance of our financial statements indicates that it is probable that an asset has been impaired or a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Accounting for contingencies such as legal and income tax matters requires us to use judgment. Many of these legal and tax contingencies can take years to be resolved. Generally, as the time period increases over which the uncertainties are resolved, the likelihood of changes to the estimate of the ultimate outcome increases.

Deferred income tax assets have been established for net operating loss carryforwards of certain foreign subsidiaries and have been reduced by a valuation allowance to reflect them at amounts estimated to be ultimately recognized. The net operating loss carryforwards expire in varying amounts over a future period of time. Realization of the income tax carryforwards is dependent on generating sufficient taxable income prior to expiration of the carryforwards. Although realization is not assured, we believe it is more likely than not that the net carrying value of the income tax carryforwards will be realized. The amount of the income tax carryforwards that is considered realizable, however, could change if estimates of future taxable income during the carryforward period are adjusted.

We account for stock-based compensation in accordance with SFAS No. 123R, Share-Based Payment ( SFAS No. 123R ). Under the fair value recognition provisions of this statement, share-based compensation cost is measured at the grant date based on the value of the award and is recognized as expense over the vesting period. Determining the fair value of share-based awards at the grant date requires judgment, including estimating our stock price volatility and employee stock award exercise behaviors. Our expected volatility is primarily based upon the historical volatility of Herbalife's common stock and, due to the limited period of public trading data for its common stock, it is also validated against the volatility of a company peer group. The expected life of awards is based on observed historical exercise patterns, which can vary over time. As stock-based compensation expense recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Income is based on awards ultimately expected to vest, the amount of expense has been reduced for estimated forfeitures. SFAS No. 123R requires forfeitures to be estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates. Forfeitures were estimated based on historical experience.

## **New Accounting Pronouncements**

Effective January 1, 2006, we adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123R, which generally requires, among other things, that all employee share-based compensation be measured using a fair value method and that the resulting compensation cost be recognized in the financial statements. We selected the modified prospective method of adoption. Under this method, compensation expense that we recognized for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 included: (a) compensation expense for all share-based payments granted prior to, but not yet vested as of January 1, 2006, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, and (b) compensation expense for all share-based payments granted on or after January 1, 2006, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 123R. Results for prior periods were not restated. See Note 8 to the consolidated financial statements for more details on stock based compensation.

In June 2006, FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes ( FIN 48 ) was issued in its final version. The Interpretation clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's



financial statements in accordance with FASB Statement No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. FIN 48 provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. Earlier application of the provisions of FIN 48 is encouraged if the enterprise has not yet issued financial statements, including interim financial statements, in the period FIN 48 is adopted. We are currently evaluating the impact of adopting FIN 48.

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In June 2006, the FASB ratified the consensus of Emerging Issues Task Force ( EITF ) Issue No. 06-3, How Taxes Collected from Customers and Remitted to Governmental Authorities Should Be Presented in the Income Statement (That Is, Gross versus Net Presentation) ( EITF 06-3 ). EITF 06-3 clarifies that the scope of this issue includes any tax assessed by a governmental authority that is directly imposed on a revenue-producing transaction between a seller and a customer and indicates that the income statement presentation on either a gross basis or a net basis of the taxes within the scope of the issue is an accounting policy decision that should be disclosed. Furthermore, for taxes reported on a gross basis, an enterprise should disclose the amounts of those taxes in interim and annual financial statements for each period for which an income statement is presented. The consensus is effective, through retrospective application, for periods beginning after December 15, 2006. We are currently evaluating the presentation basis to be utilized in accordance with EITF 06-3.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurement, which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with GAAP, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The provisions of SFAS No. 157 are effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. We are currently evaluating the impact, if any, of adopting SFAS No. 157.

In September 2006, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108, Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current year Financial Statements ( SAB 108 ), which provides interpretive guidance on how the effects of the carryover or reversal of prior year misstatements should be considered in quantifying a current year misstatement. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2006 and it allows a one-time transitional cumulative effect adjustment to beginning-of-year retained earnings at the first fiscal year ending after November 15, 2006 for errors that were not previously deemed material, but are material under the guidance in SAB 108. We are currently evaluating the impact, if any, of adopting SAB 108 on our consolidated financial statements.

### **Item 3. *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk***

We are exposed to market risks, which arise during the normal course of business from changes in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. On a selected basis, we use derivative financial instruments to manage or hedge these risks. All hedging transactions are authorized and executed pursuant to written guidelines and procedures.

We have adopted SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities. SFAS No. 133, as amended and interpreted, established accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts, and for hedging activities. All derivatives, whether designated in hedging relationships or not, are required to be recorded on the balance sheet at fair value. If the derivative is designated as a fair-value hedge, the changes in the fair value of the derivative and the underlying hedged item are recognized concurrently in earnings. If the derivative is designated as a cash-flow hedge, changes in the fair value of the derivative are recorded in other comprehensive income ( OCI ) and are recognized in the statement of operations when the hedged item affects earnings. SFAS No. 133 defined new requirements for designation and documentation of hedging relationships as well as ongoing effectiveness assessments in order to use hedge accounting. For a derivative that does not qualify as a hedge, changes in fair value are recognized concurrently in earnings.

A discussion of our primary market risk exposures and derivatives is presented below.

#### **Foreign Exchange Risk**

We enter into foreign exchange derivatives in the ordinary course of business primarily to reduce exposure to currency fluctuations attributable to inter-company transactions and translation of local currency revenue. Most of these foreign exchange contracts are designated as free standing derivatives for which hedge accounting does not apply.

We purchase average rate put options, which give us the right, but not the obligation, to sell foreign currency at a specified exchange rate ( strike rate ). These contracts provide protection in the event that the foreign currency weakens beyond the option strike rate.

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The following table provides information about the details of our option contracts:

<b>Foreign Currency</b>	<b>Coverage (In millions)</b>	<b>Average Strike Price</b>		<b>Fair Value (In millions)</b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>
Purchase Puts (Company may sell peso/buy USD)					
Mexican peso	\$ 18.5	10.69	10.94	\$ 0.4	Oct-Dec 2006
	\$ 18.5			\$ 0.4	
Purchase Puts (Company may sell real/buy USD)					
Brazilian real	\$ 5.0	2.28	2.37	\$ 0.0	Oct-Dec 2006
	\$ 5.0			\$ 0.0	
Purchase Puts (Company may sell won/buy USD)					
Korean won	\$ 3.8	980.75	992.25	\$ 0.0	Oct-Dec 2006
	\$ 3.8			\$ 0.0	
Purchase Puts (Company may sell pounds/buy USD)					
British pound	\$ 3.0	1.89	1.91	\$ 0.1	Oct-Dec 2006
	\$ 3.0			\$ 0.1	
Purchase Puts (Company may sell rand/buy USD)					
South African rand	\$ 0.3	6.10	6.10	\$ 0.1	Oct-Dec 2006
	\$ 0.3			\$ 0.1	
Purchase Puts (Company may sell Taiwan dollar/buy USD)					
Taiwan Dollar	\$ 3.0	30.98	31.25	\$ 0.2	Oct-Dec 2006
	\$ 3.0			\$ 0.2	
Purchase Puts (Company may sell Euro/buy USD)					
Euro	\$ 4.5	1.29	1.30	\$ 0.1	Oct-Dec 2006
	\$ 4.5			\$ 0.1	

Foreign exchange forward contracts are used to hedge advances between subsidiaries. The objective of these contracts is to neutralize the impact of foreign currency movements on the subsidiary s operating results. The fair value of forward contracts is based on third-party bank quotes.

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The following table provides information about the details of our forward contracts:

<b>Foreign Currency</b>	<b>Contract Date</b>	<b>Forward Position</b>	<b>Maturity</b>	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Fair</b>
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