



Fellow Shareholders:

Fiscal year 2006 was an outstanding year at AmerisourceBergen as the Company delivered revenue, operating income and earnings per share growth resulting in a significant increase in shareholder value. At the same time the Company remains focused on future opportunities in each of our businesses as we understand it is sustained performance that drives superior, long-term shareholder value.

Your Board continues its active involvement in overseeing the strategic direction of AmerisourceBergen. We remain focused on governance duties, including our continued compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley requirements. We also seek ways to further align the Board and management with shareholders' interests. For example, this year we adopted a stock ownership obligation that requires directors and senior management to own appropriate amounts of stock in AmerisourceBergen.

In May 2006, we welcomed to the Board Michael J. Long, Senior Vice President and President, North America and Asia/Pacific Components for Arrow Electronics, Inc. His strong background in distribution, his proven leadership and his commitment to innovation make him a valuable addition to the Board.

As planned, William D. Sprague, Senior Vice President and General Counsel and long-time Secretary to the Board, will be retiring in 2007. I want to express on behalf of the Board our appreciation for his excellent counsel and outstanding service to AmerisourceBergen.

I invite you to read this Annual Report, and in particular Dave Yost's letter to shareholders, to gain a clear view of your Company's performance and an understanding of the significant growth opportunities which lie ahead.

On behalf of the Board, thank you for your continued support.

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Chairman of the Board



AmerisourceBergen (NYSE:ABC) is one of the world's largest pharmaceutical services companies serving the United States, Canada and selected global markets. Servicing both healthcare providers and pharmaceutical manufacturers in the pharmaceutical supply channel, the Company provides drug distribution and related services designed to reduce costs and improve patient outcomes. AmerisourceBergen's service solutions range from logistics and pharmaceutical packaging to reimbursement and pharmaceutical care consulting services, as well as physician education. With more than \$61 billion in annual revenue, AmerisourceBergen is headquartered in Valley Forge, PA, and employs more than 13,000 people.





Dave Yost, Chief Executive Officer

The Power of Smart Growth™

Being in the right markets,
having the right customers, and
achieving the right financial position
paves the way for growth
in fiscal year 2007 and beyond.

To Our Shareholders:

By almost any standard, the associates of AmerisourceBergen delivered very strong performance for our year ended September 30, 2006. Operating revenue was a record \$57 billion, up 13%. Our operating expenses as a percentage of operating revenue decreased. Operating income was up 18%. Operating margin increased. Net interest expense was down substantially. Earnings per share (EPS) was up 65% to \$2.26 from continuing operations (reflecting our Dec. '05 stock split) and up 35% net of our refinancing charges of last year. We generated cash flow from operations of \$807 million, and are net debt free with the strongest balance sheet in our history. Our strong financial performance was rewarded by upgrades from all the rating agencies that rate us and we are now rated "investment grade" by two of the three. Lots to like about the year.

We enter FY07 with the best momentum the Company has ever experienced, which is a great way to celebrate our five-year

anniversary. It is hard to imagine that it was only in 2001 that AmerisourceBergen emerged, and we will never forget our first board meeting at the New York Stock Exchange on the tragic day of the World Trade Center attack on September 11. We celebrated our five-year anniversary by pausing briefly to note our great progress, and declaring the merger integration officially over. During our five-year history, we have grown our EPS from continuing operations at a compounded annual growth rate of 16%.

As expected, our FY06 was a busy year.

During the year we completed the substantial investment we began in 2001 in AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation's (ABDC) physical distribution capability with the opening of our final two "greenfield" state-of-the-art drug distribution centers in Kansas City, MO, and Bethlehem, PA, and completed six consolidations. We broke ground on an expansion of our specialty distribution center in Dothan, AL; opened a specialty distribution center in Reno, NV; and began preparations for the

AmerisourceBergen Specialty Group to move into its new headquarters building near Dallas, TX, consolidating many of its operations for efficiency and providing it with room for growth.

We were active on the acquisition front as well, investing nearly \$300 million during the year.

We identified Canada as a logical extension for our drug distribution business, completed three acquisitions there and are now the second largest wholesaler in Canada. We like what we see in Canada and have a great management team in place. Many of the programs that have proven successful to ABDC in the U.S. are applicable to the Canadian market.

We identified the need for a European operation in our packaging business unit and targeted and acquired Brecon Pharmaceuticals, Ltd., a small and very high quality packaging operation in Wales, United Kingdom. The integration moved quickly and today we are sharing customers and techniques.

Building on the successful FY04 acquisition of Imedex, Inc., a small medical education company in our Specialty Group, we acquired Network for Medical Communication & Research, LLC (NMCR), which provides unique analytics to manufacturers and accredited education programs to physicians. After the close of FY06, we further enhanced our offering in the Specialty Group with the acquisitions of I.G.G. of America, Inc., a specialty pharmacy in the growing IVIG space, and Access M.D., Inc., a specialty pharmaceutical services company in Canada.

Also after the close of the fiscal year, we acquired Health Advocates, Inc., a leading provider of Medicare set-aside cost containment services to insurance payors — enhancing our PMSI® workers' compensation business.

We will continue to be very disciplined in acquisitions and the modest-sized acquisition below \$200 million is our sweet spot. continued on page 4

Our scale and position in the pharmaceutical supply channel give us unique opportunities to provide value-added services to healthcare providers and pharmaceutical manufacturers.



The Power of Smart Growth

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We would consider something larger if it made good strategic sense, but it is reasonable to expect modest acquisition activity. Our acquisition criteria are straightforward: well run companies in the pharmaceutical supply channel with operational and/or managerial synergies; attractive growth prospects and good margins; and strong returns on capital or a strong pathway to that criteria. As we look ahead, our focus will continue to be on brand name and generic pharmaceutical distribution and related services, specialty pharmaceutical distribution and related services, and pharmaceutical channel enhancements, including packaging and other areas.

In FY06, we continued to assess each of our business units, and during the year we concluded that our PharMerica Long-Term Care (LTC) institutional pharmacy operation would be greatly enhanced with additional scale. On August 7, we announced our plans for a transaction under which PharMerica LTC would pay a cash distribution to AmerisourceBergen and we would then spin the assets of PharMerica LTC on a tax-free basis to our shareholders; immediately merge the assets with Kindred Healthcare's institutional pharmacy assets (a business with similar EBITDA) in a 50-50 deal; and take the surviving entity public. The new entity will begin operations with almost \$2 billion of revenue, will have substantial opportunities for meaningful synergies, and will be the clear number two player in the space with no number three even close. Upon completion of the deal, AmerisourceBergen shareholders will own 50% of the new entity. The tax-free spin-merge-take public strategy is a great opportunity for our associates, customers, suppliers, shareholders and early indications are that the transaction will be well received in the market. Currently, the PharMerica LTC operations account for about 5% of AmerisourceBergen's operating income.

As we look ahead, the future of AmerisourceBergen is very bright. The fundamental drivers of our business remain strong: an aging population with an intense demand for the products we distribute; suppliers who are investing billions in developing new therapies that will fuel future sales; and customers, which include the prescription dispensers as well as suppliers, who continue to look to us to provide solutions to their business challenges.

The theme for FY07 is "The Power of Smart Growth." Our growth engines will be our specialty distribution and services business, and the generics business of our drug distribution business. We are well positioned to capitalize on both of these opportunities.

Our specialty business had nearly \$10 billion in revenues in FY06. We have a commanding market share in the distribution of oncology products to physicians, where many new products are under development, and strong positioning in other physician

administered drugs as well as vaccines and plasma. We have the widest array of value-added services in this industry, including reimbursement counseling and patient assistance, medical education, third party logistics, and analytical services.

Our customer positioning in ABDC provides us great opportunity to capitalize on the heavy brand to generic product conversions begun in FY06 that will continue for the next several years. Our diverse customer base of independent drug stores, regional chains, hospitals, and alternate site pharmacies look to us for the total supply of their pharmaceuticals, including generics, under a prime vendor concept. We enjoy a lack of customer concentration, with no one customer crossing the 10% threshold of operating revenue.

The Power of Smart Growth reflects expanded relationships driven by the basic business "rights": the right markets, the right customers, the right suppliers, the right

GAAP Diluted EPS from

Continuing Operations Adjusted for December 2005 Stock Split

products and solutions, and the right execution with the right people; all at the right time.

Reflecting the optimism we have in the future, during FY06 we repurchased \$749 million of our stock, and doubled our still modest dividend in November 2006. We remain committed to returning at least 30% of our free cash flow to

especially in very successful years, end with a tribute to the Company's associates

our shareholders. Many shareholder letters,

and this will be no exception. AmerisourceBergen is a large and growing company with no shortage of challenges. Day in and day out, the AmerisourceBergen associates meet the challenges of the market and our customers with creativity and enthusiasm, knowing that people's lives and health depend upon what they do. Working with them on your behalf is extremely rewarding and it is a great privilege to serve as your CEO.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of AmerisourceBergen. Our future has never been brighter.

R. David Yost

Chief Executive Officer

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December 22, 2006





Scale and Service = Value Across the Channel

Over the last few years, AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation
has been migrating away from transaction based relationships toward

performance based account relationships
focused on four areas that drive success for our customers:

operating efficiency, revenue enhancement,
margin enhancement, and increasing market share.

AmerisourceBergen is focused solely on the pharmaceutical supply channel, and our pharmaceutical distribution business anchors our place in that channel. We are well positioned in both size and breadth of services to continue to grow our business by building on our existing distribution platform and providing related programs and services that help our customers improve their businesses and efficiently provide better pharmaceutical care. In fiscal year 2006, we expanded our distribution segment into the Canadian market, and with the help of three key acquisitions, we now offer nationwide service in Canada and occupy the number two position in that market.

Two of the keys to The Power of Smart Growth are having a balanced portfolio of the right customers and the right suppliers, and having the right offering of products and services. AmerisourceBergen's broad base of customers includes independent retail pharmacies, regional chain retail pharmacies, hospitals, alternate care facilities, and physician offices. We aggregate the demand from all of our customers to create value for manufacturers of branded and generic pharmaceuticals, biotech and other specialty pharmaceuticals, over-the-counter medications, and other healthcare related items. Our scale in the industry and our commitment to excellent service combine to

yield unique benefits for healthcare providers and product manufacturers alike.

Within AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation (ABDC) our customer base is split virtually evenly between institutional healthcare providers and retail pharmacies. No single customer represents more than 10% of our operating revenue, and no single supplier represents more than 10% of our purchases. This balance gives us stability and flexibility in our operations and opportunities to offer manufacturers access to otherwise difficult to reach customers, such as individual independent and regional chain retail pharmacies, hospitals, and physicians. AmerisourceBergen protects the integrity of the supply channel by purchasing all of its pharmaceutical products directly from the manufacturer, and we provide electronic pedigrees where required.

Over the last few years, ABDC has been migrating away from transaction based relationships toward performance based account relationships focused on four areas that drive success for our customers: operating efficiency, revenue enhancement, margin enhancement, and increasing market share. This shift has enabled us to develop new, innovative and integrated solutions, aimed at streamlining pharmacy processes and enhancing patient care and safety. We have also taken steps to commercialize the expertise continued on page 8

Scale and Service

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we gained throughout the Company's Optimiz® process through a program called Optimiz Rx™. For our hospital and alternate care customers, Optimiz Rx provides an integrated platform for supply chain solutions, clinical solutions, and community care solutions. For our independent and retail chain customers, Optimiz Rx provides retail value engineering services, patient health data tracking, and business coaching and consulting.

Our traditional programs such as Performance Plus Network* (PPN), and Good Neighbor Pharmacy* (GNP) have enjoyed tremendous growth in the last year. The Performance Plus Network saw growth of 53% over the course of the fiscal year as customers recognized the importance of belonging to a national managed care provider network that today is 4,900 members strong. Through PPN, AmerisourceBergen negotiates with employers, health plans, and other payors to ensure that our customers are included in provider networks, and to secure favorable reimbursement rates and terms. It is very difficult for individual pharmacy or regional chain owners to find the time or resources to negotiate with the numerous health plans and other payors in the market, and AmerisourceBergen is pleased to offer its expertise in this area to its customers.

As the fee-for-service model evolved, pharmaceutical manufacturers better recognized our value in the channel, and we have improved relationships with them on the basis of transparency and efficiency.

Good Neighbor Pharmacy, our network of independently owned retail pharmacies, grew 50% over the last two years to 2,700 stores as customers who were previously on one of our less robust programs have recognized the value of the national GNP brand and have joined the network. AmerisourceBergen's GNP program gives independent pharmacy owners the opportunity to take advantage of the benefits of being part of a nationally recognized brand by providing marketing, advertising and merchandising support while permitting the pharmacy owners to maintain control of their business. GNP members also have access to the wide array of other AmerisourceBergen programs and services, such as PRxO* Generics, our generic sourcing program, and an extensive private label program.

Generic pharmaceuticals are an important element to the future of healthcare, as they help to mitigate rising healthcare costs. AmerisourceBergen uses its size and position in the pharmaceutical channel to aggregate demand for generics among its healthcare provider customer base and provides a complete line of generic products through its proprietary PRxO Generics sourcing program. AmerisourceBergen negotiates on behalf of its customers with generic manufacturers and establishes a high value generic formulary that is cost effective, and contains high quality products that are sourced directly from the manufacturer, ensuring the product's integrity. The PRxO Generics program allows AmerisourceBergen's customers to achieve a complete and competitively priced generic offering, giving them the opportunity to compete effectively in the marketplace.

As important as it is for our customers to have just-in-time and reliable access to the latest generic pharmaceuticals, it is equally important for generic manufacturers to have access to independent pharmacies, regional chain retailers and other healthcare providers that do not have the resources to purchase generics directly from the manufacturer. AmerisourceBergen gives all pharmaceutical manufacturers a clear pathway to that difficult to reach segment of the market. The degree to which AmerisourceBergen penetrates the market is key, especially in instances where either branded or generic drug manufacturers launch a new product into the market. We have the ability to ship new products to our entire customer base generally within 24 hours of a drug receiving regulatory approval. Branded and generic drug manufacturers value this timely service because it ensures that their new products are available to patients who need them virtually as soon as their products are approved.

Efficient service is the cornerstone of AmerisourceBergen's success, and over the last few years as the industry has changed its business model from a buy and hold formula to a fee-for-service model, our relationships with suppliers have improved dramatically. As the fee-for-service model evolved, pharmaceutical manufacturers better recognized our value in the channel, and we have improved relationships with them on the basis of transparency and efficiency. The transition to fee-for-service is now complete, and a substantial majority of AmerisourceBergen's gross profit is no longer contingent on manufacturer price increases. Our compensation is now tied directly to the services we provide, and we believe the channel is better served. Our earnings stream is more stable and predictable, manufacturers are better able to measure demand and plan accordingly, and our provider customers are benefiting from improved service levels.



Specialty Distribution and Services

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often require special handling and staff training, not only in administering the drug, but also in securing reimbursement for the cost of the drug and the services required to support its delivery to the patient. ABSG provides the expertise for dealing with the increasingly complex contractual relationships between providers and manufacturers, and helps navigate the rapidly changing reimbursement landscape.

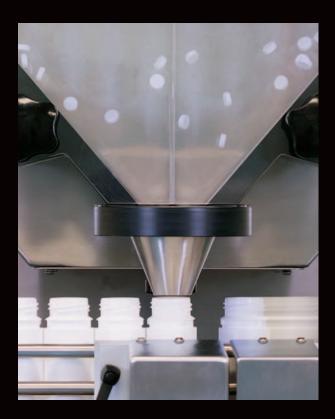
ABSG also distributes vaccines and other injectibles, plasma and other blood products, and is well positioned to support many of the new biotech therapies which will be coming to the market in the near future. The growth of specialty pharmaceuticals is driving growth for specialized distribution and services. Specialty pharmaceutical manufacturers are increasingly outsourcing services such as logistics, product commercialization, reimbursement services and medical education. ABSG's market share in key markets such as oncology gives us a unique value proposition to manufacturers looking for visibility and real-time, transparent data, as well as support for their products throughout the supply channel. Specialty manufacturers are becoming more discerning about the channel used to distribute their products, and are especially concerned about a product's integrity and its pedigree as it makes its way through the channel to the patient. AmerisourceBergen sources all of its pharmaceutical products directly from the product's manufacturer, and is fully compliant with electronic pedigree requirements.

Specialty distribution will continue to be an important growth driver well into the future, and we continue to invest in related services that will further strengthen ABSG's position

in the market. In fiscal year 2006, we acquired Network for Medical Communication & Research, LLC (NMCR), a provider of accredited continuing medical education for physicians and analytical research for the oncology market. The addition of NMCR expands ABSG's market-leading presence in its oncology business and complements Imedex, ABSG's existing physician education business. In October 2006, we acquired I.G.G. of America, Inc. (IgG), a specialty pharmacy and infusion services business specializing in the blood derivative IVIG. Adding IgG to our portfolio enhances the services we provide to specialty pharmaceutical manufacturers. In November 2006, AmerisourceBergen acquired Access M.D., Inc. (AMD), a Canadian company that provides reimbursement support programs, third-party logistics and nursing support services to specialty manufacturers. AMD expands our specialty business into Canada and complements the distribution services offered by AmerisourceBergen Canada.

As we look ahead, we believe the momentum we have harnessed through The Power of Smart Growth will carry us forward into fiscal year 2007 and beyond. Our position in the pharmaceutical supply channel, our PRxO Generics program, and our unmatched scale in specialty distribution place us securely in the right markets. Our balanced base of retail and institutional pharmacies, physicians, and branded and generic pharmaceutical manufacturers give us the strength of having the right customers. And finally, our tremendous financial flexibility enables us to take advantage of the right opportunities up and down the pharmaceutical supply channel.





Smart Packaging Solutions

As the pharmaceutical market continues to grow and pharmaceutical manufacturers seek ways in which to efficiently outsource the packaging and distribution of their products, AmerisourceBergen is well positioned to take advantage of new product introductions of both branded and generic products and to contribute to improving the efficiency of the pharmaceutical supply channel.

With the acquisition of Brecon Pharmaceuticals of Wales, United Kingdom, in FY2006, AmerisourceBergen now has 12 packaging facilities totaling 1.2 million square feet, and serves the top 17 brand pharmaceutical manufacturers and a large segment of generic manufacturers. Our combined packaging operations have strong regulatory compliance profiles and over 100 automated lines tailored to specific product needs.

Brecon and Anderson Packaging focus on contract packaging for pharmaceutical manufacturers for the North American, European, and Japanese markets. American Health Packaging focuses on the generic and provider market, and is developing programs and services to further streamline and differentiate the marketing and distribution of generic products.

Growing PMSI®

PMSI serves as a resource for thousands of workers' compensation insurance payors, state workers' compensation funds, employers, and third-party administrators by managing over 4 million pharmacy and medical equipment-related transactions each year on behalf of injured workers. Our proprietary system integrates a comprehensive set of services and products that mitigate risks, contain costs and achieve greater efficiencies for both patients and payors.

The Premier Single-Source Solution for Workers' Compensation

PMSI takes a unique, total-care approach to workers' compensation. With over 54,000 nationwide retail pharmacies in its network along with 10,000 accredited medical equipment and service providers, PMSI delivers both convenience and quality of care. In addition, when insurers select PMSI as their solution provider, they gain instant access to our network of over 28,000 physical therapy, occupational therapy and chiropractic providers nationwide. We're focused on serving the needs of injured workers quickly, cost-effectively and locally. Our network includes both large, national brand-name providers, as well as smaller local or regional specialists. With access to this network, payors and the injured workers they represent have the assurance that these providers will deliver the best care at the best possible in-network rates.

In early FY2007, AmerisourceBergen acquired Health Advocates, Inc., a leading provider of Medicare set-aside services, to further strengthen PMSI's product offering. Medicare set-asides are required in certain workers' compensation settlements. Set-asides are funds established to cover future medical and prescription drug expenses incurred as a result of a job-related injury that would have been paid by Medicare. The amount of the set-aside is dependent on a number of complex factors,

and ultimately must take Medicare into consideration in order for a workers' compensation settlement to be finalized. The purpose of the set-aside is to ensure that Medicare is not burdened with costs that should be covered by the private workers' compensation insurer. The addition of Medicare set-aside services to PMSI's portfolio of services has strengthened our position as a market leader and innovator in the workers' compensation market.



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* Effective January 1, 2007

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto contained herein.

In November 2005, the Company declared a two-for-one stock split of its outstanding shares of common stock. The stock split occurred in the form of a 100% stock dividend, whereby each stockholder received one additional share for each share owned. The shares were distributed on December 28, 2005 to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 13, 2005. All applicable share and per-share data in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this stock split.

The Company is a pharmaceutical services company providing drug distribution and related healthcare services and solutions to its pharmacy, physician, and manufacturer customers, which currently are based primarily in the United States and Canada. The Company also provides pharmaceuticals to long-term care and workers' compensation patients.

The Company is organized based upon the products and services it provides to its customers. Substantially all of the Company's operations are located in the United States and Canada. The Company also has packaging operations located in the United Kingdom. In October 2005, the Company acquired Trent Drugs (Wholesale) Ltd. ("Trent"), a Canadian wholesaler of pharmaceutical products. The acquisition of Trent provided the Company a solid foundation to expand its pharmaceutical distribution capability into the Canadian marketplace. In January 2006, the Company changed the name of Trent to AmerisourceBergen Canada Corporation ("ABCC"). In March 2006, ABCC acquired substantially all of the assets of Asenda Pharmaceutical Supplies Ltd. ("Asenda"), a Canadian pharmaceutical distributor that operated primarily in British Columbia and Alberta. The Asenda acquisition strengthened the Company's position in Western Canada. In September 2006, ABCC acquired another Canadian distributor, Rep-Pharm, Inc., which distributes pharmaceuticals primarily to retail community pharmacies in the provinces of Ontario, Quebec and Alberta. This acquisition continues the Company's strategic focus on the pharmaceutical supply channel in Canada.

In February 2006, the Company acquired Network for Medical Communication & Research, LLC ("NMCR"), a privately held provider of accredited continuing medical education ("CME") for physicians and analytical research for the oncology market. The acquisition of NMCR expanded the Company's presence in its market-leading oncology distribution and services businesses and complements Imedex, the Company's accredited CME business. Additionally, in March 2006, the Company acquired Brecon Pharmaceuticals Limited ("Brecon"), a United Kingdom-based provider of contract packaging and clinical trial materials ("CTM") services for pharmaceutical manufacturers. The acquisition of Brecon enhanced the Company's packaging business and provides the added capability to offer pharmaceutical manufacturers contract packaging and CTM services.

In October 2006, the Company and Kindred Healthcare, Inc. ("Kindred") signed a master transaction agreement to combine their respective institutional pharmacy businesses, PharMerica Long-Term Care and Kindred Pharmacy Services ("KPS"), into a new, independent, publicly traded company. The proposed transaction is

intended to be tax-free to the stockholders of both the Company and Kindred. The transaction is currently expected to be completed in the first calendar quarter of 2007. The new company would be the second largest in the institutional pharmacy services market with annual revenues of approximately \$1.9 billion and a customer base of approximately 330,000 licensed beds in 41 states. The proposed combination does not include the Company's workers' compensation business ("PMSI"), which is reported in its PharMerica segment.

The transaction would begin with PharMerica Long-Term Care and KPS each borrowing up to \$150 million and providing a onetime distribution back to their respective parents. The cash distribution is intended to be all or substantially tax-free to the Company. After the borrowing and distribution, each of the institutional pharmacy businesses would be separately spun off as independent companies, each with 100 percent stock ownership by the stockholders of their respective parents, followed immediately by the independent companies combining in a stock-for-stock exchange which would result in the Company's and Kindred's stockholders each owning 50 percent of the new company (see Note 17 to the consolidated financial statements for further details). The master transaction agreement provides that at closing of the transaction, the Company will enter into a pharmaceutical distribution agreement with the new company, and Kindred will enter into an agreement to provide information and support services to the new company. The master transaction agreement also provides that at closing, Kindred, the Company and the new company will enter into agreements for the provision of certain transition services for a limited transition period following consummation of the transaction. Consummation of the transaction is subject to a number of conditions, including the effectiveness of a registration statement with respect to the shares of the new company's common stock, receipt of financing for the new company and for the one-time cash distributions to the Company and Kindred, and receipt of a favorable determination from the Internal Revenue Service regarding the tax-free nature of the transaction. There can be no assurance that all conditions to completion of the transaction will be met.

In October 2006, the Company acquired Health Advocates, Inc. ("Health Advocates"), a leading provider of Medicare set-aside cost containment services to insurance payors primarily within the workers' compensation industry. Health Advocates was renamed PMSI MSA Services, Inc. ("PMSI MSA Services") and will operate under the Company's PMSI services business. The addition of PMSI MSA Services, combined with our leading pharmacy and clinical solutions, gives the Company's workers' compensation business the ability to provide its customers with a fully integrated Medicare set-aside solution.

In October 2006, the Company acquired I.G.G. of America, Inc. ("IgG"), a specialty pharmacy and infusion services business specializing in the blood derivative IVIG. The addition of IgG supports the Company's strategy of building its specialty pharmaceutical services to manufacturers.

In November 2006, the Company acquired Access M.D., Inc. ("AMD"), a Canadian company that provides services, including reimbursement support, third-party logistics and nursing support services to manufacturers of specialty pharmaceuticals, such as injectable and biological therapies. The acquisition of AMD expands our specialty services businesses into Canada and complements the distribution services offered by ABCC.

The Company's operations are comprised of two reportable segments: Pharmaceutical Distribution and PharMerica.

Pharmaceutical Distribution

The Pharmaceutical Distribution reportable segment is comprised of three operating segments, which include the operations of AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation ("ABDC"), the AmerisourceBergen Specialty Group ("ABSG") and the AmerisourceBergen Packaging Group ("ABPG"). Servicing both pharmaceutical manufacturers and healthcare providers in the pharmaceutical supply channel, the Pharmaceutical Distribution segment's operations provide drug distribution and related services designed to reduce costs and improve patient outcomes.

ABDC distributes a comprehensive offering of brand name and generic pharmaceuticals, over-the-counter healthcare products, home healthcare supplies and equipment, and related services to a wide variety of healthcare providers, including acute care hospitals and health systems, independent and chain retail pharmacies, mail order facilities, clinics, alternate site facilities and other customers. In an effort to further protect the safety of the supply channel, we purchase all pharmaceuticals only from manufacturers. ABDC also provides pharmacy management and consulting services and scalable automated pharmacy dispensing equipment, medication and supply dispensing cabinets and supply management software to a variety of retail and institutional healthcare providers.

The Company has transitioned its pharmaceutical distribution business to a fee-for-service model whereby it is compensated for the services it provides manufacturers versus one that is dependent upon manufacturer price increases. The fee-for-service model is intended to improve the efficiency and transparency of the supply channel and may establish a more predictable earnings pattern for ABDC, while expanding our service relationship with pharmaceutical manufacturers. As of September 30, 2006, ABDC had signed fee-for-service agreements with substantially all of the large branded pharmaceutical manufacturers. During fiscal 2006, more than 75% of ABDC's brand name manufacturer gross margin was not contingent on manufacturer price increases.

ABSG, through a number of individual operating businesses, provides distribution and other services to physicians and alternate care providers who specialize in a variety of disease states, such as oncology. ABSG also distributes vaccines, other injectables, plasma and other blood products. In addition, through its manufacturer services and physician and patient services businesses, ABSG provides a number of commercialization, third party logistics, group purchasing services, and other services for biotech and other pharmaceutical manufacturers, reimbursement consulting, data analytics, practice management, and physician education.

ABSG's business may be adversely impacted in the future by changes in the Medicare reimbursement rates for certain pharmaceuticals, including oncology drugs administered by physicians. Since ABSG provides a number of services to or through physicians, this could result in slower or reduced growth in revenues for ABSG. There can be no assurance that ABSG will retain or replace all of the revenue currently going through the physician channel or that such revenue will be as profitable.

ABPG consists of American Health Packaging, Anderson Packaging ("Anderson") and Brecon. American Health Packaging delivers unit dose, punch card, unit-of-use and other packaging solutions to institutional and retail healthcare providers. American Health Packaging's largest customer is ABDC, and, as a result, their

operations are closely aligned with the operations of ABDC. Anderson is a leading provider of contract packaging services for pharmaceutical manufacturers. Brecon is a United Kingdom-based provider of contract packaging and CTM services for pharmaceutical manufacturers.

PharMerica

The PharMerica segment includes the operations of the PharMerica long-term care business ("Long-Term Care") and PMSI.

Long-Term Care is a leading national dispenser of pharmaceutical products and services to patients in long-term care and alternate site settings, including skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities and residential living communities. Long-Term Care's institutional pharmacy business involves the purchase of prescription and nonprescription pharmaceuticals, principally from our Pharmaceutical Distribution segment, and the dispensing of those products to residents in long-term care and alternate site facilities. Unlike hospitals, most long-term and alternate care facilities do not have onsite pharmacies to dispense prescription drugs but depend instead on institutional pharmacies, such as Long-Term Care, to provide the necessary pharmacy products and services and to play an integral role in monitoring patient medication. Long-Term Care pharmacies dispense pharmaceuticals in patient-specific packaging in accordance with physician orders. In addition, Long-Term Care provides infusion therapy services, as well as formulary management and other pharmacy consulting services.

The Company continues to evaluate the effect that the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) transition is having on its Long-Term Care business. The MMA significantly expanded Medicare coverage for outpatient prescription drugs. Beginning in 2006, Medicare beneficiaries became eligible to enroll in prescription drug plans that are offered by private entities and became eligible for varying levels of coverage for outpatient prescription drugs. While the above has had a positive effect on business volume during fiscal 2006, its impact has been mitigated by additional costs incurred relating to the MMA transition. Additionally, Medicaid drug coverage was affected by the new Medicare Part D drug benefit that was implemented in 2006, since Medicare Part D, not Medicaid, covers most outpatient drug expenses for beneficiaries who qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid coverage (so-called "dual eligibles"), including dual eligibles residing in nursing homes. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) continues to question pharmacies' receipt of access/performance rebates from pharmaceutical manufacturers with respect to prescriptions covered under the Medicare Part D benefit.

In addition, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) could reduce payments to Long-Term Care customers. Among other things, the DRA will reduce certain bad debt payments to Medicare skilled nursing facilities and strengthen asset transfer restrictions for people seeking to qualify for Medicaid long-term care coverage. In addition, new rules that will go into effect on January 1, 2007 may decrease Medicaid pharmacy reimbursement for generic drugs. If the Company fails to successfully develop and implement such plans, this change in reimbursement formula and related reporting requirements and other provisions of the DRA could adversely affect the Company's results of operations and financial condition.

As previously discussed, in October 2006, the Company and Kindred signed a master transaction agreement to combine their respective institutional pharmacy businesses, PharMerica Long-Term Care and KPS, into a new, independent, publicly traded company (see page 13 for further details).

PMSI provides mail order and on-line pharmacy services to chronically and catastrophically ill patients under workers' compensation programs, and provides pharmaceutical claims administration services for payors. PMSI services include home delivery of prescription drugs, medical supplies and equipment, and an array of computer software solutions to reduce the payors' administrative costs. The recent addition of PMSI MSA Services gives the PMSI business the ability to provide its customers with a fully integrated Medicare set-aside solution.

AmerisourceBergen Corporation Summary Segment Information

		Operating Revenue Fiscal year ended September 30,		2006 vs.	2005 vs.
				2005	2004
(dollars in thousands)	2006	2005	2004	Change	Change
Pharmaceutical Distribution	\$55,907,552	\$49,319,371	\$48,113,015	13%	3%
PharMerica	1,668,308	1,571,369	1,575,255	6	_
Intersegment eliminations	(902,920)	(878,142)	(875,818)	(3)	_
Total	\$56,672,940	\$50,012,598	\$48,812,452	13%	2%
		Operating Income		2006	2005
		Fiscal year ended September 30,		VS.	vs.
				2005	2004
(dollars in thousands)	2006	2005	2004	Change	Change
Pharmaceutical Distribution	\$644,202	\$532,887	\$748,625	21%	(29)%
PharMerica	83,745	91,947	121,846	(9)	(25)
Facility consolidations, employee					
severance and other	(20,123)	(22,723)	(7,517)	11	(202)
Gain on antitrust litigation settlements	40,882	40,094	38,005	2	5
Impairment charge		(5,259)		n/a	n/a
Total	\$748,706	\$636,946	\$900,959	18%	(29)%
Percentages of operating revenue:					
Pharmaceutical Distribution					
Gross profit	3.08%	3.03%	3.43%		
Operating expenses	1.93%	1.95%	1.87%		
Operating income	1.15%	1.08%	1.56%		
PharMerica					
Gross profit	28.01%	28.40%	30.45%		
Operating expenses	22.99%	22.54%	22.72%		
Operating income	5.02%	5.85%	7.74%		
AmerisourceBergen Corporation					
Gross profit	3.94%	3.96%	4.44%		
Operating expenses	2.62%	2.69%	2.59%		
Operating income	1.32%	1.27%	1.85%		

Year ended September 30, 2006 compared with Year ended September 30, 2005

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Operating revenue, which excludes bulk deliveries, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 increased 13% to \$56.7 billion from \$50.0 billion in the prior fiscal year. This increase was primarily due to increased operating revenue in the Pharmaceutical Distribution segment.

The Company reports as revenue bulk deliveries to customer warehouses, whereby the Company acts as an intermediary in the ordering and delivery of pharmaceutical products. Bulk delivery transactions are arranged by the Company at the express direction of the customer, and involve either shipments from the supplier directly to customers' warehouse sites (i.e., drop shipment) or shipments from the supplier to the Company for immediate shipment to the customers' warehouse sites (i.e., cross-dock shipment). Bulk deliveries for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 decreased 1% to \$4.5 billion from \$4.6 billion in the prior fiscal year due to a decrease in demand from the Company's largest bulk customer. The Company is a principal to these transactions because it is the primary obligor and has the ultimate responsibility for fulfillment and acceptability of the products purchased, and bears full risk of delivery and loss for products, whether the products are dropshipped or shipped cross-dock. The Company also bears full credit risk associated with the creditworthiness of any bulk delivery customer. As a result, and in accordance with the Emerging Issues Task Force Issue No. 99-19, "Reporting Revenue Gross as a Principal versus Net as an Agent," the Company records bulk deliveries to customer warehouses as gross revenues. Due to the insignificant service fees generated from bulk deliveries, fluctuations in volume have no significant impact on operating margins. However, revenue from bulk deliveries has a positive impact on the Company's cash flows due to favorable timing between the customer payments to the Company and payments by the Company to its suppliers.

In connection with the transition to a fee-for-service model, the Company changed its method of recognizing cash discounts and other related manufacturer incentives, effective October 1, 2004. Prior to October 1, 2004, ABDC had recognized cash discounts as a reduction of cost of goods sold when earned, which was primarily upon payment of vendor invoices. Since October 1, 2004, ABDC has been recording cash discounts as a component of inventory cost and recognizing such discounts as a reduction of cost of goods sold upon the sale of the inventory. We believe the change in accounting method has provided a better matching of inventory cost to revenue, particularly as inventory turnover rates have continued to improve. The Company recorded a \$10.2 million charge for the cumulative effect of this change in accounting (net of tax of \$6.3 million) in the consolidated statement of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005. This \$10.2 million cumulative effect charge reduced diluted earnings per share by \$0.05 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005.

Gross profit of \$2,231.8 million in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 increased 13% from \$1,980.2 million in the prior fiscal year. The increase in gross profit was primarily due to the increase in Pharmaceutical Distribution operating revenue, an increase in compensation under our fee-for-service agreements and growth of our generic programs. As a percentage of operating revenue, gross profit in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 was 3.94%, as compared to 3.96% in the prior-year. This decrease

was primarily due to the strong growth in business with a few of our larger, lower-margin customers. During the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, the Company recognized gains of \$40.9 million and \$40.1 million, respectively, from antitrust litigation settlements with pharmaceutical manufacturers. These gains, which are net of attorney fees and estimated payments due to other parties, were recorded as reductions to cost of goods sold and contributed 2% of gross profit for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006 and 2005. The Company is unable to estimate future gains, if any, it will recognize as a result of antitrust litigation (see Note 13 to the consolidated financial statements for further details).

Distribution, selling and administrative expenses, depreciation and amortization ("DSAD&A") of \$1,463.0 million in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 increased by 11% from \$1,315.3 million in the prior fiscal year. The increase in DSAD&A in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 from the prior fiscal year was primarily related to our growth in operating revenue, operating expenses of our acquired companies, investments to strengthen our sales and marketing and information technology infrastructures within ABDC, and share-based compensation expense related to the current year adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 123R, "Share Based Payment." As a percentage of operating revenue, DSAD&A in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 was 2.58%, compared to 2.63% in the prior fiscal year. The decline in the DSAD&A percentage in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 from the prior fiscal year was primarily due to productivity gains achieved throughout the Company's distribution network as a result of the Optimiz® program, offset in part by investments made to strengthen our sales and marketing and information technology infrastructures within ABDC, expenses of our acquired companies, share-based compensation expense, and an increase in PharMerica's operating expenses related to Medicare Part D implementation issues.

In 2001, the Company developed an integration plan to consolidate its distribution network and eliminate duplicative administrative functions. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the Company decided to outsource a significant portion of its information technology activities as part of the integration plan. During the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, the Company incurred a total of approximately \$21 million of transition costs, which included employee severance and other contract expenses, in connection with this outsourcing plan. The Company's current plan is to have a distribution facility network in the U.S. numbering in the mid-20s by the end of fiscal 2007. The plan includes building six new facilities (all of which have been completed and are fully operational) and closing facilities (29 of which have been closed through September 30, 2006). The Company had a total of 28 distribution facilities in the U.S. as of September 30, 2006. The Company anticipates closing two or three additional facilities in fiscal 2007.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004, the Company closed four distribution facilities and eliminated duplicative administrative functions ("the fiscal 2004 initiatives"). During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the Company announced plans to continue to consolidate and eliminate certain administrative functions, and to outsource a significant portion of the Company's information technology activities (the "fiscal 2005 initiatives").

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, the Company closed six distribution facilities (the "fiscal 2006 initiatives"), incurred expenses relating to the planned spin-off of PharMerica Long-Term Care, realized a \$17.3 million gain from the sale of the

former Bergen Brunswig headquarters building in Orange, California, and incurred a charge of \$13.9 million for an increase in a compensation accrual due to an adverse decision in an employment-related dispute with a former Bergen Brunswig chief executive officer whose employment was terminated in 1999 (see Bergen Brunswig Matter under Note 12 of the consolidated financial statements for further information).

The following table illustrates the charges incurred by the Company relating to facility consolidations, employee severance, and other for the three fiscal years ended September 30, 2006 (in thousands):

	2006	2005	2004
Facility consolidations and			
employee severance	\$ 4,271	\$10,491	\$7,517
Information technology			
transition costs	9,218	12,232	_
Costs relating to the long-term			
care business transaction	6,634	_	
Total facility consolidations,			
employee severance and other	\$20,123	\$22,723	\$7,517

The gain realized on the sale of the Bergen Brunswig headquarters and the compensation expense recognized in connection with the former Bergen Brunswig chief executive officer are components of the facility consolidations and employee severance line in the above table in fiscal 2006.

Through September 30, 2006, approximately 440 employees had been given termination notices as a result of the fiscal 2006 initiatives, of which approximately 400 have been terminated. As a result of the fiscal 2005 initiatives and fiscal 2004 initiatives, approximately 640 employees were terminated. Additional amounts for integration initiatives will be recognized in subsequent periods as facilities to be consolidated are identified and specific plans are approved and announced.

The Company paid a total of \$20.6 million and \$13.5 million for employee severance, lease cancellation and other costs in the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively, related to the aforementioned integration plan. Remaining unpaid amounts of \$27.9 million for employee severance, lease cancellation and other costs are included in accrued expenses and other in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet at September 30, 2006. Most employees receive their severance benefits over a period of time, generally not to exceed 12 months, while others may receive a lump-sum payment.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$5.3 million relating to certain intangible assets held by ABDC.

Operating income of \$748.7 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 increased by 18% compared to \$636.9 million in the prior fiscal year. The Company's operating income as a percentage of operating revenue was 1.32% in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 compared to 1.27% in the prior fiscal year. The increase in operating income was primarily due to the increase in gross profit in the Pharmaceutical Distribution segment. The gain on antitrust litigation settlements, less the costs of facility consolidations, employee severance and other increased operating income by \$20.8 million in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 and increased operating income as a percentage of operating revenue by 4 basis points. The gain on antitrust litigation settlements, less the costs of facility consolidations, employee

severance and other, and the impairment charge increased operating income by \$12.1 million in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 and increased operating income as a percentage of operating revenue by 2 basis points.

Other income of \$4.4 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 primarily included a \$3.4 million gain resulting from an eminent domain settlement and a \$3.1 million gain on the sale of an equity investment less losses incurred relating to another equity investment.

Interest expense, net decreased 78% in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 to \$12.5 million from \$57.2 million in the prior fiscal year. Interest expense and interest income and their respective weighted-average interest rates for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 were as follows (in thousands):

	2006		_	2005	
		Weighted-			Weigted-
		Average			Average
	Interest				Interest
	Amount	Rate		Amount	Rate
Interest expense	\$ 65,874	5.64%		\$ 76,394	7.14%
Interest income	(53,410)	4.03%		(19,171)	2.23%
Interest expense, net	\$ 12,464			\$ 57,223	

Interest expense declined by \$10.5 million from fiscal 2005 to fiscal 2006 primarily as a result of the decline in weighted-average interest rates resulting from the Company's fiscal 2005 long-term debt refinancing. Interest income increased by \$34.2 million from fiscal 2005 to fiscal 2006 primarily as a result of an increase in the Company's average cash and short-term investments and an increase in market interest rates. The Company's average invested cash and short-term investments during fiscal 2006 and 2005 was \$1.3 billion and \$0.9 billion, respectively. The Company's net interest expense in future periods may vary significantly depending upon changes in interest rates and strategic decisions made by the Company to deploy its invested cash and short-term investments.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the Company recorded a \$111.9 million loss related to the early retirement of debt.

Income tax expense of \$272.6 million in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 reflects an effective income tax rate of 36.8%, versus 37.7% in the prior fiscal year. The decline in the effective tax rate was primarily driven by an increase in the amount of our tax-free investments in comparison to our taxable investments, including cash and cash equivalents and certain other favorable tax adjustments. The Company expects to have an effective income tax rate between 37% and 38% in future periods, which will primarily depend on our mix of tax-free and taxable investments, including cash and cash equivalents.

Income from continuing operations of \$468.0 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 increased by 60% from \$291.9 million in the prior fiscal year before the cumulative effect of the change in accounting. Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations of \$2.26 in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 represents a 65% increase from \$1.37 per diluted share in the prior fiscal year before the cumulative effect of the change in accounting. The gain on antitrust litigation settlements, the eminent domain settlement, the sale of an equity investment and the favorable tax adjustments, less the costs of facility consolidations, employee severance and other increased income from continuing operations by \$23.2 million and increased diluted earnings per share from continuing operations by \$0.11 for the fiscal year ended

September 30, 2006. The gain on antitrust litigation settlements less the costs of facility consolidations, employee severance and other, the impairment charge and the loss on early retirement of debt decreased income from continuing operations by \$64.2 million and decreased diluted earnings per share from continuing operations by \$0.30 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005.

Loss from discontinued operations of \$0.3 million, net of tax, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, relates to certain adjustments made by the Company in connection with the December 2004 sale of the Company's Rita Ann cosmetics distribution business as well as the July 2005 sale of substantially all of the assets of Bridge Medical, Inc. ("Bridge"). Loss from discontinued operations of \$17.1 million, net of tax, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 includes operating losses incurred in connection with the Rita Ann and Bridge businesses. The Company incurred a \$6.5 million loss, net of tax, on the sale of the Rita Ann business, and a \$4.6 million loss, net of tax, on the sale of the Bridge business, both of which are reflected in the loss from discontinued operations in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005.

Net income of \$467.7 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 increased by 77% from \$264.6 million in the prior fiscal year. Diluted earnings per share of \$2.25 in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 increased by 81% as compared to \$1.24 per share in the prior fiscal year. The increase in diluted earnings per share was greater than the increase in net income due to the reduced number of weighted average common shares outstanding resulting from the Company's purchase of its common stock in connection with its stock buyback programs (see Liquidity and Capital Resources) offset in part by the increase in the number of stock option exercises.

Segment Information

Pharmaceutical Distribution Segment Results

Pharmaceutical Distribution operating revenue of \$55.9 billion for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 increased 13% from \$49.3 billion in the prior fiscal year. The Company's acquisitions, primarily ABCC, contributed 1.5% of the operating revenue growth in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006. Our operating revenue growth was higher than the market growth rate, and was driven by growth from a few of our larger institutional customers within ABDC, the continued strong growth of ABSG, principally in its distribution businesses, and new customers in all customer classes. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, 58% of operating revenue was from sales to institutional customers and 42% was from sales to retail customers; this compared to a customer mix in the prior fiscal year of 57% institutional and 43% retail. In comparison with the prior-year results, sales to institutional customers increased 16% primarily due to the above market growth of the specialty pharmaceutical business and the growth of sales to a few of our larger alternate-site institutional customers within ABDC. Sales to retail customers increased 10% over the prior-year. The Company's acquisitions contributed 4% of the retail customer growth.

This segment's growth largely reflects U.S. pharmaceutical industry conditions, including increases in prescription drug utilization and higher pharmaceutical prices offset, in part, by the increased use of lower-priced generics. The segment's growth has also been impacted by industry competition and changes in customer mix. Industry sales in the United States, as estimated by industry data firm IMS Healthcare, Inc. ("IMS"), are expected to grow

between 4% and 5% in 2007 and between 5% and 8% over the next five years. IMS also indicated that certain sectors of the market, such as biotechnology and other specialty and generic pharmaceuticals will grow faster than the overall market. As previously mentioned, our revenue growth for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 exceeded market growth primarily due to the growth of a few of our larger institutional customers within ABDC as well as the strong growth of ABSG. In July 2006, the Company discontinued servicing two customer accounts, which contributed \$1.2 billion and \$1.4 billion of the segment's operating revenue in the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

The Company's Specialty Group has been growing at rates in excess of overall pharmaceutical market growth. The Specialty Group's operating revenue grew 33% to \$9.9 billion for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 from \$7.4 billion in the prior fiscal year. The majority of this Group's revenue is generated from the distribution of pharmaceuticals to physicians who specialize in a variety of disease states, such as oncology. Additionally, the Specialty Group distributes vaccines, plasma and other blood products. The Specialty Group's oncology business has continued to outperform the market and continues to be the Specialty Group's most significant contributor to revenue growth. The Specialty Group's business may be adversely impacted in the future by changes in the Medicare reimbursement rates for certain pharmaceuticals, including oncology drugs administered by physicians. Since the Specialty Group provides a number of services to or through physicians, this could result in slower or reduced growth in revenues for the Specialty Group.

The Company currently expects that its operating revenue growth in fiscal 2007 will decline from its 13% growth rate in fiscal 2006 to a range of 7% to 9%. ABDC revenues are expected to grow with the overall pharmaceutical market growth rate and the ABSG growth rate, which was 33% in fiscal 2006, is expected to decline to the mid-to-high teens, which is in line with the expected growth of the biotechnology and other specialty pharmaceuticals market in 2007. Future operating revenue growth will continue to be affected by competition within the industry, customer consolidation, changes in pharmaceutical manufacturer pricing and distribution policies and practices, increased downward pressure on reimbursement rates, changes in Federal government rules and regulations, and industry growth trends, such as the likely increase in the number of generic drugs that will be available over the next few years as a result of the expiration of certain drug patents held by brand manufacturers.

Pharmaceutical Distribution gross profit of \$1,723.7 million in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 increased by 15% from \$1,493.9 million in the prior fiscal year. The increase in gross profit was primarily due to the increase in operating revenue, an increase in compensation under our fee-for-service agreements, and the growth of our generic programs. As a percentage of operating revenue, gross profit in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 was 3.08%, as compared to 3.03% in the prior fiscal year. The 5 basis point improvement was primarily due to our increase in compensation under our fee-for-service agreements, the growth of our generic programs, and contributions from our acquisitions. Customer mix, including the higher than average growth rate of a few of our larger, lower margin customers partially offset the aforementioned improvements. The Company's cost of goods sold includes a last-in, first-out ("LIFO") provision that is affected by changes in inventory quantities, product mix, and manufacturer pricing practices, which may be impacted by market and other external influences. During the fiscal year ended September 30,

2005, the inventory balance declined, which resulted in liquidation of LIFO layers carried at lower costs prevailing in the prior year. The effect of the liquidation in fiscal 2005 was to decrease cost of goods sold by \$30.6 million.

Pharmaceutical Distribution operating expenses of \$1,079.5 million in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 increased by 12% from \$961.0 million in the prior fiscal year. The increase in operating expenses is primarily related to our growth in operating revenue and the operating expenses of our acquired companies and share-based compensation expense related to the current year adoption of SFAS No. 123R. As a percentage of operating revenue, operating expenses in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 were 1.93%, as compared to 1.95% in the prior fiscal year, as productivity gains achieved throughout the Company's distribution network as a result of our Optimiz® program were partially offset by our acquisitions, our investments made to strengthen our sales and marketing and information technology infrastructures, and share-based compensation expense.

Pharmaceutical Distribution operating income of \$644.2 million in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 increased by 21% from \$532.9 million in the prior fiscal year. As a percentage of operating revenue, operating income in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 was 1.15%, as compared to 1.08% in the prior fiscal year. The increase over the prior-year percentage was due to an increase in gross profit and reduction of operating expenses as a percentage of operating revenue in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, as compared to the prior fiscal year, as discussed above.

PharMerica Segment Results

PharMerica operating revenue of \$1,668.3 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 increased by 6% from \$1,571.4 million in the prior fiscal year. The increase in operating revenue was primarily driven by the Long-Term Care business, which grew 7% as a result of an increase in the number of beds served, higher patient acuity and drug price inflation. Long-Term Care's operating revenues were \$1,211.5 million and \$1,131.5 million for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively. PMSI operating revenue increased by 4% to \$456.8 million in the current fiscal year from \$439.9 million in the prior fiscal year. The future operating revenue growth rate will likely continue to be impacted by competitive pressures, changes in the regulatory environment (including the reimbursement changes that have been implemented pursuant to the MMA, including Medicare Part D, and the DRA) and the pharmaceutical inflation rate.

PharMerica gross profit of \$467.3 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 increased by 5% from \$446.2 million in the prior fiscal year and was driven by an increase in Long-Term Care's gross profit, offset by a decline in PMSI gross profit. As a percentage of operating revenue, gross profit in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 was 28.01%, as compared to 28.40% in the prior fiscal year. This decrease was primarily driven by industry competitive pressures in both the Long-Term Care and the PMSI businesses and lower rates of reimbursement for services provided by the PMSI business. Long-Term Care gross profit of \$357.1 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 increased by 8% from \$330.8 million in the prior fiscal year and was primarily driven by the increase in operating revenue. PMSI gross profit of \$110.2 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 decreased by 4% from \$115.4 million in the prior fiscal year and was primarily driven by industry competitive pressures and lower rates of reimbursement from third party payors. Future gross profit

will likely be impacted by industry competitive pressures and continued downward pressure on rates of reimbursement for services provided by both the Long-Term Care and PMSI businesses, and the amounts of rebates available to Long-Term Care from pharmaceutical manufacturers and the portion of any such rebates that may be retained by Long-Term Care.

PharMerica operating expenses of \$383.5 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 increased 8% from \$354.3 million in the prior fiscal year. As a percentage of operating revenue, operating expenses increased to 22.99% in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 from 22.54% in the prior fiscal year. Long-Term Care operating expenses of \$324.7 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 increased 10% from \$296.4 million in the prior fiscal year. This increase was largely due to operating revenue growth, an increase in bad debt expense of \$14.5 million and additional costs related to the implementation of Medicare Part D under the MMA, which became effective on January 1, 2006. Long-Term Care's bad debt expense increased over the prior year primarily due to billing and collection issues relating to the MMA transition and the negative impact that Texas Medicaid changes had on certain of its nursing home customers. PMSI operating expenses of \$58.8 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 increased 2% from \$57.9 million in the prior fiscal year. This increase was primarily driven by an increase in operating revenue and was partially offset by a \$4.3 million reduction in bad debt expense primarily due to improvements made in credit and cash application management and a \$3.2 million reduction in sales and use tax liability due to favorable settlements.

PharMerica operating income of \$83.7 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 decreased 9% from \$91.9 million in the prior fiscal year. As a percentage of operating revenue, operating income in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 was 5.02%, as compared to 5.85% in the prior fiscal year. Long-Term Care operating income of \$32.3 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 decreased 6% from \$34.5 million in the prior fiscal year primarily due to the increase in its operating expenses. PMSI operating income of \$51.4 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 decreased 11% from \$57.4 million in the prior fiscal year primarily due to the decrease in its gross profit. We believe that the operating margins of Long-Term Care and PMSI will continue to be impacted by industry competitive pressures and changes in the regulatory environment.

Intersegment Eliminations

These amounts represent the elimination of the Pharmaceutical Distribution segment's sales to PharMerica. ABDC is the principal supplier of pharmaceuticals to PharMerica.

<u>Year ended September 30, 2005 compared with</u> <u>Year ended September 30, 2004</u>

Consolidated Results

Operating revenue, which excludes bulk deliveries, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 increased 2% to \$50.0 billion from \$48.8 billion in the prior fiscal year. This increase was primarily due to increased operating revenue in the Pharmaceutical Distribution segment.

The Company reports as revenue bulk deliveries to customer warehouses, whereby the Company acts as an intermediary in the ordering and delivery of pharmaceutical products. Bulk delivery transactions are arranged by the Company at the express direction of the customer, and involve either shipments from the supplier directly to customers' warehouse sites or shipments from the supplier to the Company for immediate shipment to the customers' warehouse sites. Bulk deliveries for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 increased 6% to \$4.6 billion from \$4.3 billion in the prior fiscal year due to an increase in demand from the Company's largest bulk customer.

In connection with the transition to a fee-for-service model, the Company changed its method of recognizing cash discounts and other related manufacturer incentives, effective October 1, 2004. Prior to October 1, 2004, ABDC had recognized cash discounts as a reduction of cost of goods sold when earned, which was primarily upon payment of vendor invoices. Since October 1, 2004, ABDC has been recording cash discounts as a component of inventory cost and recognizing such discounts as a reduction of cost of goods sold upon the sale of the inventory. We believe the change in accounting method has provided a better matching of inventory cost to revenue, particularly as inventory turnover rates have continued to improve. The Company recorded a \$10.2 million charge for the cumulative effect of this change in accounting (net of tax of \$6.3 million) in the consolidated statement of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005. This \$10.2 million cumulative effect charge reduced diluted earnings per share by \$0.05 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005.

Gross profit of \$1,980.2 million in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 decreased 9% from \$2,166.4 million in the prior fiscal year. During the fiscal years ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, the Company recognized gains of \$40.1 million and \$38.0 million, respectively, from antitrust litigation settlements with pharmaceutical manufacturers. These gains were recorded as reductions to cost of goods sold and contributed 2% of gross profit for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2005 and 2004. As a percentage of operating revenue, gross profit in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 was 3.96%, as compared to the prior-year percentage of 4.44%. The decrease in gross profit and gross profit percentage in comparison with the prior fiscal year reflects declines in both the Pharmaceutical Distribution and PharMerica segments due to a decline in profits related to pharmaceutical price increases and other buy-side profits, changes in customer mix and competitive selling price pressures.

Distribution, selling and administrative expenses, depreciation and amortization ("DSAD&A") of \$1,315.3 million in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 increased by 4.6% from \$1,258.0 million in the prior fiscal year. As a percentage of operating revenue, DSAD&A in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 was 2.63%, compared to 2.58% in the prior fiscal year. The increase in the DSAD&A and the DSAD&A percentage in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 from the prior fiscal year was primarily due to an increase in the Pharmaceutical Distribution segment DSAD&A, including bad debt expenses. Total bad debt expense increased to \$33.4 million in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 from a benefit of \$10.3 million in the prior fiscal year. This increase was primarily due to a \$15.5 million increase in bad debt expense relating to one of the operating companies within the Specialty Group. Additionally, the prior year's bad debt expense was favorably impacted by \$26.6 million of customer recoveries.

In 2001, the Company developed an integration plan to consolidate its distribution network and eliminate duplicative administrative functions. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the Company decided to outsource a significant portion of its

information technology activities as part of the integration plan. The Company's current plan is to have a distribution facility network in the U.S. numbering in the mid-20s by the end of fiscal 2007. The Company successfully completed the outsourcing of those information technology activities in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006. The plan includes building six new facilities and closing facilities. During fiscal 2005 and 2004, the Company closed six and four distribution facilities, respectively.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2003, the Company closed six distribution facilities and eliminated certain administrative and operational functions ("the fiscal 2003 initiatives"). During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004 the Company recorded \$0.9 million of employee severance costs relating to the fiscal 2003 initiatives. Through September 30, 2004, approximately 780 employees were given termination notices as a result of the fiscal 2003 initiatives, of which substantially all had been terminated.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004, the Company closed four distribution facilities and eliminated duplicative administrative functions ("the fiscal 2004 initiatives"). During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004, the Company recorded \$5.4 million of employee severance costs in connection with the fiscal 2004 initiatives.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the Company closed six distribution facilities and eliminated certain administrative functions, and to outsource a significant portion of the Company's information technology activities (the "fiscal 2005 initiatives").

As of September 30, 2005, approximately 700 employees had received termination notices as a result of the 2004 and 2005 initiatives, of which approximately 630 had been terminated.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the Company recorded \$13.3 million of employee severance and lease cancellation costs primarily related to the 2005 initiatives and \$9.4 million of transition costs associated with the outsourcing of information technology activities.

The Company paid a total of \$13.5 million and \$9.5 million for employee severance, lease cancellation and other costs in the fiscal years ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively, related to the aforementioned integration plan. Most employees receive their severance benefits over a period of time, generally not to exceed 12 months, while others may receive a lump-sum payment.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$5.3 million relating to certain intangible assets within the technology operations of ABDC.

Operating income of \$636.9 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 decreased by 29% compared to \$901.0 million in the prior fiscal year. The Company's operating income as a percentage of operating revenue was 1.27% in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 compared to 1.85% in the prior fiscal year. The decline in operating income was primarily due to the decline in gross profit. The gain on antitrust litigation settlements, less the costs of facility consolidations, employee severance and other, and the impairment charge increased operating income by \$12.1 million in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005. The gain on the antitrust litigation settlement, less the costs of facility consolidations, employee severance and other, increased operating income by \$30.5 million in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004, a technology company in which the Company had an equity investment sold substantially all of its assets and paid a liquidating dividend. As a result, the Company recorded a gain of \$8.4 million in other income during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004.

Interest expense, net decreased 49% in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 to \$57.2 million from \$112.7 million in the prior fiscal year. Interest expense and interest income and their respective weighted-average interest rates for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2005 and 2004 were as follows (in thousands):

	2	2005		20	04
		Weighted-		V	Weighted-
		Average			Average
		Interest			Interest
	Amount	Rate		Amount	Rate
Interest expense	\$ 76,394	7.14%		\$117,923	6.40%
Interest income	(19,171)	2.23%		(5,219)	1.00%
Interest expense, net	\$ 57,223			\$112,704	

Interest expense declined by \$41.5 million from fiscal 2004 to fiscal 2005 due to a decline in average borrowings from \$1.7 billion in fiscal 2004 to \$1.0 billion in fiscal 2005. Interest income increased by \$14.0 million from fiscal 2004 to fiscal 2005 as a result of an increase in the Company's average cash and short-term investments and an increase in market interest rates. The Company's average invested cash and short-term investments during fiscal 2005 and 2004 were \$0.9 billion and \$0.6 billion, respectively. The reductions in average borrowings and the increase in the Company's cash and short-term investment position were achieved due to the Company's strong cash flows generated from operations, including reduced merchandise inventories resulting from the aforementioned business model transition.

During the fiscal years ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, the Company recorded \$111.9 million and \$23.6 million, respectively, in losses resulting from the early retirement of debt.

Income tax expense of \$176.9 million in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 represents an effective income tax rate of 37.7%, versus 38.4% in the prior fiscal year. The reduction in tax rates resulted from the resolution of certain federal and state income tax issues during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005.

Income from continuing operations of \$291.9 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 decreased by 39% from \$474.9 million in the prior fiscal year primarily due to the decline in operating income and the loss from the early retirement of debt partially offset by the decrease in interest expense. Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations of \$1.37 in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 reflects a 34% decrease from \$2.06 per diluted share in the prior fiscal year. The gain on antitrust litigation settlements less the costs of facility consolidations, employee severance and other, the impairment charge and the loss on early retirement of debt decreased income from continuing operations by \$64.2 million and decreased diluted earnings per share from continuing operations by \$0.30 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005. The gain on antitrust litigation settlement less the costs of facility consolidations, employee severance and other and the loss on early retirement of debt increased income from continuing operations by \$4.2 million and increased diluted earnings per share from continuing operations by \$0.02 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004.

Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax, for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, relates to the December 2004 sale of the Company's Rita Ann cosmetics distribution business as well as the July 2005 sale of substantially all of the assets of Bridge Medical, Inc. ("Bridge"). The Company incurred a

\$6.5 million loss, net of tax, on the sale of the Rita Ann business, and a \$4.6 million loss, net of tax, on the sale of the Bridge business, both of which are reflected in the loss from discontinued operations in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005.

Net income of \$264.6 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 decreased by 43% from \$468.4 million in the prior fiscal year. Diluted earnings per share of \$1.24 in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 decreased by 39% as compared to \$2.03 per share in the prior fiscal year. The decline in diluted earnings per share was less than the decline in net income due to the reduced number of weighted average common shares outstanding resulting from the Company's purchase of its common stock in connection with its stock buyback programs (see Liquidity and Capital Resources) offset in part by the increase in the number of stock option exercises.

Segment Information

Pharmaceutical Distribution Segment Results

Pharmaceutical Distribution operating revenue of \$49.3 billion for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 increased 3% from \$48.1 billion in the prior fiscal year. In fiscal 2004, the Company discontinued servicing the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ("VA") and AdvancePCS. These former customers contributed 4.8% and 4.4%, respectively, of the segment's operating revenue in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004. The lost business was offset by the above market growth of the specialty pharmaceutical distribution business and the market growth of ABDC. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, 57% of operating revenue was from sales to institutional customers and 43% was from sales to retail customers; this compared to a customer mix in the prior fiscal year of 59% institutional and 41% retail. In comparison with the prior-year results, sales to institutional customers were flat primarily due to the above market growth of the specialty pharmaceutical distribution business, offset by the loss of the VA and AdvancePCS business. Sales to retail customers increased 7% over the prior-year primarily due to market growth and an increase in sales to one of the Company's larger retail customers.

This segment's growth largely reflects U.S. pharmaceutical industry conditions, including increases in prescription drug utilization and higher pharmaceutical prices offset, in part, by the increased use of lower-priced generics. The Specialty Group's operating revenue grew 35% to \$7.4 billion for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 from \$5.5 billion in the prior fiscal year. The segment's growth has also been impacted by industry competition and changes in customer mix. The Company's Specialty Group has been growing at rates in excess of overall pharmaceutical market growth. The majority of this Group's revenue is generated from the distribution of pharmaceuticals to physicians who specialize in a variety of disease states, such as oncology. Additionally, the Specialty Group distributes other physician administered products, vaccines and blood plasma. The Specialty Group's oncology business has continued to outperform the market and continues to be the Specialty Group's most significant contributor to revenue growth.

Pharmaceutical Distribution gross profit of \$1,493.9 million in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 decreased by 9% from \$1,648.7 million in the prior fiscal year. As a percentage of operating revenue, gross profit in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 was 3.03%, as compared to 3.43% in the prior fiscal year.

The decline in gross profit was primarily due to a decrease in the buy-side component of the gross margin, including a decline in inventory appreciation profits, fewer alternate source and deal opportunities and the loss of the VA business in fiscal 2004. Contributing to the decline in inventory appreciation profits were lower levels of inventory on-hand during the current fiscal year as a result of the business model transition, and fewer than expected manufacturer price increases prior to the national election in November 2004. The Company's cost of goods sold includes a last-in, first-out ("LIFO") provision that is affected by changes in inventory quantities, product mix, and manufacturer pricing practices, which may be impacted by market and other external influences. During the fiscal years ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, inventory balances declined, which resulted in liquidation of LIFO layers carried at lower costs prevailing in prior years. The effects of the liquidations in fiscal 2005 and fiscal 2004 were to decrease cost of goods sold by \$30.6 million and \$10.3 million, respectively.

Pharmaceutical Distribution operating expenses of \$961.0 million in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 increased by 7% from \$900.1 million in the prior fiscal year. As a percentage of operating revenue, operating expenses in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 were 1.95%, as compared to 1.87% in the prior fiscal year. The increases were primarily due to an increase in bad debt expense of \$49.2 million (which included a \$15.5 million increase in bad debt relating to one of the operating companies within the Specialty Group) and fiscal 2005 start-up costs incurred in connection with the new distribution facilities which were primarily offset by continued productivity gains achieved throughout the Company's distribution network. Additionally, prior year's bad debt expense was favorably impacted by a \$17.5 million recovery from a large former customer.

Pharmaceutical Distribution operating income of \$532.9 million in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 decreased by 29% from \$748.6 million in the prior fiscal year. As a percentage of operating revenue, operating income in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 was 1.08%, as compared to 1.56% in the prior fiscal year. The decline from the prior-year percentage was primarily due to a reduction in gross profit.

PharMerica Segment Results

PharMerica operating revenue of \$1,571.4 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 was flat compared to \$1,575.3 million in the prior fiscal year. PharMerica's operating revenue was impacted by competitive pressures that affected both the Long-Term Care and PMSI businesses and increasing reductions in Medicaid reimbursement rates.

PharMerica gross profit of \$446.2 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 decreased by 7% from \$479.7 million in the prior fiscal year. As a percentage of operating revenue, gross profit in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 was 28.40%, as compared to 30.45% in the prior fiscal year. The decline in gross profit was primarily due to industry competitive pressures, and a reduction in the rates of reimbursement for the services provided by PharMerica, which continue to adversely affect gross profit margins in both the PMSI and Long-Term Care businesses.

PharMerica operating expenses of \$354.3 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 decreased 1% from \$357.9 million in the prior fiscal year. As a percentage of operating revenue, operating expenses decreased slightly to 22.54% in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 from 22.72% in the prior fiscal year.

PharMerica's fiscal 2005 operating expenses were favorably impacted by aggressive cost reductions in response to the decline in operating revenue, including the consolidation of local pharmacy administrative functions to regional centers for the Long-Term Care business, a reduction in bad debt expense of \$5.5 million due to continued improvements made in credit and collection practices, and continued improvements in operating practices of both the PMSI and Long-Term Care businesses. The prior year's operating expenses were favorably impacted by a \$12.1 million reduction in sales and use tax liability due to favorable audit experience and other settlements.

PharMerica operating income of \$91.9 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 decreased 25% from \$121.8 million in the prior fiscal year. As a percentage of operating revenue, operating income in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 was 5.85%, as compared to 7.74% in the prior fiscal year. The decline was due to the aforementioned reduction in the gross profit margin.

Intersegment Eliminations

These amounts represent the elimination of the Pharmaceutical Distribution segment's sales to PharMerica. ABDC is the principal supplier of pharmaceuticals to PharMerica.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Critical accounting estimates are those accounting estimates and assumptions that can have a material impact on the Company's financial position and results of operations and require the use of complex and subjective estimates based upon past experience and management's judgment. Because of the uncertainty inherent in such estimates, actual results may differ from these estimates. Below are those policies applied in preparing the Company's financial statements that management believes are the most dependent on the application of estimates and assumptions. For a complete list of significant accounting policies, see Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Trade receivables are primarily comprised of amounts owed to the Company for its pharmaceutical distribution and services activities and are presented net of an allowance for doubtful accounts and a reserve for customer sales returns. In determining the appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts, the Company considers a combination of factors, such as the aging of trade receivables, industry trends, its customers' financial strength and credit standing, and payment and default history. Changes in the aforementioned factors, among others, may lead to adjustments in the Company's allowance for doubtful accounts. The calculation of the required allowance requires judgment by Company management as to the impact of these and other factors on the ultimate realization of its trade receivables. Each of the Company's business units performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers' financial condition and maintains reserves for probable bad debt losses based on historical experience and for specific credit problems when they arise. The Company writes off balances against the reserves when collectibility is deemed remote. Each business unit performs formal documented reviews of the allowance at least quarterly and the Company's largest business units perform such reviews monthly. There were no significant changes to this process during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004 and bad debt expense was computed in a consistent manner during these periods. The bad debt

expense for any period presented is equal to the changes in the period end allowance for doubtful accounts, net of write-offs and recoveries. Schedule II of the Form 10-K sets forth a rollforward of the allowance for doubtful accounts.

Bad debt expense for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004 was \$36.3 million, \$33.4 million and (\$10.3) million, respectively. The increase in bad debt expense for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 primarily related to an increase in bad debt expense in the PharMerica reporting segment offset in part by a decline in bad debt expense in the Pharmaceutical Distribution reporting segment. The increase in PharMerica's bad debt expense was driven by the billing and collection issues experienced by Long-Term Care relating to the MMA transition and the negative impact that Texas Medicaid changes had on certain of its nursing home customers. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, bad debt expense in the Pharmaceutical Distribution segment was significantly impacted due to a \$15.5 million increase in bad debt relating to one of the operating companies within the Specialty Group. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004, debt expense was favorably impacted by a \$17.5 million recovery from a former customer in the Pharmaceutical Distribution segment, a \$9.1 million recovery from a customer in the PharMerica segment, and the continued improvements made in the credit and collection practices in both segments. An increase or decrease of 0.1% in the 2006 allowance as a percentage of trade receivables would result in an increase or decrease in the provision on accounts receivable of approximately \$3.8 million.

Supplier Reserves

The Company establishes reserves against amounts due from its suppliers relating to various price and rebate incentives, including deductions or billings taken against payments otherwise due them from the Company. These reserve estimates are established based on the judgment of Company management after carefully considering the status of current outstanding claims, historical experience with the suppliers, the specific incentive programs and any other pertinent information available to the Company. The Company evaluates the amounts due from its suppliers on a continual basis and adjusts the reserve estimates when appropriate based on changes in factual circumstances. An increase or decrease of 0.1% in the 2006 supplier reserve balances as a percentage of trade payables would result in an increase or decrease in cost of goods sold by approximately \$6.5 million. The ultimate outcome of any outstanding claim may be different than the Company's estimate.

Loss Contingencies

The Company accrues for loss contingencies related to litigation in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 5, "Accounting for Contingencies." An estimated loss contingency is accrued in the Company's consolidated financial statements if it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Assessing contingencies is highly subjective and requires judgments about future events. The Company regularly reviews loss contingencies to determine the adequacy of the accruals and related disclosures. The amount of the actual loss may differ significantly from these estimates.

Merchandise Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost for approximately 83% and 87% of the Company's inventories at September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively, are determined using the last-in, first-out ("LIFO") method. If the Company had used the first-in, first-out ("FIFO") method of inventory valuation, which approximates current replacement cost, inventories would have been approximately \$152.6 million and \$159.8 million higher than the amounts reported at September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively. During the fiscal years ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, inventory balances declined, which resulted in liquidation of LIFO layers carried at lower costs prevailing in prior years. The effect of the liquidation in fiscal 2005 was to decrease cost of goods sold by \$30.6 million and increase diluted earnings per share by \$0.09. The effect of the liquidation in fiscal 2004 was to decrease cost of goods sold by \$10.3 million and increase diluted earnings per share by \$0.03.

Business Combinations

In accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations," the purchase price of an acquired company is allocated between tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed from the acquired business based on their estimated fair values, with the residual of the purchase price recorded as goodwill. The Company engages third-party appraisal firms to assist management in determining the fair values of certain assets acquired and liabilities assumed. Such valuations require management to make significant judgments, estimates and assumptions, especially with respect to intangible assets. Management makes estimates of fair value based upon assumptions it believes to be reasonable. These estimates are based on historical experience and information obtained from the management of the acquired companies, and are inherently uncertain. Critical estimates in valuing certain of the intangible assets include but are not limited to: future expected cash flows from and economic lives of customer relationships, trade names, existing technology, and other intangible assets; and discount rates. Unanticipated events and circumstances may occur which may affect the accuracy or validity of such assumptions, estimates or actual events.

Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The Company accounts for purchased goodwill and intangible assets in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") SFAS No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets." Under SFAS No. 142, purchased goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives are not amortized; rather, they are tested for impairment on at least an annual basis. Intangible assets with finite lives, primarily customer relationships, non-compete agreements, patents and software technology, will continue to be amortized over their useful lives.

In order to test goodwill and intangible assets under SFAS No. 142, a determination of the fair value of the Company's reporting units and intangible assets is required. The Company is required to complete an impairment test for goodwill and intangible assets and record any resulting impairment losses at least on an annual basis or more often if warranted by events or changes in circumstances indicating that the carrying value may exceed fair value. This impairment test requires the projection and discounting of cash flows, analysis of the Company's market capitalization and estimating the fair values of tangible and intangible assets and liabilities. Estimating future cash flows and determining their present values are based upon, among other things, certain

assumptions about expected future operating performance and appropriate discount rates determined by management. The Company's estimates of cash flows may differ from actual cash flows due to, among other things, economic conditions, changes to the business model, or changes in operating performance. Significant differences between these estimates and actual cash flows could materially affect the Company's future financial results. The Company completed its required annual impairment tests in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2006, and, as a result, did not record any significant impairment charges.

During the second quarter of fiscal 2005, the Company performed an impairment test on certain intangible assets within the technology operations of ABDC due to the existence of impairment indicators. As a result, the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$5.3 million relating to certain of those intangible assets. The charge was reflected in the Company's results of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005. The Company completed its required annual impairment testing in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2005 and determined that there was no impairment.

Share-Based Compensation

In the first quarter of fiscal 2006, the Company adopted SFAS No. 123R "Share-Based Payment," using the modified-prospective transition method, and, therefore, began to expense the fair value of all options over their remaining vesting periods to the extent the options were not fully vested as of the adoption date and began to expense the fair value of all share-based compensation awards granted subsequent to September 30, 2005 over their requisite service periods. The Company utilizes a binomial option pricing model to determine the fair value of share-based compensation expense, which involves the use of several assumptions, including expected term of the option, future volatility, dividend yield and forfeiture rate. The expected term of options represents the period of time that the options granted are expected to be outstanding and is based on historical experience. Expected volatility is based on historical volatility of the Company's stock as well as other factors, such as implied volatility.

Income Taxes

The Company's income tax expense, deferred tax assets and liabilities and income tax reserves reflect management's assessment of estimated future taxes to be paid on items in the financial statements. Deferred income taxes arise from temporary differences between financial reporting and tax reporting bases of assets and liabilities, as well as net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards for tax purposes.

The Company has established a net valuation allowance against certain deferred tax assets for which the ultimate realization of future benefits is uncertain. Expiring carryforwards and the required valuation allowances are adjusted annually. After application of the valuation allowances described above, the Company anticipates that no limitations will apply with respect to utilization of any of the other net deferred income tax assets described above.

In addition, the Company has established an estimated liability for federal, state and non-U.S. income tax exposures that arise and meet the criteria for accrual under SFAS No. 5, "Accounting for Uncertainties." The Company prepares and files tax returns based on its interpretation of tax laws and regulations and records estimates based on these judgments and interpretations. In the normal course of business, the Company's tax returns are subject to examination by various taxing authorities. Such examinations may result in future

tax and interest assessments by these taxing authorities. Inherent uncertainties exist in estimates of tax contingencies due to changes in tax law resulting from legislation, regulation and/or as concluded through the various jurisdictions' tax court systems.

The Company has developed a methodology for estimating its tax liability related to such matters and has consistently followed such methodology from period to period. The liability amounts for such matters are based on an evaluation of the underlying facts and circumstances, a thorough research of the technical merits of the Company's arguments and an assessment of the probability of the Company prevailing in its arguments. In all cases, the Company considers previous findings of the Internal Revenue Service and other taxing authorities.

The Company believes that its estimates for the valuation allowances against deferred tax assets and tax contingency reserves are appropriate based on current facts and circumstances. However, others applying reasonable judgment to the same facts and circumstances could develop a different estimate and the amount ultimately paid upon resolution of issues raised may differ from the amounts accrued.

The significant assumptions and estimates described in the preceding paragraphs are important contributors to the ultimate effective tax rate in each year. If any of the Company's assumptions or estimates were to change, an increase or decrease in the Company's effective tax rate by 1% on income before income taxes would have caused income tax expense to change by \$7.4 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The following table illustrates the Company's debt structure at September 30, 2006, including availability under revolving credit facilities and the receivables securitization facility (in thousands):

	Outstanding Balance	Additional Availability	
Fixed-Rate Debt:			
\$400,000, 55% senior notes			
due 2012	\$ 398,250	\$ —	
\$500,000, 5\% senior notes			
due 2015	497,698	_	
Other	2,952	_	
Total fixed-rate debt	898,900		
Variable-Rate Debt:			
Blanco revolving credit facility			
due 2007	55,000	_	
UK revolving credit facility			
due 2009	28,085	9,362	
Canadian revolving credit facility			
due 2009	113,506	7,245	
Senior revolving credit facility			
due 2009	_	689,265	
Receivables securitization facility			
due 2007	_	700,000	
Other	_	3,750	
Total variable-rate debt	196,591	1,409,622	
Total debt, including current portion	\$1,095,491	\$1,409,622	

The Company's \$1.6 billion of aggregate availability under its revolving credit facilities and its receivables securitization facility provide sufficient sources of capital to fund the Company's working capital requirements. The Company's aggregate availability was reduced to \$1.3 billion as of November 14, 2006 because the Company elected to replace its existing revolving credit facilities with a new five-year multi-currency senior unsecured revolving credit facility and the Company further amended its receivables securitization facility such that the amount to be made available was reduced from \$700 million to \$500 million (see further details regarding these matters below).

On November 14, 2006, the Company entered into a new \$750 million five-year multi-currency senior unsecured revolving credit facility (the "Multi-Currency Revolving Credit Facility") with a syndicate of lenders. The Multi-Currency Revolving Credit Facility replaced the Senior Revolving Credit Facility, the UK Credit Facility and the Canadian Credit Facility (all of which are defined below). Interest on borrowings denominated in U.S. Dollars under the Multi-Currency Revolving Credit Facility will accrue at specified rates based on the Company's debt rating, initially at 50 basis points over LIBOR or the prime rate. Interest on borrowings for any Euro loan accrues at EURIBOR plus a specified rate and for any Sterling loan at LIBOR plus a specified rate. The specified rates are based on the Company's debt ratings and range from 19 basis points to 60 basis points over LIBOR or EURIBOR, as applicable. Interest on borrowings denominated in Canadian dollars accrues at the greater of the Canadian prime rate or the CDOR rate. The Company will pay quarterly facility fees to maintain the availability under the Multi-Currency Revolving Credit Facility at specific rates based on the Company's debt rating (ranging from 6 basis points to 15 basis points of the total commitment). This rate was 12.5 basis points as of November 14, 2006. In connection with entering into the Multi-Currency Revolving Credit Facility, the Company incurred approximately \$1.0 million of costs, which were deferred and will be amortized over the life of the facility. The Company may choose to repay or reduce its commitments under the Multi-Currency Revolving Credit Facility at any time. The covenants under the Multi-Currency Revolving Credit Facility are less restrictive than those under the Senior Revolving Credit Facility, thereby providing the Company with greater financial flexibility. The Multi-Currency Revolving Credit Facility contains covenants that require compliance with financial tests, including leverage and minimum earnings to fixed charges ratios.

The \$55 million Blanco revolving credit facility, which was scheduled to expire in April 2006, was amended and now expires in April 2007. The \$55 million Blanco revolving credit facility is included in the "Within 1 year" column in the repayment table on page 26. However, the borrowing is not classified in the current portion of long-term debt on the consolidated balance sheet at September 30, 2006 because the Company has the ability and intent to refinance it on a long-term basis.

In March 2006, the Company entered into a £20 million multicurrency revolving credit facility (the "UK Credit Facility") due March 2009 with a financial institution in connection with the Company's acquisition of Brecon. The Company utilized amounts available to it under the new Multi-Currency Revolving Credit Facility to repay its outstanding balance under the UK Credit Facility and terminated this facility in November 2006.

In October 2005, the Company entered into a C\$135 million senior unsecured revolving credit facility (the "Canadian Credit Facility") due December 2009 with a syndicate of lenders in

connection with the Company's acquisition of Trent. The Company utilized amounts available to it under the new Multi-Currency Revolving Credit Facility to repay its outstanding balance under the Canadian Credit Facility and terminated this facility in November 2006.

In an effort to reduce its interest expense, extend maturities of its long-term debt and ease its debt covenant restrictions, the Company refinanced its long-term debt in September 2005. The Company issued \$400 million of 5\%% senior notes due September 15, 2012 (the "2012 Notes") and \$500 million of 5\% senior notes due September 15, 2015 (the "2015 Notes"). The 2012 Notes and 2015 Notes each were sold at 99.5% of principal amount and have an effective yield of 5.71% and 5.94%, respectively. Interest on the 2012 Notes and the 2015 Notes is payable semiannually in arrears, which commenced on March 15, 2006. Both the 2012 Notes and the 2015 Notes are redeemable at the Company's option at a price equal to the greater of 100% of the principal amount thereof, or the sum of the discounted value of the remaining scheduled payments, as defined. In addition, at any time before September 15, 2008, the Company may redeem up to an aggregate of 35% of the principal amount of the 2012 Notes or the 2015 Notes at redemption prices equal to 105.625% and 105.875%, respectively, of the principal amounts thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest and liquidated damages, if any, to the date of redemption, with the cash proceeds of one or more equity issuances.

The gross proceeds from the sale of the 2012 Notes and the 2015 Notes were used to finance the early retirement of the \$500 million of 8½% senior notes due 2008 (the "8½% Notes") and \$300 million of 7½% senior notes due 2012 (the "7½% Notes") in September 2005, including the payment of \$102.3 million of premiums and other costs. Additionally, the Company expensed \$8.5 million of deferred financing costs related to the retirement of the 7½% Notes and the 8½% Notes.

In November 2005, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services announced that it raised its corporate credit and senior unsecured debt ratings on the Company to 'BBB-' from 'BB+'. As a result of the upgrade, a substantial number of covenants under the indenture governing its 5½% senior notes due 2012 and 5½% senior notes due 2015 were eliminated. On June 1, 2006, Moody's Investors Service raised the Company's corporate credit and senior unsecured debt ratings to 'Ba1' from 'Ba2'. On July 21, 2006, Fitch Ratings raised the Company's corporate credit and senior unsecured debt ratings to 'BBB' from 'BBB-'.

In July 2003, the Company entered into a \$1.05 billion receivables securitization facility ("Receivables Securitization Facility"). In connection with the Receivables Securitization Facility, ABDC sells on a revolving basis certain accounts receivable to Amerisource Receivables Financial Corporation, a wholly owned special purpose entity, which in turn sells a percentage ownership interest in the receivables to commercial paper conduits sponsored by financial institutions. ABDC is the servicer of the accounts receivable under the Receivables Securitization Facility. After the maximum limit of receivables sold has been reached and as sold receivables are collected, additional receivables may be sold up to the maximum amount available under the facility. In December 2004, the Company amended its Receivables Securitization Facility and under the terms of the amendment, the \$550 million (three-year tranche) originally scheduled to expire in July 2006 was increased to \$700 million and the expiration date was extended to November 2007. Additionally, the \$500 million (364-day tranche) scheduled to expire in July 2005

was reduced to \$350 million and was set to expire in December 2005. In October 2005, the Company terminated the 364-day tranche. On November 14, 2006, the Company further amended the facility such that the amount to be made available under the threeyear tranche was reduced from \$700 million to \$500 million and the expiration date was extended to November 2009. Interest rates are based on prevailing market rates for short-term commercial paper plus a program fee, which varies based on the Company's debt ratings. The program fee was 55 basis points as of September 30, 2006 and was reduced to 35 basis points as a result of the November 2006 amendment. Additionally, the commitment fee on any unused credit was 17.5 basis points as of September 30, 2006 and was reduced to 12.5 basis points as a result of the November 2006 amendment. At September 30, 2006, there were no borrowings under the Receivables Securitization Facility. The facility is a financing vehicle utilized by the Company because it offers an attractive interest rate relative to other financing sources. The Company securitizes its trade accounts, which were generally non-interest bearing, in transactions that are accounted for as borrowings under SFAS No. 140, "Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities." The agreement governing the Receivables Securitization Facility contains restrictions and covenants which include limitations on the incurrence of additional indebtedness, making of certain restricted payments, issuance of preferred stock, creation of certain liens, and certain corporate acts such as mergers, consolidations and sale of substantially all assets.

In December 2004, the Company entered into a \$700 million five-year senior unsecured revolving credit facility (the "Senior Revolving Credit Facility") with a syndicate of lenders. There were no borrowings outstanding under the Senior Revolving Credit Facility at September 30, 2006. In November 2006, in connection with entering into the new Multi-Currency Revolving Credit Facility, as defined above, the Company terminated the Senior Revolving Credit Facility. The Senior Revolving Credit Facility contained covenants that imposed limitations on, among other things, additional indebtedness, distributions and dividends to

stockholders, and investments. Additional covenants required compliance with financial tests, including leverage and minimum earnings to fixed charges ratios.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the Company paid \$100 million to redeem the Bergen $7\frac{1}{4}\%$ Senior Notes due June 1, 2005, upon their maturity.

The Company's operating results have generated cash flow, which, together with availability under its debt agreements and credit terms from suppliers, has provided sufficient capital resources to finance working capital and cash operating requirements, and to fund capital expenditures, acquisitions, repayment of debt, the payment of interest on outstanding debt and repurchases of shares of the Company's common stock. Net cash provided by operating activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 was \$807 million, down as expected from the \$1.53 billion in fiscal 2005, where the majority of the benefits to working capital from the business model transition to fee-for-service were realized. As the transition is now complete, net cash provided by operating activities is expected to decline to a range of \$525 million to \$625 million in fiscal 2007.

The Company's primary ongoing cash requirements will be to finance working capital, fund the payment of interest on debt, finance acquisitions and fund capital expenditures and routine growth and expansion through new business opportunities. Significant cash flows from operations primarily resulting from the business model transition, as discussed previously, have resulted in a debt-to-total-capital ratio of 20.9% and a net debt to total capital ratio of less than zero. The Company has been and continues to actively evaluate its alternatives to deploy its excess capital. For example, in fiscal 2006, the Company spent nearly \$300 million on strategic acquisitions (see further details on page 28) and used \$717.7 million to acquire its common stock. Additionally, in August 2006, the Company announced plans to repurchase an additional \$750 million of its common stock, of which the Company anticipates spending \$450 million to \$500 million in fiscal 2007. The Company continues to expect to pursue strategic acquisitions. Future cash flows from operations and borrowings are expected to be sufficient to fund the Company's ongoing cash requirements.

Following is a summary of the Company's contractual obligations for future principal and interest payments on its debt, minimum rental payments on its noncancelable operating leases and minimum payments on its other commitments at September 30, 2006 (in thousands):

		Payments Due by Period				
	Total	Within 1 year	1-3 years	4-5 years	After 5 years	
Debt, including interest payments	\$1,505,419	\$111,799	\$136,300	\$217,320	\$1,040,000	
Operating leases	300,851	70,072	106,564	61,370	62,845	
Other commitments	1,259,951	140,924	361,682	235,207	522,138	
Total	\$3,066,221	\$322,795	\$604,546	\$513,897	\$1,624,983	

The \$55 million Blanco revolving credit facility, which expires in April 2007, is included in the "Within 1 year" column in the above repayment table. However, this borrowing is not classified in the current portion of long-term debt on the consolidated balance sheet at September 30, 2006 because the Company has the ability and intent to refinance it on a long-term basis.

In fiscal 2006, the Company entered into agreements to purchase product from influenza vaccine manufacturers. The Company is required to purchase annual doses at prices that the Company believes will represent market prices. The Company currently estimates its remaining purchase commitment under these agreements will be approximately \$169 million as of September 30,

2006. These influenza vaccine commitments are included in "Other commitments" in the above table.

In December 2004, the Company entered into a distribution agreement with an influenza vaccine manufacturer to distribute product through March 31, 2015. The agreement includes a commitment to purchase at least 12 million doses per year of the influenza vaccine provided the vaccine is approved and available for distribution in the United States by the Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"). The Company will be required to purchase the annual doses at market prices, as adjusted for inflation and other factors. The manufacturer received FDA approval for the 2006/2007 influenza season in October 2006. The Company anticipates its

purchase commitment for fiscal 2007 will be approximately \$56 million. The Company anticipates its total purchase commitment will be approximately \$0.9 billion. This influenza vaccine commitment is included in "Other commitments" in the above table.

In fiscal 2005, the Company outsourced a significant portion of its corporate and ABDC information technology activities and entered into a ten-year commitment, effective July 1, 2005, with IBM Global Services, which has assumed responsibility for performing the outsourced information technology activities. The minimum commitment under the outsourcing arrangement was approximately \$200 million over a ten-year period. The Company has included the remaining minimum commitment of \$162.2 million in "Other commitments" in the above table.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, the Company's operating activities provided \$807.3 million of cash as compared to cash provided of \$1,526.6 million in the prior-year. Cash provided by operating activities during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 was principally the result of net income of \$467.7 million, non-cash items of \$221.4 million (of which \$92.1 million represented deferred income taxes), and a \$1,156.1 million increase in accounts payable, accrued expenses and income taxes, partially offset by a \$680.0 million increase in accounts receivable and a \$349.5 million increase in merchandise inventories. The increase in accounts payable is primarily a result of our 13% operating revenue increase and the timing of payments to our suppliers. The increase in inventory was due to the increase in operating revenue, net of the increase in the inventory turnover rate. The inventory turnover rate for the Pharmaceutical Distribution segment improved to 12.2 times in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 from 10.2 times in the prior fiscal year. The improvement was derived from lower average inventory levels due to an increase in the number of fee-for-service agreements, inventory management and other vendor agreements, and a reduction in the number of distribution facilities. The increase in accounts receivable was due to the increase in operating revenue and an increase in average days sales outstanding. Average days sales outstanding for the Pharmaceutical Distribution segment increased to 16.7 days for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 from 15.4 days in the prior fiscal year. This increase was largely driven by the above-market rate growth of the Specialty Group, which generally has a higher receivable investment than the ABDC business. Average days sales outstanding for the PharMerica segment were 45.4 days for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 compared to 40.2 days in the prior fiscal year. The increase in PharMerica's average days sales outstanding was primarily due to the slower reimbursement under Medicare Part D in comparison to the prior year's reimbursement under Medicaid. Deferred income taxes of \$92.1 million in fiscal 2006 were significantly higher than the \$17.0 million in fiscal 2005 primarily due to the increase in income tax deductions associated with merchandise inventories. Operating cash uses during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 included \$62.3 million in interest payments and \$107.5 million of income tax payments, net of refunds.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the Company's operating activities provided \$1.53 billion of cash as compared to cash provided of \$825.1 million in the prior-year period. Cash provided by operating activities during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 was principally the result of a \$1.1 billion decrease in merchandise inventories, a \$311.4 million increase in accounts payable, accrued expenses and income taxes, non-cash items of \$282.3 million, and net income of \$264.6 million,

partially offset by an increase in accounts receivable of \$392.8 million. The inventory turnover rate for the Pharmaceutical Distribution segment improved to 10.2 times in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 from 8.2 times in the prior fiscal year. The improvement was derived from lower average inventory levels due to an increase in the number of fee-for-service agreements, inventory management and other vendor agreements, a reduction in buy-side profit opportunities, and a reduction in the number of distribution facilities. The increase in accounts payable, accrued expenses and income taxes was primarily due to an increase in sales volume, the timing of purchases of merchandise inventories and cash payments to our vendors. The increase in accounts receivable was largely driven by the continued strong revenue growth of ABSG, which has a significantly higher average days sales outstanding than ABDC and the timing of cash receipts from our customers. Average days sales outstanding for the PharMerica segment were 40.2 days in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 compared to 38.4 days in the prior-year period. Non-cash items of \$282.3 million included a \$111.9 million loss on early retirement of debt and \$90.9 million of depreciation and amortization. Operating cash uses during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 included \$94.2 million in interest payments and \$132.6 million of income tax payments, net of refunds.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004, the Company's operating activities provided \$825.1 million of cash. Cash provided by operations in fiscal 2004 was principally the result of a decrease in merchandise inventories of \$916.3 million, net income of \$468.4 million and non-cash items of \$151.5 million, offset in part, by a \$432.0 million decrease in accounts payable, accrued expenses and income taxes. The Company's change in accounting for customer sales returns had the effect of increasing merchandise inventories and reducing accounts receivable by \$316.8 million at September 30, 2004. Merchandise inventories have continued to decline due to an increase in the number of inventory management agreements, a reduction in buy-side profit opportunities, and a reduction in the number of distribution facilities. The turnover of merchandise inventories for the Pharmaceutical Distribution segment improved to 8.2 times in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004 from 6.7 times in the prior fiscal year. The \$446.7 million decrease in accounts payable was primarily due to the decline of merchandise inventories. Average days sales outstanding for the Pharmaceutical Distribution segment increased slightly to 17.1 days in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004 from 16.9 days in the prior fiscal year primarily due to the strong revenue growth of ABSG, which has a significantly higher average days sales outstanding than ABDC. Average days sales outstanding for the PharMerica segment improved to 38.4 days in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004 from 39.3 days in the prior fiscal year as a result of the continued emphasis on receivables management. Non-cash items of \$151.5 million included \$87.1 million of depreciation and amortization and \$48.9 million of deferred income taxes. Deferred income taxes of \$48.9 million in fiscal 2004 were significantly lower than the \$127.2 million in fiscal 2003 primarily due to the decline in income tax deductions associated with merchandise inventories. Operating cash uses during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004 included \$111.0 million in interest payments and \$200.1 million of income tax payments, net of refunds.

Capital expenditures for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004 were \$113.1 million, \$203.4 million and \$189.3 million, respectively, and related principally to the construction of the six new distribution facilities in ABDC,

investments in warehouse expansions and improvements, information technology and warehouse automation. Capital expenditures for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 were significantly lower than capital expenditures during the prior two fiscal years because the Company incurred the majority of its construction costs related to its six new distribution facilities in ABDC in the fiscal years ended September 30, 2005 and 2004. The Company estimates that it will spend approximately \$100 million to \$125 million for capital expenditures during fiscal 2007.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, the Company established operations in Canada by acquiring three distributors. In October 2005, the Company acquired Trent for a purchase price of \$81.1 million. In March 2006, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of Asenda for a purchase price of \$18.2 million. The third Canadian distributor, Rep-Pharm, Inc., was acquired in September 2006 for a purchase price of \$47.5 million. The Company also acquired Brecon, a United Kingdom-based company, for \$50.2 million. The Brecon purchase price is subject to a contingent payment of up to \$19 million if Brecon achieves certain earnings targets in calendar 2006. The Company currently anticipates it will settle this contingency prior to the end of the contingency period with the former owners of Brecon for an amount less than the maximum contingent amount. In the U.S., the Company acquired NMCR in February 2006 for a purchase price of \$86.6 million and acquired certain assets of a technology solution company for our Long-Term Care business for \$12.6 million. Subsequent to September 30, 2006, the Company acquired Health Advocates, Inc. (renamed PMSI MSA Services, Inc.) for approximately \$83 million, IgG for approximately \$35 million, and AMD for approximately \$12.9 million.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004, the Company paid \$39.0 million for the remaining 40% equity interest in International Physician Networks that it did not previously own. Additionally, the Company paid approximately \$13.7 million in cash for MedSelect, Inc., a provider of automated medication and supply dispensing cabinets, and \$16.6 million in cash for Imedex, Inc., an accredited provider of continuing medical education for physicians.

Net cash used in investing activities in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 included purchases of short-term investment securities of \$2.0 billion and proceeds from the sale of short-term investment securities of \$2.3 billion. These short-term investment securities primarily consisted of commercial paper and tax-exempt variable rate demand notes used to maximize the Company's after tax interest income. Net cash used in investing activities in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 also included proceeds of \$49.6 million from the sale of property and equipment (of which \$38.0 million related to the sale of the former Bergen Brunswig headquarters in Orange, California), proceeds of \$28.1 million from two sale-leaseback transactions entered into by the Company with financial institutions relating to equipment previously acquired for our new distribution facilities, and \$7.6 million of proceeds from the sale of an equity investment and an eminent domain settlement.

Net cash used in investing activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 included purchases of short-term investment securities of \$697.1 million and proceeds from the sale of short-term investment securities of \$348.0 million. Net cash used in investing activities in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 also included \$36.7 million from sale-leaseback transactions entered into by the Company with a financial institution. Additionally, net cash used in investing activities included \$14.6 million from the sale of substantially all of the assets of Bridge and the sale of Rita Ann. Net

cash used in investing activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004 included \$15.6 million from sale-leaseback transactions entered into by the Company with a financial institution.

Net cash used in financing activities during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 included \$134.9 million of net borrowings under the Canadian Credit Facility and the UK Credit Facility, which were entered into in connection with the Trent and Brecon acquisitions, respectively.

In September 2005, the Company issued its 2012 Notes and its 2015 Notes for total proceeds of \$895.5 million. These proceeds were used to finance the early retirement of the 7½% Notes and the 8½% Notes, including the payment of premiums and other costs, for a total of \$902.3 million. Additionally, during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the Company paid \$100 million to redeem the Bergen 7½% Senior Notes and repaid the remaining \$180.0 million outstanding under the Term Loan Facility.

The Company used \$300 million to redeem the Subordinated Notes and \$8.4 million to redeem the 6\%% Notes during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004. Additionally, the Company repaid \$60 million of the Term Facility in fiscal 2004.

In August 2004, the Company's board of directors authorized the Company to purchase up to \$500 million of its outstanding shares of common stock, subject to market conditions. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004, the Company acquired 5.5 million shares of its common stock for \$144.7 million. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the Company acquired 13.1 million shares of its common stock to complete its authorization under this program for \$355.3 million.

In February 2005, the Company's board of directors authorized the Company to purchase up to 11.4 million shares (substantially equivalent to the number of common stock shares issued in connection with the conversion of the 5% notes) of its outstanding common stock, subject to market conditions. In February 2005, the Company acquired 0.9 million shares in the open market for a total of \$25.9 million. In addition, on March 30, 2005, the Company entered into an Accelerated Share Repurchase ("ASR") transaction with a financial institution to purchase the remaining 10.5 million shares immediately from the financial institution at a cost of \$293.8 million. The financial institution subsequently purchased an equivalent number of shares in the open market through April 21, 2005. The ASR transaction was completed on April 21, 2005, at which time the Company paid the financial institution a cash settlement of \$16.6 million. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the Company acquired all the shares authorized under this program for a total of \$336.3 million, which includes the above cash settlement of \$16.6 million. The cash settlement was recorded as an adjustment to additional paid-in capital.

In May 2005, the Company's board of directors authorized the Company to purchase up to \$450 million of its outstanding shares of common stock, subject to market conditions and to compliance with the stock repurchase restrictions contained in the indentures governing the Company's senior notes and in the credit agreement for the Company's senior credit facility. Through June 30, 2005, the Company had purchased \$94.2 million of its common stock under this program for a weighted average price of \$32.75. In August 2005, the Company's board of directors authorized an increase to the amount available under this program by approximately \$394 million, bringing total remaining availability to \$750 million, and the total repurchase program to approximately \$844 million. The increase in repurchase authority was subject to the completion of the tender and repurchase of the Company's \$500 million principal

amount 8.125% senior notes due 2008 and \$300 million principal amount 7.25% senior notes due 2012 and the offering and sale of \$400 million principal amount 5.625% senior notes due 2012 and \$500 million principal amount 5.875% senior notes due 2015 (collectively, the "Refinancing"). The Refinancing was completed in September 2005.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, the Company purchased \$748.4 million of its common stock (of which \$31.0 million cash settled in October 2006). The Company had \$1.6 million of remaining authorization under the \$844 million repurchase program as of September 30, 2006. In October 2006, the Company purchased 35 thousand shares for \$1.6 million to complete this program.

In August 2006, the Company's board of directors authorized a new program allowing the Company to purchase up to \$750 million of its outstanding shares of common stock, subject to market conditions and to compliance with the stock repurchase restrictions contained in the indentures governing the Company's senior notes and in the credit agreement for the Company's senior credit facility. Through September 30, 2006 there were no purchases of the Company's common stock under this new program. From October 1, 2006 to November 30, 2006, the Company purchased 4.7 million shares for \$213.2 million under this program.

During the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, the Company paid quarterly cash dividends of \$0.025 and \$0.0125, respectively. On November 9, 2006, the Company's board of directors increased the quarterly dividend by 100% and declared a dividend of \$0.05 per share, which was paid on December 4, 2006 to stockholders of record as of the close of business on November 20, 2006. The Company anticipates that it will continue to pay quarterly cash dividends in the future. However, the payment and amount of future dividends remain within the discretion of the Company's board of directors and will depend upon the Company's future earnings, financial condition, capital requirements and other factors.

Market Risk

The Company's most significant market risk is the effect of fluctuations in interest rates. The Company manages interest rate risk by using a combination of fixed-rate and variable-rate debt. The Company also has market risk exposure relating to its cash and cash equivalents and its short-term investment securities available-forsale. At September 30, 2006, the Company had \$196.6 million of variable-rate debt. The amount of variable rate debt fluctuates during the year based on the Company's working capital requirements. The Company periodically evaluates various financial instruments that could mitigate a portion of its exposure to variable interest rates. However, there are no assurances that such instruments will be available on terms acceptable to the Company. There were no such financial instruments in effect at September 30, 2006. The Company had \$1.3 billion in cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2006. The unfavorable impact of a hypothetical decrease in interest rates on cash and cash equivalents and short-term investment securities available-for-sale would be partially offset by the favorable impact of such a decrease on variable-rate debt. For every \$100 million of cash invested that is in excess of variable-rate debt, a 50 basis point decrease in interest rates would increase the Company's annual net interest expense by \$0.5 million.

The multinational operations of the Company are exposed to foreign currency and exchange rate risk. The Company utilizes foreign currency denominated forward contracts to hedge against changes in foreign exchange rates. Such contracts generally have durations of less than one year. During fiscal 2006, the Company's largest exposures to foreign exchange rates existed primarily with the Canadian Dollar. At September 30, 2006, the Company had three foreign currency derivative contracts outstanding for a total notional amount of \$65.2 million. The Company is using these contracts to hedge against changes in the value of the Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar. A 10% change of the Canadian Dollar against the U.S. Dollar would cause a \$7.1 million change to the fair value of the Company's foreign currency denominated forward contracts held at September 30, 2006. The Company uses derivative instruments to hedge its foreign currency exposures and not for speculative or trading purposes.

Recently Issued Financial Accounting Standards

In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued SFAS No. 123R, "Share-Based Payment," which requires companies to measure compensation cost for all sharebased payments at fair value for interim or annual periods beginning after June 15, 2005. As a result, the Company adopted SFAS No. 123R, using the modified-prospective transition method, beginning on October 1, 2005 and, therefore, began to expense the fair value of all outstanding options over their remaining vesting periods to the extent the options were not fully vested as of the adoption date and began to expense the fair value of all share-based compensation awards granted subsequent to September 30, 2005 over their requisite service periods. Previous periods were not retrospectively adjusted. SFAS No. 123R also requires the benefits of tax deductions in excess of recognized compensation expense to be reported as a financing cash flow (\$21.9 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006); rather than an operating cash flow as previously required. In accordance with SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin ("SAB") No. 107, the Company classified share-based compensation within distribution, selling and administrative expenses to correspond with the same line item as the majority of the cash compensation paid to employees (see Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements for further details).

In June 2006, the FASB issued Financial Interpretation ("FIN") No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes," which clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in financial statements in accordance with SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." This interpretation prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. This interpretation also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. FIN No. 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this interpretation.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 158, "Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit and Other Postretirement Plans," which generally requires an employer to recognize the funded status of a defined benefit postretirement plan in its statement of financial position and to recognize changes in that funded status in the year in which the changes occur through comprehensive income. This statement also generally requires an employer to measure the funded status of a plan as of the date of its year-end statement of financial position. SFAS No. 158 is effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2006. The Company does not believe the adoption of this statement will have a material impact to its financial position.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain of the statements contained in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") and elsewhere in this report are "forwardlooking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These statements are based on management's current expectations and are subject to uncertainty and changes in circumstances. Actual results may vary materially from the expectations contained in the forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements herein include statements addressing management's views with respect to future financial and operating results and the benefits, efficiencies and savings to be derived from the Company's integration plan to consolidate its distribution network. The following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in any forwardlooking statements: competitive pressures; the loss of one or more key customer or supplier relationships; customer defaults or insolvencies; changes in customer mix; supplier defaults or insolvencies; changes in pharmaceutical manufacturers' pricing and distribution policies or practices; adverse resolution of any contract or other disputes with customers (including departments and agencies of the U.S. Government) or suppliers; regulatory changes (including increased government regulation of the pharmaceutical supply channel); changes in U.S. government policies (including reimbursement changes arising from federal legislation, including the Medicare Modernization Act and the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005); price inflation in branded pharmaceuticals and price deflation in generics; declines in the amounts of market share rebates offered by pharmaceutical manufacturers to the PharMerica Long-Term Care business, declines in the amounts of rebates that the PharMerica Long-Term Care business can retain, and/or the inability of the business to offset the rebate reductions that have already occurred or any rebate reductions that may occur in the future; any disruption to or other adverse effects upon the PharMerica Long-Term Care business caused by the announcement of the Company's agreement to combine the PharMerica Long-Term Care business with the institutional pharmacy business of Kindred Healthcare, Inc. into a new public company that will be owned 50% by the Company's shareholders (the "PharMerica LTC Transaction"); the inability of the Company to successfully complete the PharMerica LTC Transaction; fluctuations in market interest rates; operational or control issues arising from the Company's outsourcing of information technology activities; success of integration, restructuring or systems initiatives; fluctuations in the U.S. dollar — Canadian dollar exchange rate and other foreign exchange rates; economic, business, competitive and/or regulatory developments in Canada, the United Kingdom and elsewhere outside of the United States; acquisition of businesses that do not perform as we expect or that are difficult for us to integrate or control; changes in tax legislation or adverse resolution of challenges to our tax positions;

and other economic, business, competitive, legal, tax, regulatory and/or operational factors affecting the business of the Company generally. Certain additional factors that management believes could cause actual outcomes and results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements are set forth elsewhere in this MD&A, and the Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2006.

Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in thousands, except share and per share data)		
September 30,	2006	2005
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,261,268	\$ 966,553
Short-term investment securities available-for-sale	67,840	349,130
Accounts receivable, less allowances for returns and doubtful accounts:		
2006—\$406,624; 2005—\$420,538	3,427,139	2,640,646
Merchandise inventories	4,422,055	4,003,690
Prepaid expenses and other	32,105	27,673
Total current assets	9,210,407	7,987,692
Property and equipment, at cost:		
Land	35,993	43,676
Buildings and improvements	251,321	267,847
Machinery, equipment and other	536,621	484,671
Total property and equipment	823,935	796,194
Less accumulated depreciation	314,189	281,436
Property and equipment, net	509,746	514,758
Other assets:		
Goodwill	2,588,712	2,431,568
Intangibles, deferred charges and other	475,055	447,156
Total other assets	-	
Total other assets	3,063,767	2,878,724
TOTAL ASSETS	\$12,783,920	\$11,381,174
Liabilities and Charleholders' Equity		
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 6,499,264	\$ 5,292,253
Accrued expenses and other	403,911	335,650
Current portion of long-term debt	1,560	1,232
Accrued income taxes Deferred income taxes	74,607 479,846	52,093 370,868
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Total current liabilities	7,459,188	6,052,096
Long-term debt, net of current portion	1,093,931	951,479
Other liabilities	89,644	97,242
Stockholders' equity:	02,044	71,242
Common stock, \$.01 par value — authorized, issued and outstanding:		
600,000,000 shares, 235,392,882 shares and 196,350,532 shares at September 30, 2006,		
respectively, and 300,000,000 shares, 231,286,652 shares and 209,752,840 shares at		
September 30, 2005, respectively	2,354	2,312
Additional paid-in capital	3,466,944	3,314,060
Retained earnings	2,051,212	1,604,093
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(15,303)	(24,814)
Treasury stock, at cost: 2006: 39,042,350 shares; 2005: 21,533,812 shares	(1,364,050)	(615,294)
Total stockholders' equity	4,141,157	4,280,357
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$12,783,920	\$11,381,174

Consolidated Statements of Operations

(in thousands, except per share data)

Fiscal year ended September 30,	2006	2005	2004
Operating revenue	\$56,672,940	\$50,012,598	\$48,812,452
Bulk deliveries to customer warehouses	4,530,205	4,564,723	4,308,339
Total revenue	61,203,145	54,577,321	53,120,791
Cost of goods sold	58,971,330	52,597,137	50,954,361
Gross profit	2,231,815	1,980,184	2,166,430
Operating expenses:			
Distribution, selling and administrative	1,376,977	1,234,057	1,184,529
Depreciation	73,093	70,947	63,464
Amortization	12,916	10,252	9,961
Facility consolidations, employee severance and other	20,123	22,723	7,517
Impairment charge	_	5,259	
Operating income	748,706	636,946	900,959
Other income	(4,387)		(6,236)
Interest expense, net	12,464	57,223	112,704
Loss on early retirement of debt		111,888	23,592
Income from continuing operations before income taxes and cumulative		,,,,,	- ,
effect of change in accounting	740,629	468,825	770,899
Income taxes	272,617	176,903	296,025
Income from continuing operations before cumulative effect of change in accounting	468,012	291,922	474,874
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax (Note 3)	298	17,105	6,484
Cumulative effect of change in accounting, net of tax of \$6,341 (Note 1)		10,172	
Net income	\$ 467,714	\$ 264,645	\$ 468,390
Earnings per share:			
Basic earnings per share:		4.00	A 0.10
Continuing operations	\$ 2.28	\$ 1.38	\$ 2.13
Discontinued operations	_	(0.08)	(0.03)
Cumulative effect of change in accounting	_	(0.05)	
Net income	\$ 2.28	\$ 1.25	\$ 2.10
Diluted earnings per share:			
Continuing operations	\$ 2.26	\$ 1.37	\$ 2.06
Discontinued operations	_	(0.08)	(0.03)
Cumulative effect of change in accounting	_	(0.05)	
Rounding	(0.01)	`	_
Net income	\$ 2.25	\$ 1.24	\$ 2.03
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Weighted average common shares outstanding:	205.000	211 224	222.224
Basic	205,009	211,334	223,234
Diluted	207,446	215,540	235,558

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Common	Additional Paid-in	Retained	Accumulated Other Comprehensive	Treasury	m . 1
G 4 1 20 2002	Stock	Capital	Earnings	Loss	Stock	Total
September 30, 2003 Net income Reduction in minimum pension liability,	\$2,240	\$3,124,441	\$ 892,853 468,390	\$(14,217)	\$ —	\$4,005,317 468,390
net of tax of \$399				640		640
Total comprehensive income						469,030
Cash dividends declared, \$0.05 per share			(11,197)			(11,197)
Exercise of stock options	10	15,141				15,151
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options Restricted shares earned Common stock purchases for employee		4,011 649				4,011 649
stock purchase plan		(935)				(935)
Accelerated vesting of stock options Amortization of unearned compensation		1,028				1,028
from stock options		747				747
Purchases of common stock					(144,756)	(144,756)
September 30, 2004 Net income Increase in minimum pension liability,	2,250	3,145,082	1,350,046 264,645	(13,577)	(144,756)	4,339,045 264,645
net of tax of \$7,101				(11,014)		(11,014)
Other, net of tax				(223)		(223)
Total comprehensive income						253,408
Cash dividends declared, \$0.05 per share			(10,598)			(10,598)
Exercise of stock options	62	173,998				174,060
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options		15,347				15,347
Restricted shares earned Common stock purchases for employee		488				488
stock purchase plan Accelerated vesting of stock options		(1,565) 276				(1,565) 276
Write-off of deferred financing costs related to conversion of		270				270
subordinated notes		(3,881)				(3,881)
Treasury shares issued for debt conversion Settlement of accelerated stock		944			299,025	299,969
repurchase agreement Purchases of common stock		(16,629)			(769,563)	(16,629) (769,563)
September 30, 2005	2,312	3,314,060	1,604,093	(24,814)	(615,294)	4,280,357
Net income	2,312	3,311,000	467,714	(21,011)	(013,231)	467,714
Reduction in minimum pension liability,						
net of tax of \$6,598				10,576		10,576
Other, net of tax				(1,065)		(1,065)
Total comprehensive income						477,225
Cash dividends declared, \$0.10 per share			(20,595)			(20,595)
Exercise of stock options	42	116,126				116,168
Excess tax benefit from exercise of stock options		21,878				21,878
Share-based compensation expense		16,412				16,412
Common stock purchases for employee stock		10,112				10,112
purchase plan		(1,532)				(1,532)
Purchases of common stock					(748,756)	(748,756)
September 30, 2006	\$2,354	\$3,466,944	\$2,051,212	\$(15,303)	\$(1,364,050)	\$4,141,157

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

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Fiscal year ended September 30,	2006	2005	2004
Operating Activities			
Net income	\$ 467,714	\$ 264,645	\$ 468,390
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	+ -··,···	+,
Depreciation, including amounts charged to cost of goods sold	80,131	76,546	68,071
Amortization, including amounts charged to interest expense	16,802	14,336	19,017
Provision (benefit) on accounts receivable	36,307	33,379	(10,279)
Provision for deferred income taxes	92,083	17,026	48,884
Employee stock compensation	16,412	520	2,059
Other (income) loss	(4,387)	4,269	(1,314)
(Gain) loss on disposal of property and equipment	(16,386)	1,891	1,430
Loss on early retirement of debt		111,888	23,592
Loss on sales of discontinued operations	468	12,262	
Cumulative effect of change in accounting, net of tax		10,172	_
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, excluding the effects of		10,172	
acquisitions and dispositions:			
Accounts receivable	(679,965)	(392,769)	(267,387)
Merchandise inventories	(349,543)	1,072,577	916,301
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(8,585)	(11,052)	(10,768)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses, and income taxes	1,156,106	311,422	(432,020)
Other	108	(474)	(895)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	807,265	1,526,638	825,081
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Investing Activities			
Capital expenditures	(113,132)	(203,376)	(189,278)
Cost of acquired companies, net of cash acquired	(296,224)	(4,404)	(68,882)
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment	49,639	4,219	336
Proceeds from sale-leaseback transactions	28,143	36,696	15,602
Proceeds from sale of equity investment and eminent domain settlement	7,582	_	_
Proceeds from sales of discontinued operations		14,560	_
Purchases of investment securities available-for-sale	(1,997,022)	(697,105)	_
Proceeds from sale of investment securities available-for-sale	2,278,312	347,975	_
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(42,702)	(501,435)	(242,222)
Financing Activities			
Net borrowings under revolving credit facilities	134,888	_	
Long-term debt borrowings	154,000	895,500	_
Long-term debt repayments		(1,182,339)	(368,425)
Deferred financing costs and other	(2,941)	(18,859)	(1,390)
Purchases of common stock	(717,714)	(786,192)	(1,390)
Exercise of stock options, including excess tax benefit of \$21,878 in 2006	138,046	174,060	
Cash dividends on common stock	(20,595)	(10,598)	15,151 (11,197)
Common stock purchases for employee stock purchase plan	(1,532)	(1,565)	(935)
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NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(469,848)	(929,993)	(511,552)
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	294,715	95,210	71,307
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	966,553	871,343	800,036
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 1,261,268	\$ 966,553	\$ 871,343

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

September 30, 2006

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

AmerisourceBergen Corporation (the "Company") is a pharmaceutical services company providing drug distribution and related healthcare services and solutions to its pharmacy, physician and manufacturer customers, which currently are based primarily in the United States and Canada. The Company also provides pharmaceuticals to long-term care and workers' compensation patients. For further information on the Company's operating segments, see Note 14.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries as of the dates and for the fiscal years indicated. All material intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual amounts could differ from these estimated amounts.

On December 28, 2005, the Company effected a two-for-one stock split of its outstanding shares of common stock in the form of a 100% stock dividend to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 13, 2005. All applicable share and per-share amounts in the consolidated financial statements and related disclosures have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this stock split.

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior-year amounts in order to conform to the current-year presentation.

Business Combinations

The purchase price of an acquired company is allocated between tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed from the acquired business based on their estimated fair values, with the residual of the purchase price recorded as goodwill. Business combinations accounted for under the purchase method of accounting include the results of operations of the acquired businesses from the dates of acquisition (see Note 2).

Cash Equivalents

The Company classifies highly liquid investments, such as commercial paper, with maturities of three months or less at the date of purchase as cash equivalents.

Change in Accounting for Cash Discounts

During fiscal 2005, the Company changed its method of recognizing cash discounts and other related manufacturer incentives, effective October 1, 2004. Prior to October 1, 2004, the Company had recognized cash discounts as a reduction of cost of goods sold when earned, which was primarily upon payment of vendor invoices. Since October 1, 2004, the Company has been recording cash discounts as a component of inventory cost and recognizing such discounts as a reduction of cost of goods sold upon the sale of the inventory. In connection with the Company's transition to a fee-for-service model, the Company believes the

change in accounting method has provided a better matching of inventory cost to revenue, particularly as inventory turnover rates have continued to improve. The Company's operating results for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 included a \$10.2 million charge for the cumulative effect of change in accounting (net of income taxes of \$6.3 million). The pro forma effect of this accounting change was not material to the results of operations or earnings per share for fiscal 2004.

Concentrations of Credit Risk and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The Company sells its merchandise inventories to a large number of customers in the healthcare industry, including independent retail pharmacies, chain drugstores, mail order facilities, health systems and other acute-care facilities, and alternate site facilities such as clinics, nursing homes, physicians, and other non-acute care facilities. The financial condition of the Company's customers, especially those in the health systems and nursing home sectors, can be affected by changes in government reimbursement policies as well as by other economic pressures in the healthcare industry.

The Company's trade accounts receivable are exposed to credit risk, but the risk is moderated because the customer base is diverse and geographically widespread. The Company generally does not require collateral for trade receivables. The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers' financial condition and maintains an allowance for doubtful accounts. In determining the appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts, the Company considers a combination of factors, such as the aging of trade receivables, industry trends, its customers' financial strength and credit standing, and payment and default history. Changes in these factors, among others, may lead to adjustments in the Company's allowance for doubtful accounts. The calculation of the required allowance requires judgment by Company management as to the impact of those and other factors on the ultimate realization of its trade receivables. Each of the Company's business units performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers' financial condition and maintains reserves for probable bad debt losses based on historical experience and for specific credit problems when they arise. The Company writes off balances against the reserves when collectibility is deemed remote. Each business unit performs formal documented reviews of the allowance at least quarterly and the Company's largest business units perform such reviews monthly. There were no significant changes to this process during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004 and bad debt expense was computed in a consistent manner during these periods. The bad debt expense for any period presented is equal to the changes in the period end allowance for doubtful accounts, net of write-offs and recoveries. At September 30, 2006, the largest trade receivable due from a single customer represented approximately 12% of accounts receivable, net. Sales to the Company's largest non-bulk customer represented 8% of operating revenue in fiscal 2006. Sales to Medco Health Solutions, Inc. ("Medco") represented 7% of operating revenue and represented 98% of bulk deliveries in fiscal 2006. No other single customer accounted for more than 5% of the Company's operating revenue.

The Company maintains cash balances and cash equivalents

with several large creditworthy banks and money-market funds located in the United States. The Company does not believe there is significant credit risk related to its cash and cash equivalents.

Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company accounts for derivative financial instruments in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities," as amended. SFAS No. 133, as amended, requires that all derivatives be recorded on the balance sheet at fair value and establishes criteria for designation and effectiveness of hedging relationships.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, the Company entered into foreign currency forward exchange contracts, all of which were designated as cash flow hedges, to manage exposure related to foreign currency commitments, certain foreign currency denominated balance sheet positions and anticipated foreign currency denominated expenditures. The Company's policy prohibits it from entering into derivative financial instruments for speculative or trading purposes. The Company evaluates hedge effectiveness and records any ineffective portion in other income or expense.

As of September 30, 2006, the notional value of the Company's outstanding foreign currency forward exchange contracts was C\$72.2 million. The Company does not believe that these derivatives present significant credit risks, because the counterparties to the derivatives consist of major financial institutions.

Foreign Currency

The functional currency of the Company's foreign operations is the applicable local currency. Assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars using the current exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date, while revenues and expenses are translated at the weighted-average exchange rates for the period. The resulting translation adjustments are recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss within stockholders' equity.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

The Company accounts for purchased goodwill and intangible assets in accordance with SFAS No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets." Under SFAS No. 142, purchased goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives are not amortized; rather, they are tested for impairment on at least an annual basis. Intangible assets with finite lives, primarily customer relationships, noncompete agreements, patents and software technology, are amortized over their useful lives.

In order to test goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives under SFAS No. 142, a determination of the fair value of the Company's reporting units and intangible assets with indefinite lives is required and is based, among other things, on estimates of future operating performance of the reporting unit and/or the component of the entity being valued. The Company is required to complete an impairment test for goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives and record any resulting impairment losses at least on an annual basis. The Company uses an income approach to determine the fair value of its reporting units and intangible assets with indefinite lives. Changes in market conditions, among other factors, may have an impact on these fair values. The Company completed its required annual impairment tests in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2006, and, as a result, did not record any significant impairment charges.

During the second quarter of fiscal 2005, the Company performed an impairment test on certain intangible assets within the technology operations of AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation ("ABDC") due to the existence of impairment indicators. As a result, the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$5.3 million relating to certain of those intangible assets. The charge was reflected in the Company's results of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005. The Company completed its required annual impairment testing in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2005 and determined that there was no impairment.

Income Taxes

The Company accounts for income taxes using the asset and liability method in accordance with provisions of SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." The asset and liability method requires recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for expected future tax consequences of temporary differences that currently exist between tax bases and financial reporting bases of the Company's assets and liabilities.

Investments

The Company uses the equity method of accounting for its investments in entities in which it has significant influence; generally, this represents an ownership interest of between 20% and 50%. The Company's investments in marketable equity securities in which the Company does not have significant influence are classified as "available for sale" and are carried at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses excluded from earnings and reported in the accumulated other comprehensive loss component of stockholders' equity.

Loss Contingencies

The Company accrues for loss contingencies related to litigation in accordance SFAS No. 5, "Accounting for Contingencies." An estimated loss contingency is accrued in the Company's consolidated financial statements if it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Assessing contingencies is highly subjective and requires judgments about future events. The Company regularly reviews loss contingencies to determine the adequacy of the accruals and related disclosures. The amount of the actual loss may differ significantly from these estimates.

Manufacturer Incentives

The Company generally accounts for fees and other incentives received from its suppliers, relating to the purchase or distribution of inventory, as a reduction to cost of goods sold, in accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") Issue No. 02-16, "Accounting by a Customer for Certain Consideration Received from a Vendor." The Company considers these fees and other incentives to represent product discounts, and as a result, they are capitalized as product costs and relieved through cost of goods sold upon the sale of the related inventory.

Merchandise Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost for approximately 83% and 87% of the Company's inventories at September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively, were determined using the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method. If the Company had used the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method of inventory valuation, which approximates current replacement cost, consolidated inventories

would have been approximately \$152.6 million and \$159.8 million higher than the amounts reported at September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively. During the fiscal years ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, inventory balances declined, which resulted in liquidation of LIFO layers carried at lower costs prevailing in prior years. The effect of the liquidation in fiscal 2005 was to decrease cost of goods sold by \$30.6 million and increase diluted earnings per share by \$0.09. The effect of the liquidation in fiscal 2004 was to decrease cost of goods sold by \$10.3 million and increase earnings per share by \$0.03.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost and depreciated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from 3 to 40 years for buildings and improvements and from 3 to 10 years for machinery, equipment and other. The costs of repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred.

Revenue Recognition

The Company recognizes revenue when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, product has been delivered or services have been rendered, the price is fixed or determinable and collectibility is reasonably assured. Revenue as reflected in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations is net of sales returns and allowances.

The Company's customer sales return policy generally allows customers to return products only if the products can be resold at full value or returned to suppliers for full credit. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004, the Company changed its accounting policy for customer sales returns to reflect an accrual for estimated customer returns at the time of sale to the customer. Previously, the Company accounted for customer sales returns as a reduction of sales and cost of goods sold at the time of the return. As a result of this accounting policy change, operating revenue and cost of goods sold were each reduced by \$316.8 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004. Additionally, merchandise inventories were increased and accounts receivable were reduced by \$316.8 million. At September 30, 2006 and 2005, the Company's accrual for customer sales returns was \$275.8 million and \$280.4 million, respectively.

The Company reports the gross dollar amount of bulk deliveries to customer warehouses in revenue and the related costs in cost of goods sold. Bulk delivery transactions are arranged by the Company at the express direction of the customer, and involve either shipments from the supplier directly to customers' warehouse sites or shipments from the supplier to the Company for immediate shipment to the customers' warehouse sites. The Company is a principal to these transactions because it is the primary obligor and has the ultimate and contractual responsibility for fulfillment and acceptability of the products purchased, and bears full risk of delivery and loss for products, whether the products are dropshipped or shipped via cross-dock. The Company also bears full credit risk associated with the creditworthiness of any bulk delivery customer. As a result, and in accordance with the EITF No. 99-19, "Reporting Revenue Gross as a Principal versus Net as an Agent," the Company records bulk deliveries to customer warehouses as gross revenues. Gross profit earned by the Company on bulk deliveries was not material in any year presented.

Shipping and Handling Costs

Shipping and handling costs include all costs to warehouse, pick, pack and deliver inventory to customers. These costs, which were \$403.9 million, \$380.1 million and \$383.1 million for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively, are included in distribution, selling and administrative expenses.

Short-Term Investment Securities

As of September 30, 2006, the Company had \$67.8 million of short-term investment securities available-for-sale in the form of commercial paper. As of September 30, 2005, the Company had \$349.1 million of investments in tax-exempt variable rate demand notes. These investment securities, which had been classified as cash and cash equivalents, were reclassified at September 30, 2005 as short-term investments available-for-sale on the Company's consolidated balance sheet. The Company's consolidated statement of cash flows for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 also reflects reclassifications of net purchases of short-term investment securities of \$349.1 million as an increase to net cash used in investing activities. Although the underlying maturities of these investments were long-term in nature, the investments were classified as short-term because they were automatically reinvested within a seven-day period unless the Company provided notice of intent to liquidate to the broker. The interest rate payable on these investments resets with each reinvestment. The Company's investments in these securities are recorded at cost, which approximates fair market value due to their variable interest rates. The bonds are issued by municipalities and other tax-exempt entities, but are backed by letters of credit from the banking institutions that broker the debt placements. All of the Company's short-term investments are held by major financial institutions.

Supplier Reserves

The Company establishes reserves against amounts due from its suppliers relating to various price and rebate incentives, including deductions or billings taken against payments otherwise due them from the Company. These reserve estimates are established based on the judgment of Company management after carefully considering the status of current outstanding claims, historical experience with the suppliers, the specific incentive programs and any other pertinent information available to the Company. The Company evaluates the amounts due from its suppliers on a continual basis and adjusts the reserve estimates when appropriate based on changes in factual circumstances. The ultimate outcome of any outstanding claim may be different than the Company's estimate.

Recently Issued Financial Accounting Standards

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 123R, "Share-Based Payment," which requires companies to measure compensation cost for all share-based payments at fair value for interim or annual periods beginning after June 15, 2005. As a result, the Company adopted SFAS No. 123R, using the modified-prospective transition method, beginning on October 1, 2005 and, therefore, began to expense the fair value of all outstanding options over their remaining vesting periods to the extent the options were not fully vested as of the adoption date and began to expense the fair value of all share-based compensation awards granted subsequent to September 30, 2005 over their requisite service periods (see Note 9 for further details). SFAS No. 123R also requires the benefits of tax deductions in excess of recognized compensation expense to be reported as a financing cash flow (\$21.9 million for the fiscal year

ended September 30, 2006), rather than an operating cash flow as previously required. In accordance with SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin ("SAB") No. 107, the Company classified share-based compensation within distribution, selling and administrative expenses to correspond with the same line item as the cash compensation paid to employees.

In June 2006, the FASB issued Financial Interpretation ("FIN") No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes," which clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in financial statements in accordance with SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." This interpretation prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. This interpretation also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. FIN No. 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this interpretation.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 158, "Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit and Other Postretirement Plans," which generally requires an employer to recognize the funded status of a defined benefit postretirement plan in its statement of financial position and to recognize changes in that funded status in the year in which the changes occur through comprehensive income. This statement also generally requires an employer to measure the funded status of a plan as of the date of its year-end statement of financial position. SFAS No. 158 is effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2006. The Company does not believe the adoption of this statement will have a material impact to its financial position.

Note 2. Acquisitions

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, the Company entered the Canadian market beginning with the October 2005 acquisition of Trent Drugs (Wholesale) Ltd. ("Trent"), a pharmaceutical distributor in Canada, for a purchase price of \$81.1 million, which included the payment of Trent debt of \$41.3 million at closing. The acquisition of Trent provided the Company a solid foundation to expand its pharmaceutical distribution capability into the Canadian marketplace. In the twelve months ended September 30, 2005, Trent's operating revenues were approximately \$500 million. In January 2006, the Company changed the name of Trent to AmerisourceBergen Canada Corporation ("ABCC").

In March 2006, ABCC acquired substantially all of the assets of Asenda Pharmaceutical Supplies Ltd ("Asenda"), a Canadian pharmaceutical distributor that operated primarily in British Columbia and Alberta, for a purchase price of \$18.2 million. The Asenda acquisition increased the Company's operations in western Canada. In the twelve months ended December 31, 2005, Asenda's operating revenues were approximately \$172 million.

In September 2006, ABCC acquired Rep-Pharm, Inc. ("Rep-Pharm"), a Canadian pharmaceutical wholesaler that distributes pharmaceuticals in the provinces of Ontario, Quebec and Alberta, for a purchase price of \$47.5 million. In the twelve months ended September 30, 2006, Rep-Pharm's operating revenues were approximately \$600 million.

The purchase price for each of the above acquisitions was allocated to the underlying assets acquired and liabilities assumed based upon their fair values as of the dates of the respective acquisitions. The aggregate purchase price exceeded the fair value of the aggregate net tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired by \$55.7 million, which was allocated to goodwill. The aggregate intangible assets acquired of \$12.1 million primarily consist of customer relationships and are being amortized over their weighted average lives of 5 to 7 years.

The following table summarizes, in the aggregate, the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed relating to the pharmaceutical distribution companies acquired in Canada as of their respective acquisition dates (in thousands):

Assets:

Accounts receivable	\$115,699
Inventory	69,804
Other current assets	1,814
Property and equipment	5,311
Goodwill	55,711
Intangible assets	12,093
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(110,493)
Deferred income taxes	(3,117)
Net assets acquired	\$146,822

In February 2006, the Company acquired Network for Medical Communication & Research, LLC ("NMCR"), a privately held provider of accredited continuing medical education ("CME") for physicians and analytical research for the oncology market, for a purchase price of \$86.6 million, net of a working capital adjustment. The acquisition of NMCR expands AmerisourceBergen Specialty Group's presence in its market-leading oncology distribution and services businesses. The CME business of NMCR complements Imedex, Inc., the Company's accredited CME business. In the twelve months ended December 31, 2005, NMCR's operating revenues were approximately \$38 million. The purchase price was allocated to the underlying assets acquired and liabilities assumed based upon their fair values at the date of the acquisition. The purchase price exceeded the fair value of the net tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired by \$69.0 million, which was allocated to goodwill. Intangible assets acquired of \$20.1 million primarily consist of trade names of \$3.2 million and customer relationships of \$16.1 million. Customer relationships are being amortized over their weighted average life of 8 years.

In March 2006, the Company acquired Brecon Pharmaceuticals Limited ("Brecon"), a United Kingdom-based provider of contract packaging and clinical trial materials ("CTM") services for pharmaceutical manufacturers, for a purchase price of \$50.2 million. The purchase price is subject to a contingent payment of up to approximately \$19 million if Brecon achieves specific earnings targets in calendar year 2006. The Company currently anticipates it will settle this contingency prior to the end of the contingency period with the former owners of Brecon for an amount less than the maximum contingent amount. The acquisition of Brecon enhanced the Company's packaging business and provides the added capability to offer pharmaceutical manufacturers contract packaging and CTM services in new geographical regions. In the twelve months ended December 31, 2005, Brecon's operating revenues were approximately \$22 million. The purchase price was allocated to the underlying assets acquired and liabilities assumed based upon

their fair values at the date of the acquisition. The purchase price exceeded the fair value of the net tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired by \$29.0 million, which was allocated to goodwill. Intangible assets acquired of \$11.8 million primarily consist of tradenames of \$5.8 million and customer relationships of \$6.0 million. Customer relationships are being amortized over their weighted average life of 7 years.

In May 2006, the Long-Term Care business of the Company's PharMerica reporting segment acquired certain assets of a technology solution company for \$12.6 million. The purchase price exceeded the fair value of the net tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired by \$8.3 million, which was allocated to goodwill. The primary asset acquired was \$4.4 million of software that provides long-term care facilities with safe and efficient electronic medication management, and is being amortized over its useful life of 5 years.

In May 2004, the Company acquired Imedex, Inc. ("Imedex"), an accredited provider of continuing medical education for physicians, for approximately \$16.6 million in cash. The acquisition of Imedex continued the Company's efforts to add incremental services that support manufacturers and healthcare providers along the pharmaceutical supply channel. The purchase price has been allocated to the underlying assets acquired and liabilities assumed based upon their estimated fair values at the date of the acquisition. The purchase price exceeded the fair value of the net tangible and identified intangible assets acquired by \$12.5 million, which has been allocated to goodwill.

In February 2004, the Company acquired MedSelect, Inc. ("MedSelect"), a provider of automated medication and supply dispensing cabinets, for approximately \$13.7 million in cash. The acquisition of MedSelect enhanced the Company's ability to offer fully scalable and flexible technology solutions to its customers. The purchase price was allocated to the underlying assets acquired and liabilities assumed based upon their estimated fair values at the date of the acquisition. The purchase price exceeded the fair value of the net tangible and identified intangible assets acquired by \$9.8 million, which has been allocated to goodwill.

In fiscal 2002, the Company acquired a 20% equity interest in International Physician Networks ("IPN"), a physician services company, for \$5 million in cash, which was subject to adjustment contingent on the entity achieving defined earnings targets in calendar 2002. In fiscal 2003, the Company satisfied the residual contingent obligation for the initial 20% equity interest and acquired an additional 40% equity interest for an aggregate \$24.7 million in cash. In fiscal 2004, the Company paid \$39.0 million for the remaining 40% equity interest. The results of operations of IPN, less the minority interest position in fiscal 2004, have been included in the Company's consolidated financial statements of operations.

All of the goodwill associated with the aforementioned acquisitions, except for \$8.3 million, was assigned to the Pharmaceutical Distribution segment.

Pro forma results of operations for the aforementioned acquisitions have not been presented because the effects were not material to the consolidated financial statements on either an individual or aggregate basis.

Note 3. Discontinued Operations

In July 2005, the Company sold substantially all of the assets of Bridge Medical, Inc., ("Bridge"), a component of the Company's Pharmaceutical Distribution reportable segment, for \$11.0 million. During fiscal 2005, the Company recorded an estimated loss on the sale of the business of \$4.6 million, net of tax. In December 2004, the Company sold Rita Ann Distributors ("Rita Ann"), a component of its Pharmaceutical Distribution reportable segment, for \$3.6 million. During fiscal 2005, the Company recorded an estimated loss on the sale of Rita Ann of \$6.5 million, net of tax. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, the Company recorded an additional loss of \$0.3 million, net of tax, relating to the sales of Bridge and Rita Ann.

Operating revenue of Bridge and Rita Ann was \$12.3 million and \$58.2 million during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively, and loss before income taxes was \$7.8 million and \$10.5 million during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

Note 4. Income Taxes

The income tax provision is as follows (in thousands):

	Fiscal year ended September 30,					
	2006	2005	2004			
Current provision:						
Federal	\$156,284	\$138,699	\$224,320			
State and local	24,250	21,178	24,369			
	180,534	159,877	248,689			
Deferred provision:						
Federal	82,659 19,076 37,24					
State and local	9,424	(2,050)	10,093			
	92,083	17,026	47,336			
Provision for income taxes	\$272,617	\$176,903	\$296,025			

A reconciliation of the statutory federal income tax rate to the effective income tax rate is as follows:

	Fiscal y	Fiscal year ended September 30,			
	2006 2005 2004				
Statutory federal income tax rate	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%		
State and local income tax rate,					
net of federal tax benefit	3.1	3.1	3.2		
Other	(1.3)	(0.4)	0.2		
Effective income tax rate	36.8%	37.7%	38.4%		

Deferred income taxes reflect the future tax consequences of differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their financial reporting amounts. Significant components of the Company's deferred tax liabilities (assets) are as follows (in thousands):

	September 30,		
	2006	2005	
Inventory	\$ 571,318	\$ 486,791	
Fixed assets	19,544	19,114	
Goodwill	83,048	63,904	
Other	1,503	936	
Gross deferred tax liabilities	675,413	570,745	
Net operating loss and tax			
credit carryovers	(58,309)	(51,075)	
Capital loss carryover	_	(3,924)	
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(54,983)	(68,892)	
Accrued expenses	(16,487)	(13,800)	
Employee and retiree benefits	(18,339)	(30,052)	
Stock options	(4,694)	_	
Other	(20,316)	(27,292)	
Gross deferred tax assets	(173,128)	(195,035)	
Valuation allowance for deferred			
tax assets	31,934	33,490	
Deferred tax assets, after allowance	(141,194)	(161,545)	
Net deferred tax liabilities	\$ 534,219	\$ 409,200	

As of September 30, 2006, the Company had \$30.5 million of potential tax benefits from federal net operating loss carryforwards expiring in 15 to 16 years, and \$25.8 million of potential tax benefits from state operating loss carryforwards expiring in 1 to 20 years. As of September 30, 2006, the Company had \$2.0 million of state alternative minimum tax credit carryforwards.

In fiscal year 2006, the Company decreased the valuation allowance on deferred tax assets by \$1.6 million primarily due to the use of capital loss carryforwards and the addition of certain state net operating loss carryforwards. In fiscal year 2005, the Company decreased the valuation allowance on deferred tax assets by \$0.6 million primarily due to the use of certain state net operating loss carryforwards. At September 30, 2006, \$27.8 million of the remaining valuation allowance has been recorded as a component of goodwill, down from \$30.1 million at September 30, 2005 due to the use of capital loss carryforwards. Under current accounting rules, any future reduction of this valuation allowance, due to the realization of the related deferred tax assets, will reduce goodwill.

In fiscal 2006, 2005 and 2004, tax benefits of \$21.9 million, \$15.3 million and \$4.0 million, respectively, related to the exercise of employee stock options were recorded as additional paid-in capital.

Income tax payments, net of refunds, were \$107.5 million, \$132.6 million and \$200.1 million in the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

Note 5. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Following is a summary of the changes in the carrying value of goodwill, by reportable segment, for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 (in thousands):

	Pharmaceutical		
	Distribution	PharMerica	Total
Goodwill at September 30, 2004	\$2,179,319	\$268,956	\$2,448,275
Goodwill recognized in connection with an acquisition of a business	2,357	_	2,357
Adjustment to goodwill due to purchase price adjustments	733	_	733
Sale of Bridge	(9,357)	_	(9,357)
Adjustment to goodwill relating to deferred taxes	(5,130)	(5,310)	(10,440)
Goodwill at September 30, 2005	2,167,922	263,646	2,431,568
Goodwill recognized in connection with acquisitions of businesses	157,426	8,266	165,692
Adjustment to goodwill relating to deferred taxes	(7,398)	_	(7,398)
Other	(1,150)	_	(1,150)
Goodwill at September 30, 2006	\$2,316,800	\$271,912	\$2,588,712

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, in connection with the sale of substantially all of the assets of Bridge, \$9.4 million of previously acquired goodwill was removed from the Company's consolidated balance sheet. Approximately \$114 million of goodwill recognized in connection with the Company's fiscal 2006 acquisitions of businesses is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes. Following is a summary of other intangible assets (in thousands):

	September 30, 2006		
	Gross		Net
	Carrying	Accumulated	Carrying
	Amount	Amortization	Amount
Indefinite-lived intangibles—Trade names	\$263,202	\$ —	\$263,202
Finite-lived intangibles:			
Customer relationships	88,078	(27,225)	60,853
Other	26,758	(15,643)	11,115
Total other intangible assets	\$378,038	\$(42,868)	\$335,170

September 30, 2005				
Gross	Net			
Carrying	Accumulated	Carrying		
Amount	Amortization	Amount		
\$254,782	\$ —	\$254,782		
53,837	(18,856)	34,981		
21,667	(10,332)	11,335		
\$330,286	\$(29,188)	\$301,098		

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$5.3 million relating to certain intangible assets within the technology operations of ABDC.

Amortization expense for other intangible assets was \$12.9 million, \$10.3 million and \$10.0 million in the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Amortization expense for other intangible assets is estimated to be \$14.7 million in fiscal 2007, \$10.9 million in fiscal 2008, \$9.2 million in fiscal 2009, \$8.4 million in fiscal 2010, \$7.5 million in fiscal 2011, and \$21.3 million thereafter.

Note 6. Debt

Debt consisted of the following:

		September 30,
(dollars in thousands)	2006	2005
Blanco revolving credit facility at 5.94% and 4.53%, respectively, due 2007	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000
AmerisourceBergen securitization financing due 2007	_	_
Senior revolving credit facility due 2009	_	
Canadian revolving credit facility at 5.02% due 2009	113,506	_
UK revolving credit facility at 5.50% due 2009	28,085	_
\$400,000, 55% senior notes due 2012	398,250	398,010
\$500,000, 5\%% senior notes due 2015	497,698	497,508
Other	2,952	2,193
Total debt	1,095,491	952,711
Less current portion	1,560	1,232
Total, net of current portion	\$1,093,931	\$951,479

Long-Term Debt

In April 2006, the Company amended the Blanco revolving credit facility (the "Blanco Credit Facility") to, among other things, extend the maturity date of the Blanco Credit Facility to April 2007. The Blanco Credit Facility is not classified in the current portion of long-term debt on the accompanying consolidated balance sheet at September 30, 2006 because the Company has the ability and intent to refinance it on a long-term basis. Borrowings under the Blanco Credit Facility are guaranteed by the Company. Borrowings under the Blanco Credit Facility previously accrued interest at LIBOR plus 90 basis points. As a result of the amendment, interest on borrowings under the Blanco Credit Facility now accrues at specific rates based on the Company's debt rating (0.575% over LIBOR at September 30, 2006). Additionally, the Company pays quarterly facility fees on the full amount of the facility to maintain the availability under the Blanco Credit Facility at specific rates based on the Company's debt rating (0.175% at September 30, 2006).

In March 2006, the Company entered into a £20 million unsecured multicurrency revolving credit facility (the "UK Credit Facility") due March 2009 with a financial institution in connection with the Company's acquisition of Brecon. Interest on borrowings under the UK Credit Facility accrues at specific rates based on the Company's debt rating (0.575% over LIBOR or EURIBOR at September 30, 2006). The Company pays quarterly facility fees on the full amount of the facility to maintain the availability under the UK Credit Facility at specific rates based on the Company's debt rating (0.15% at September 30, 2006). The Company may choose to repay or reduce its commitments under the UK Credit Facility at any time. Borrowings under the UK Credit Facility are guaranteed by the Company. The UK Credit Facility was terminated in November 2006 (see Note 17).

In October 2005, the Company entered into a C\$135 million senior unsecured revolving credit facility (the "Canadian Credit Facility") due December 2009 with a syndicate of lenders in connection with the Company's acquisition of Trent. Interest on borrowings under the Canadian Credit Facility accrues at specific rates based on the Company's debt rating (0.575% over LIBOR or

Bankers' Acceptance Stamping Fee Spread at September 30, 2006). The Company pays quarterly facility fees on the full amount of the facility to maintain the availability under the Canadian Credit Facility at specific rates based on the Company's debt rating (0.175% at September 30, 2006). The Company may choose to repay or reduce its commitments under the Canadian Credit Facility at any time. Borrowings under the Canadian Credit Facility are guaranteed by the Company. The Canadian Credit Facility was terminated in November 2006 (see Note 17).

In September 2005, the Company issued \$400 million of 5.625% senior notes due September 15, 2012 (the "2012 Notes") and \$500 million of 5.875% senior notes due September 15, 2015 (the "2015 Notes"). The 2012 Notes and 2015 Notes each were sold at 99.5% of principal amount and have an effective interest yield of 5.71% and 5.94%, respectively. Interest on the 2012 Notes and the 2015 Notes is payable semiannually in arrears, commencing on March 15, 2006. Both the 2012 Notes and the 2015 Notes are redeemable at the Company's option at a price equal to the greater of 100% of the principal amount thereof, or the sum of the discounted value of the remaining scheduled payments, as defined. In addition, at any time before September 15, 2008, the Company may redeem up to an aggregate of 35% of the principal amount of the 2012 Notes or the 2015 Notes at redemption prices equal to 105.625% and 105.875%, respectively, of the principal amounts thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest and liquidated damages, if any, to the date of redemption, with the cash proceeds of one or more equity issuances. In connection with the issuance of the 2012 Notes and the 2015 Notes, the Company incurred approximately \$6.7 million and \$8.3 million of costs, respectively, which were deferred and are being amortized over the terms of the notes.

The gross proceeds from the sale of the 2012 Notes and the 2015 Notes were used to finance the early retirement of the \$500 million of 8%% senior notes due 2008 and \$300 million of 7%% senior notes due 2012 in September 2005, including the payment of \$102.3 million of premiums and other costs. Additionally, the Company expensed \$8.5 million of deferred financing costs related to the retirement of the 7% Notes and the 8%% Notes.

In December 2004, the Company entered into a \$700 million five-year senior unsecured revolving credit facility (the "Senior Revolving Credit Facility") with a syndicate of lenders. The Senior Revolving Credit Facility replaced the then existing credit facility. There were no borrowings outstanding under the Senior Revolving Credit Facility at September 30, 2006. Interest on borrowings under the Senior Revolving Credit Facility accrues at specific rates based on the Company's debt rating (0.70% over LIBOR or the prime rate at September 30, 2006). Availability under the Senior Revolving Credit Facility is reduced by the amount of outstanding letters of credit (\$10.7 million at September 30, 2006). The Company paid quarterly facility fees to maintain the availability under the Senior Revolving Credit Facility at specific rates based on the Company's debt rating (0.175% at September 30, 2006). In connection with entering into the Senior Revolving Credit Facility, the Company incurred approximately \$2.9 million of costs, which were deferred and are being amortized over the life of the facility. The Company may choose to repay or reduce its commitments under the Senior Revolving Credit Facility at any time. The Senior Revolving Credit Facility contains covenants that impose limitations on, among other things, additional indebtedness, distributions and dividends to stockholders, and investments. Additional covenants require compliance with financial tests, including leverage and minimum earnings to fixed charges ratios. The Senior Revolving Credit Facility was terminated in November 2006 (see Note 17).

In April 2005, the Company's debt rating was raised by one of the ratings agencies. In November 2005, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services announced that it raised its corporate credit and senior unsecured debt ratings on the Company to 'BBB-' from 'BB+'. As a result of the upgrade, a substantial number of covenants under the indenture governing its 55% senior notes due 2012 and 55% senior notes due 2015 were eliminated. On June 1, 2006, Moody's Investors Service raised the Company's corporate credit and senior unsecured debt ratings to 'Bal' from 'Ba2'. On July 21, 2006, Fitch Ratings raised the Company's corporate credit and senior unsecured debt ratings to 'BBB' from 'BBB-'.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the Company paid \$100 million to redeem the Bergen Brunswig Corporation ("Bergen") 74% Senior Notes due June 1, 2005, upon their maturity.

In December 2004, the Company announced that it would redeem its 5% convertible subordinated notes at a redemption price of 102.143% of the principal amount of the notes plus accrued interest through the redemption date of January 3, 2005. The noteholders were given the option to accept cash or convert the notes to common stock of the Company. The notes were convertible into 11,327,460 shares of common stock, which translated to a conversion ratio of 37.7582 shares of common stock for each \$1,000 principal amount of notes. In connection with the redemption, the Company issued 11,326,288 shares of common stock from treasury to noteholders to redeem substantially all of the notes and paid \$31,000 to redeem the remaining notes.

The indentures governing the UK Credit Facility, the Canadian Credit Facility, the 2012 Notes, the 2015 Notes, and the Senior Revolving Credit Facility contain restrictions and covenants which include limitations on additional indebtedness; distributions and dividends to stockholders; the repurchase of stock and the making of other restricted payments; issuance of preferred stock; creation of certain liens; transactions with subsidiaries and other affiliates; and certain corporate acts such as mergers, consolidations, and the sale of substantially all assets. Additional covenants require compliance with financial tests, including leverage and fixed charge coverage

ratios, and maintenance of minimum tangible net worth.

On November 14, 2006, the Company replaced its Senior Revolving Credit Facility, its UK Credit Facility and its Canadian Credit Facility with a new five-year multi-currency revolving credit facility (see Note 17 for further details).

Receivables Securitization Financing

In fiscal 2003, the Company entered into a \$1.05 billion receivables securitization facility ("Securitization Facility") and terminated the then oustanding securitization facilities. In connection with the Securitization Facility, AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation ("ABDC") sells on a revolving basis certain accounts receivable to AmeriSource Receivables Financial Corporation, a wholly-owned special purpose entity, which in turn sells a percentage ownership interest in the receivables to commercial paper conduits sponsored by financial institutions. ABDC is the servicer of the accounts receivable under the Securitization Facility. After the maximum limit of receivables sold has been reached and as sold receivables are collected, additional receivables may be sold up to the maximum amount available under the facility. In December 2004, the Company amended the Securitization Facility and under the terms of the amendment the \$550 million (three-year tranche) originally scheduled to expire in July 2006 was increased to \$700 million and the expiration date was extended to November 2007. Additionally, the \$500 million (364day tranche) scheduled to expire in July 2005 was reduced to \$350 million and the expiration date was extended to December 2005. In September 2005, the Company elected to terminate the 364-day tranche, effective October 31, 2005. Interest rates are based on prevailing market rates for short-term commercial paper plus a program fee, and will vary based on the Company's debt ratings. The program fee is 55 basis points at September 30, 2006. Additionally, the commitment fee is 17.5 basis points at September 30, 2006. At September 30, 2006, there were no borrowings outstanding under the Securitization Facility. In connection with entering into the Securitization Facility and the amendments thereto, the Company incurred approximately \$2.8 million of costs, which were deferred and are being amortized over the life of the facility. The Company securitizes its trade accounts, which are generally non-interest bearing, in transactions that are accounted for as borrowings under SFAS No. 140, "Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities."

The agreement governing the Securitization Facility contains restrictions and covenants which include limitations on the incurrence of additional indebtedness, making of certain restricted payments, issuance of preferred stock, creation of certain liens, and certain corporate acts such as mergers, consolidations and sale of substantially all assets.

On November 14, 2006, the Company amended its Securitization Facility such that the amount to be made available was reduced from \$700 million to \$500 million (see Note 17 for further details).

Other Information

Scheduled future principal payments of long-term debt are \$56.6 million in fiscal 2007, \$0.7 million in fiscal 2008, \$28.8 million in fiscal 2009, \$113.5 million in fiscal 2010, \$400.0 million in fiscal 2012, and \$500.0 million in fiscal 2015.

Interest paid on the above indebtedness during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004 was \$62.3 million, \$94.2 million and \$111.0 million, respectively.

Total amortization of financing fees and expenses, as well as the premiums and discounts related to the adjustment of the carrying values of certain debt to fair value and original issue discounts for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004 was \$3.9 million, \$4.1 million, and \$7.4 million, respectively. These amounts are included in interest expense in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

Note 7. Stockholders' Equity and Earnings per Share

The authorized capital stock of the Company consists of 600,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Preferred Stock").

The board of directors are authorized to provide for the issuance of shares of Preferred Stock in one or more series with various designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights and qualifications, limitations or restrictions. Except as required by law, or as otherwise provided by the board of directors of the Company, the holders of Preferred Stock will have no voting rights and will not be entitled to notice of meetings of stockholders. Holders of Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive, when declared by the board of directors, out of legally available funds, dividends at the rates fixed by the board of directors for the respective series of Preferred Stock, and no more, before any dividends will be declared and paid, or set apart for payment, on Common Stock with respect to the same dividend period. No shares of Preferred Stock have been issued as of September 30, 2006.

The holders of the Company's Common Stock are entitled to one vote per share and have the exclusive right to vote for the board of directors and for all other purposes as provided by law. Subject to the rights of holders of the Company's Preferred Stock, holders of Common Stock are entitled to receive ratably on a per share basis such dividends and other distributions in cash, stock or property of the Company as may be declared by the board of directors from time to time out of the legally available assets or funds of the Company.

In November 2005, the Company's board of directors declared a 100% increase in the Company's quarterly dividend rate per share of Common Stock. Additionally, the Company declared a two-forone stock split of the Company's outstanding shares of Common Stock. The stock split occurred in the form of a 100% stock dividend, whereby each stockholder received one additional share for each share owned. The shares were distributed on December 28, 2005 to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 13, 2005. All applicable share and per-share data have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this stock split.

In August 2006, the Company's board of directors authorized the Company to purchase up to \$750 million of its outstanding shares of Common Stock, subject to market conditions. As of September 30, 2006, there have been no purchases of Common Stock under this new program. From October 1, 2006 to November 30, 2006, the Company purchased 4.7 million shares of Common Stock under this program for a total of \$213.2 million.

In May 2005, the Company's board of directors authorized the Company to purchase up to \$450 million of its outstanding shares of Common Stock, subject to market conditions and compliance with the stock repurchase restrictions contained in the indentures governing the Company's senior notes and in the credit agreement for the Company's senior credit facility. In August 2005, the Company's board of directors authorized an increase in the amount

available under the program, bringing the then-remaining availability to \$750 million, and the total repurchase program to approximately \$844 million. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, the Company purchased 17.5 million shares of Common Stock for a total of \$748.4 million. As of September 30, 2006, the Company had \$1.6 million of availability remaining under this share repurchase program. During October 2006, the Company purchased 35 thousand shares for \$1.6 million to complete this program.

In February 2005, the Company's board of directors authorized the repurchase up to an aggregate amount of 11.4 million shares of the Company's Common Stock, subject to market conditions. In February 2005, the Company acquired 0.9 million shares in the open market for a total of \$25.9 million. In addition, on March 30, 2005, the Company entered into an Accelerated Share Repurchase ("ASR") transaction with a financial institution to purchase the remaining 10.5 million shares immediately from the financial institution at a cost of \$293.8 million. The financial institution subsequently purchased an equivalent number of shares in the open market through April 21, 2005. The ASR transaction was completed on April 21, 2005, at which time the Company paid the financial institution a cash settlement of \$16.6 million. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the Company acquired all the shares authorized under this program for a total of \$336.3 million, which includes the above cash settlement of \$16.6 million, to complete the program. The cash settlement was recorded as an adjustment to additional paid-in capital.

In August 2004, the Company's board of directors authorized the repurchase of Common Stock up to an aggregate amount of \$500 million, subject to market conditions. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004, the Company had acquired 5.5 million shares of its Common Stock for \$144.7 million. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the Company acquired 13.1 million shares of its Common Stock for \$355.3 million to complete this program.

Basic earnings per share is computed on the basis of the weighted average number of shares of Common Stock outstanding during the periods presented. Diluted earnings per share is computed on the basis of the weighted average number of shares of Common Stock outstanding during the periods plus the dilutive effect of stock options and restricted stock. Additionally, the diluted calculation for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2005 and 2004 consider the 5% convertible subordinated notes (see Note 6) as if converted during those periods that the notes were outstanding and, therefore, the after-tax effect of interest expense related to these notes is added back to income from continuing operations in determining income from continuing operations available to common stockholders for those periods. On January 3, 2005, the Company completed the redemption of the 5% convertible subordinated notes. Subsequent to the redemption, a number of shares substantially equal to the shares of Common Stock issued in connection with the 5% note redemption were repurchased by the Company under the 11.4 million share repurchase program described above. The following table (in thousands) is a reconciliation of the numerator and denominator of the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share.

	Fiscal year ended September 30,		
	2006	2005	2004
Income from continuing operations, before cumulative effect of change in accounting	\$468,012	\$291,922	\$474,874
Interest expense—convertible subordinated notes, net of income taxes		2,539	10,141
Income from continuing operations available to common stockholders	\$468,012	\$294,461	\$485,015
Weighted average common shares outstanding—basic	205,009	211,334	223,234
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Stock options and restricted stock	2,437	1,316	996
Convertible subordinated notes	_	2,890	11,328
Weighted average common shares outstanding—diluted	207,446	215,540	235,558

Note 8. Pension and Other Benefit Plans

The Company sponsors various retirement benefit plans, including defined benefit pension plans, defined contribution plans, postretirement medical plans and a deferred compensation plan covering eligible employees. Expenses relating to these plans were \$22.2 million in fiscal year 2006, \$21.5 million in fiscal year 2005, and \$21.6 million in fiscal year 2004. The Company uses a June 30 measurement date for its pension and other postretirement benefit plans.

Defined Benefit Plans

The Company provides a benefit for the majority of its former AmeriSource Health Corp. employees under three different non-contributory defined benefit pension plans consisting of a salaried plan, a union plan and a supplemental executive retirement plan. For each employee, the benefits are based on years of service and average compensation. Pension costs, which are computed using the projected unit credit cost method, are funded to at least the minimum level required by government regulations. Since 2002, the salaried and the supplemental executive retirement plans have been closed to new participants and benefits that can be earned by active participants in the plan were limited.

The Company has an unfunded supplemental executive retirement plan for its former Bergen officers and key employees. This plan is a "target" benefit plan, with the annual lifetime benefit based upon a percentage of salary during the five final years of pay at age 62, offset by several other sources of income including benefits payable under a prior supplemental retirement plan. Since 2002, the plan has been closed to new participants and benefits that can be earned by active participants were limited.

The following table sets forth (in thousands) a reconciliation of the changes in the Company-sponsored defined benefit pension plans:

	Fiscal year endo	Fiscal year ended September 30,		
	2006	2005		
Change in Projected Benefit Obligations:				
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$116,992	\$ 98,986		
Service cost	2,981	2,954		
Interest cost	6,046	5,885		
Actuarial (gains) losses	(15,943)	16,104		
Benefit payments	(6,054)	(6,937)		
Benefit obligation at end of year	\$104,022	\$116,992		
Change in Plan Assets:				
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$ 73,210	\$ 64,210		
Actual return on plan assets	6,324	5,121		
Employer contributions	15,421	12,039		
Expenses	(1,144)	(1,223)		
Benefit payments	(6,054)	(6,937)		
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	\$ 87,757	\$ 73,210		
Funded Status and Amounts Recognized:				
Funded status	\$ (16,265)	\$ (43,782)		
Unrecognized net actuarial loss	24,159	41,816		
Unrecognized prior service cost	19	77		
Net amount recognized	\$ 7,913	\$ (1,889)		
Amounts recognized in the balance sheets consist of:				
Accrued benefit liability	\$ (15,188)	\$ (42,305)		
Intangible asset	19	77		
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	23,082	40,339		
Net amount recognized	\$ 7,913	\$ (1,889)		

Weighted average assumptions used (as of the end of the fiscal year) in computing the benefit obligation were as follows:

	2006	2005
Discount rate	6.35%	5.25%
Rate of increase in compensation levels	4.00%	4.00%
Expected long-term rate of return on assets	8.00%	8.00%

The expected long-term rate of return for the plans represents the average rate of return to be earned on plan assets over the period the benefits included in the benefit obligation are to be paid.

The following table provides components of net periodic benefit cost for the Company-sponsored defined benefit pension plans together with contributions charged to expense for multi-employer union-administered defined benefit pension plans that the Company participates in (in thousands):

	F	Fiscal year ended September 30,		
	2006	2005	2004	
Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost:			_	
Service cost	\$ 3,473	\$ 3,178	\$ 4,029	
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	6,046	5,885	5,866	
Expected return on plan assets	(6,549)	(5,754)	(5,102)	
Amortization of prior service cost	58	137	132	
Recognized net actuarial loss	2,579	1,329	1,738	
Loss due to curtailments and settlements	12	137	696	
Net periodic pension cost of defined benefit pension plans	5,619	4,912	7,359	
Net pension cost of multi-employer plans	1,652	1,752	1,824	
Total pension expense	\$ 7,271	\$ 6,664	\$ 9,183	

Weighted average assumptions used (as of the beginning of the fiscal year) in computing the net periodic benefit cost were as follows:

	2006	2005	2004
Discount rate	5.25%	6.25%	6.00%
Rate of increase in compensation levels	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%
Expected long-term rate of return on assets	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%

To determine the expected long-term rate of return on assets, the Company considered the current and expected asset allocations, as well as historical and expected returns on various categories of plan assets.

The Compensation and Succession Planning Committee ("Compensation Committee") of the Company's board of directors is responsible for establishing the investment policy of any retirement plan, including the selection of acceptable asset classes, allowable ranges of holdings, the definition of acceptable securities within each class, and investment performance expectations. Additionally, the Compensation Committee has established rules for the rebalancing of assets between asset classes and among individual investment managers.

The investment portfolio contains a diversified portfolio of investment categories, including equities, fixed income securities and cash. Securities are also diversified in terms of domestic and international securities and large cap and small cap stocks. The actual and target asset allocations expressed as a percentage of the plans' assets at the measurement date are as follows:

	Pension Benefits Allocation			Target Allocation		
	2006 2005		2006			
Asset Category:						
Equity securities	70%	48%	70%	50%		
Debt securities	28	50	30	50		
Other	2	2	_			
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%		

The investment goals are to achieve the optimal return possible within the specific risk parameters and, at a minimum, produce results which achieve the plans' assumed interest rate for funding the plans over a full market cycle. High levels of risk and volatility are avoided by maintaining diversified portfolios. Allowable investments include government-backed fixed income securities, equity, and cash equivalents. Prohibited investments include unregistered or restricted stock, commodities, margin trading, options and futures, short-selling, venture capital, private placements, real estate and other high risk investments.

As of September 30, 2006 and 2005, all of the Companysponsored defined benefit pension plans had accumulated and projected benefit obligations in excess of plan assets. These amounts were as follows (in thousands):

	2006	2005
Accumulated benefit obligation	\$102,945	\$115,515
Projected benefit obligation	104,022	116,992
Plan assets at fair value	87,757	73,210

Contributions to pension plans during fiscal 2007 are expected to be the minimum required of \$5.6 million. Expected benefit payments over the next ten years, are anticipated to be paid as follows (in thousands):

	Pension Benefits
Fiscal Year:	
2007	\$ 5,901
2008	5,553
2009	4,865
2010	4,512
2011	4,846
2012-2016	35,783
Total	\$61,460

Expected benefit payments are based on the same assumptions used to measure the benefit obligations and reflect estimated future employee service.

The Company owns life insurance covering substantially all of the participants in the Bergen supplemental retirement plans. At September 30, 2006, the policies have an aggregate cash surrender value of approximately \$39.8 million (which is included in other assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet) and an aggregate death benefit of approximately \$59.9 million.

Postretirement Benefit Plans

The Company provides medical benefits to certain retirees, principally former employees of Bergen. Employees became eligible for such postretirement benefits after meeting certain age and years of service criteria. Since 2002, the plans have been closed to new participants and benefits that can be earned by active participants were limited. As a result of special termination benefit packages previously offered, the Company also provides dental and life insurance benefits to a limited number of retirees and their dependents. These benefit plans are unfunded.

The following table sets forth (in thousands) a reconciliation of the changes in the Company-sponsored postretirement benefit plans:

	Fiscal year en	Fiscal year ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	
Change in Accumulated Benefit Obligations:			
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 19,416	\$ 16,055	
Interest cost	1,028	1,142	
Actuarial (gains) losses	(1,599)	4,298	
Benefit payments	(1,436)	(2,079)	
Benefit obligation at end of year	\$ 17,409	\$ 19,416	
Change in Plan Assets:			
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$ —	\$ —	
Employer contributions	1,436	2,079	
Benefit payments	(1,436)	(2,079)	
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	\$ —	\$ —	
Funded Status and Amounts Recognized:			
Funded status	\$(17,409)	\$(19,416)	
Unrecognized net actuarial loss	2,191	3,972	
Net amount recognized	\$(15,218)	\$(15,444)	
Amounts recognized in the balance sheets consist of:			
Accrued benefit liability	\$(15,218)	\$(15,444)	

Weighted average assumptions used (as of the end of the fiscal year) in computing the funded status of the plans were as follows:

	2006	2005
Discount rate	6.35%	5.25%
Health care trend rate assumed		
for next year	10%	11%
Rate to which the cost trend rate		
is assumed to decline	5%	5%
Year that the rate reaches the		
ultimate trend rate	2015	2014

Assumed health care trend rates have a significant effect on the amounts reported for the health care plans. A one-percentage-point change in assumed health care cost trend rates would have the following effect (in thousands):

	One Percentage Point		
	Increase	Decrease	
Effect on total service and interest			
cost components	\$ 92	\$ (77)	
Effect on benefit obligation	1,449	(1,224)	

The following table provides components of net periodic benefit cost for the Company-sponsored postretirement benefit plans (in thousands):

	Fisc	Fiscal year ended September 30,		
	2006	2005	2004	
Components of Net				
Periodic Benefit Cost:				
Interest cost on projected				
benefit obligation	\$1,028	\$1,142	\$1,213	
Recognized net actuarial				
loss (gain)	182	(153)	139	
Total postretirement				
benefit expense	\$1,210	\$ 989	\$1,352	

Weighted average assumptions used (as of the beginning of the fiscal year) in computing the net periodic benefit cost were as follows:

	2006	2005	2004
Discount rate	5.25%	6.25%	6%
Health care trend rate			
assumed for next year	11%	12%	13%
Rate to which the cost trend			
rate is assumed to decline	5%	5%	5%
Year that the rate reaches			
the ultimate trend rate	2015	2014	2014

Expected postretirement benefit payments over the next ten years are anticipated to be paid as follows (in thousands):

	Postretirement	
	Benefits	
Fiscal Year:		
2007	\$ 2,316	
2008	2,178	
2009	2,005	
2010	1,940	
2011	1,696	
2012-2016	6,182	
Total	\$16,317	

Defined Contribution Plans

The Company sponsors the AmerisourceBergen Employee Investment Plan, as amended and restated July 1, 2002, which is a defined contribution 401(k) plan covering salaried and certain hourly employees. Eligible participants may contribute to the plan from 1% to 25% of their regular compensation before taxes (2% to 18% prior to January 1, 2006). The Company contributes \$1.00 for each \$1.00 invested by the participant up to the first 3% of the participant's salary and \$0.50 for each additional \$1.00 invested by the participant of an additional 2% of salary. An additional discretionary contribution, in an amount not to exceed the limits established by the Internal Revenue Code, may also be made depending upon the Company's performance. All contributions are invested at the direction of the employee in one or more funds. All contributions vest immediately except for the discretionary contributions made by the Company that vest in full after five years of credited service.

PharMerica sponsors the PharMerica, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan, which is a defined contribution 401(k) plan, that is generally available to its employees with 90 days of service and excludes those employees covered under a collective bargaining agreement. Eligible participants may contribute 1% to 50% of their pretax compensation. PharMerica contributes \$1.00 for each \$1.00 invested by the participant up to the first 3% of the participant's salary and \$0.50 for each additional \$1.00 invested by the participant of an additional 2% of salary. The employee and employer contributions, collectively, may not exceed limits established by the Internal Revenue Code. All contributions are invested at the direction of the employee in one or more investment funds. All contributions vest immediately.

During fiscal 2006, the Compensation Committee approved the AmerisourceBergen Corporation Executive Retirement Plan. This unfunded plan provides benefits for selected key management, including all of the Company's executive officers. This plan will provide eligible participants with an annual amount equal to 4% of the participant's base salary and bonus incentive to the extent that his or her compensation exceeds the annual compensation limit established by Section 401(a) (17) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Costs of the defined contribution plans charged to expense for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004 were \$14.1 million, \$13.3 million and \$10.3 million, respectively.

Deferred Compensation Plan

The Company also sponsors the AmerisourceBergen Corporation 2001 Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended and restated November 1, 2002. This unfunded plan, under which 1.48 million shares of Common Stock are authorized for issuance, allows eligible officers, directors and key management employees to defer a portion of their annual compensation. The amount deferred may be allocated by the employee to cash, mutual funds or stock credits. Stock credits, including dividend equivalents, are equal to the full and fractional number of shares of Common Stock that could be purchased with the participant's compensation allocated to stock credits based on the average of closing prices of Common Stock during each month, plus, at the discretion of the board of directors, up to one-half of a share of Common Stock for each full share credited. Stock credit distributions are made in shares of Common Stock. No shares of Common Stock have been issued under the deferred compensation plan through September 30, 2006. The Company incurred \$1.6 million of expenses relating to this plan in fiscal 2006.

Note 9. Share-Based Compensation

The Company has a number of stock option plans, a restricted stock plan and an employee stock purchase plan. In accordance with SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," the Company previously accounted for its stock option and employee stock purchase plans using the intrinsic value method set forth in Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees," ("APB No. 25") and related interpretations through September 30, 2005. Under APB No. 25, because the exercise price of the Company's stock options equaled the market price of the underlying stock on the date of the grant, no compensation expense was recognized. As previously noted, the Company adopted SFAS No. 123R, using the modified-prospective transition method, beginning on October 1, 2005 and, therefore, began to expense the fair value of all options over their remaining vesting periods to the extent the options were not fully vested as of the adoption date and began to expense the fair value of all sharebased compensation awards granted subsequent to September 30, 2005 over their requisite service periods.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, the Company recorded \$16.4 million of share-based compensation expense, which was comprised of stock option expense of \$12.2 million, restricted stock expense of \$2.8 million, and employee stock purchase plan expense of \$1.4 million.

The following table illustrates the impact of share-based compensation on reported amounts:

	Fiscal year ended		
	Septer	mber 30, 2006	
		Impact of	
		Share-Based	
	As Compensation		
(in thousands, except per share data)	Reported	Expense	
Operating income	\$748,706	\$16,412	
Income from continuing operations	468,012	10,372	
Net income	467,714 10,37		
Earnings per share:			
Basic	\$ 2.28	\$ 0.05	
Diluted	\$ 2.25	\$ 0.05	

Stock Option Plans

The Company's employee stock option plans provide for the granting of incentive and nonqualified stock options to acquire shares of Common Stock to employees at a price not less than the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date the option is granted. Option terms and vesting periods are determined at the date of grant by a committee of the board of directors. Employee options generally vest ratably, in equal amounts, over a four-year service period and expire in ten years. The Company's non-employee director stock option plans provide for the granting of nonqualified stock options to acquire shares of Common Stock to non-employee directors at the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date of the grant. Non-employee director options vest ratably, in equal amounts, over a three-year service period, and options expire in ten years.

At September 30, 2006, options for an additional 10.4 million shares may be granted under one employee stock option plan and options for an additional 0.3 million shares may be granted under one non-employee director stock option plan.

Effective September 1, 2004, the Company vested all employee options then outstanding with an exercise price in excess of \$27.05 (the closing stock price on August 31, 2004). The accelerated vesting was approved by the Compensation and Succession Planning Committee of the Company's board of directors for employee retention purposes and in anticipation of the requirements of SFAS No. 123R. In accordance with APB No. 25, the Company did not incur a charge related to this accelerated vesting because the exercise price of all the accelerated options was greater than \$27.05.

The fair values of all option grants are expensed as compensation on a straight-line basis over the requisite service periods of the awards and are net of estimated forfeitures. Beginning January 1, 2005, the Company began to estimate the fair values of option grants using a binomial option pricing model. Expected volatilities are based on the historical volatility of the Company's Common Stock and other factors, such as implied market volatility. The Company uses historical exercise data, taking into consideration the optionees' ages at grant date, to estimate the terms for which the options are expected to be outstanding. The Company anticipates that the terms of options granted in the future will be similar to those granted in the past. The risk-free rates during the terms of such options are based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant. Prior to January 1, 2005, the fair values relating to all options granted were estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model.

The weighted average fair values of the options granted during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004 were \$10.56, \$8.32 and \$10.14, respectively. The following assumptions were used to estimate the fair values of options granted:

Fiscal y	Fiscal year ended September 30,			
2006	2005	2004		
4.58%	4.10%	2.74%		
0.23%	0.17%	0.14%		
25.73%	27.98%	35.68%		
4.17 years	4.51 years	5.00 years		
	2006 4.58% 0.23% 25.73%	2006 2005 4.58% 4.10% 0.23% 0.17% 25.73% 27.98%		

Changes to the above valuation assumptions could have a significant impact on share-based compensation expense.

A summary of the Company's stock option activity and related information for its option plans for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 is presented below:

		weighted				
		Weighted	Average	Aggregate		
		Average	Remaining	Intrinsic		
	Options	Exercise	Contractual	Value		
	(000's)	Price	Term	(000's)		
Outstanding at September 30, 2005	16,123	\$29				
Granted	2,506	43				
Exercised	(4,076)	28				
Forfeited	(296)	34				
Outstanding at September 30, 2006	14,257	\$32	7 years	\$189,761		
Vested and expected to vest at September 30, 2006	13,577	\$32	7 years	\$184,247		
Exercisable at September 30, 2006	8,882	\$29	6 years	\$143,450		

The intrinsic value of stock option exercises during fiscal 2006, 2005 and 2004 was \$59.5 million, \$39.5 million and \$11.0 million, respectively.

A summary of the status of the Company's nonvested options as of September 30, 2006 and changes during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 is presented below:

		Weighted
		Average
	Options	Grant Date
	(000's)	Fair Value
Nonvested at September 30, 2005	4,200	\$ 8
Granted	2,506	11
Vested	(1,117)	8
Forfeited	(214)	9
Nonvested at September 30, 2006	5,375	\$ 9

Expected future compensation expense relating to the 5.4 million nonvested options outstanding as of September 30, 2006 is \$36.3 million over a weighted-average period of 2.8 years.

Restricted Stock Plan

Restricted shares generally vest in full after three years. The fair value of restricted shares under the Company's restricted stock plans is determined by the product of the number of shares granted and the grant date market price of the Company's Common Stock. The fair value of restricted shares are expensed on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period of three years.

A summary of the status of the Company's restricted shares as of September 30, 2006 and changes during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 is presented below:

		Weighted
	Restricted	Average
	Shares	Grant Date
	(000's)	Fair Value
Nonvested at September 30, 2005	58	\$30
Granted	289	43
Vested	(27)	29
Forfeited	(10)	43
Nonvested at September 30, 2006	310	\$42

Expected future compensation expense relating to the 0.3 million restricted shares outstanding as of September 30, 2006 is \$8.6 million over a weighted-average period of 2.1 years.

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Employee Stock Purchase Plan

In February 2002, the stockholders approved the adoption of the AmerisourceBergen 2002 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, under which up to an aggregate of 8,000,000 shares of Common Stock may be sold to eligible employees (generally defined as employees with at least 30 days of service with the Company). Under this plan, the participants may elect to have the Company withhold up to 25% of base salary to purchase shares of the Company's Common Stock at a price equal to 85% of the fair market value of the stock on the first or last business day of each six-month purchase period, whichever is lower. Each participant is limited to \$25,000 of purchases during each calendar year. During the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004, the Company acquired 164,055 shares, 208,618 shares and 230,562 shares, respectively, from the open market for issuance to participants in this plan. As of September 30, 2006, the Company has withheld \$1.5 million from eligible employees for the purchase of additional shares of Common Stock.

Pro Forma Disclosure

For purposes of pro forma disclosures, the estimated fair value of the stock options, restricted shares, and shares under the employee stock purchase plan were amortized to expense over their assumed vesting periods. The following table illustrates the effect on net income and earnings per share if the Company had applied the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123, to all stock-related compensation.

	Fiscal year ended September 30,					
(in thousands, except per share data)		2005 2004				
Net income, as reported	\$26	64,645	\$46	\$468,390		
Add: Share-related compensation expense included in reported net income, net of income taxes Deduct: Share-related compensation expense determined under the fair		461	880			
value method, net of income taxes		37,339)				
Pro forma net income	\$26	60,085	\$38	31,931		
Earnings per share:						
Basic, as reported	\$	\$ 1.25		2.10		
Basic, pro forma	\$	1.23	\$	1.71		
Diluted, as reported	\$	1.24	\$	2.03		
Diluted, pro forma	\$	1.22	\$	1.66		

The SFAS No. 123 share-related compensation expense in the above table decreased in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 compared to the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004. This decline was primarily due to the Company, effective September 1, 2004, vesting all employee options then outstanding with an exercise price in excess of \$27.05 (the closing stock price on August 31, 2004). As a result of the accelerated vesting, the pro forma compensation expense and the corresponding reduction in diluted earnings per share in fiscal 2004 was significantly greater than the pro forma compensation expense and the corresponding reduction in diluted earnings per share in fiscal 2005.

Note 10. Leases and Other Commitments

At September 30, 2006, future minimum payments totaling \$300.9 million under noncancelable operating leases with remaining terms of more than one fiscal year were due as follows: 2007—\$70.1 million; 2008—\$60.3 million; 2009—\$46.3 million; 2010—\$35.7 million; 2011—\$25.7 million; and thereafter—\$62.8 million. In the normal course of business, operating leases are generally renewed or replaced by other leases. Certain operating leases include escalation clauses. Total rental expense was \$70.8 million in fiscal 2006, \$63.4 million in fiscal 2005 and \$63.2 million in fiscal 2004.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, the Company entered into two sale-leaseback agreements with a financial institution relating to certain equipment located at two of the Company's new distribution facilities. The net book value of all of the equipment under the two leases totaled \$26.5 million and was sold for \$28.1 million. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the Company entered into three sale-leaseback agreements with a financial institution relating to certain equipment located at two of the Company's new distribution facilities and certain equipment located at one of the Company's existing distribution facilities that was significantly expanded. The net book value of all of the equipment under the three leases totaled \$35.3 million and was sold for \$36.7 million. During fiscal 2004, the Company entered into a sale-leaseback agreement with a financial institution relating to certain equipment located at one of the Company's new distribution facilities. The net book value of the equipment, totaling \$15.1 million was sold for \$15.6 million. The Company deferred the gains associated with these saleleaseback agreements, which are being amortized as a reduction of lease expense over the respective operating lease terms.

In fiscal 2006, the Company entered into agreements to purchase product from influenza vaccine manufacturers. The Company is required to purchase annual doses at prices that the Company believes will represent market prices. The Company currently estimates its remaining purchase commitment under these agreements will be approximately \$169 million as of September 30, 2006.

In December 2004, the Company entered into a distribution agreement with an influenza vaccine manufacturer to distribute product through March 31, 2015. The agreement includes a commitment to purchase at least 12 million doses per year of the influenza vaccine provided the vaccine is approved and available for distribution in the United States by the Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"). The Company will be required to purchase the annual doses at market prices, as adjusted for inflation and other factors. The manufacturer received FDA approval for the 2006/2007 influenza season in October 2006. The Company anticipates its purchase commitment for fiscal 2007 will be approximately \$56 million. The Company anticipates its total purchase commitment will be approximately \$0.9 billion.

In fiscal 2005, the Company outsourced a significant portion of its corporate and ABDC information technology activities and entered into a ten-year commitment, effective July 1, 2005, with IBM Global Services, which has assumed responsibility for performing the outsourced information technology activities. The minimum commitment under the outsourcing arrangement was approximately \$200 million over a ten-year period. The remaining minimum commitment as of September 30, 2006 was \$162.2 million.

Note 11. Facility Consolidations, Employee Severance and Other

In 2001, the Company developed an integration plan to consolidate its distribution network and eliminate duplicative administrative functions. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the Company decided to outsource a significant portion of its information technology activities as part of the integration plan. During fiscal 2006 and 2005, the Company incurred a total of approximately \$21 million of transition costs, which included employee severance and other contract expenses, in connection with this outsourcing plan. The Company's current plan is to have a distribution facility network numbering in the mid-20s by the end of fiscal 2007. The plan includes building six new facilities (all of which are currently operational) and closing facilities (29 of which have been closed through September 30, 2006). The last new facility opened during fiscal 2006. During fiscal 2006, 2005 and 2004, the Company closed six, six, and four distribution facilities, respectively. The Company anticipates closing two or three additional facilities in fiscal 2007.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004, the Company closed four distribution facilities and eliminated duplicative administrative functions ("the fiscal 2004 initiatives"). During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the Company announced plans to continue to consolidate and eliminate certain administrative functions, and to outsource a significant portion of the Company's information technology activities (the "fiscal 2005 initiatives").

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, the Company closed six distribution facilities (the "fiscal 2006 initiatives"),

incurred expenses relating to the planned spin-off of its PharMerica long-term care business (see Note 17 for further information), realized a \$17.3 million gain from the sale of the former Bergen Brunswig headquarters building in Orange, California, and incurred a charge of \$13.9 million for an increase in a compensation accrual due to an adverse decision in an employment-related dispute with a former Bergen Brunswig chief executive officer whose employment was terminated in 1999 (see Bergen Brunswig Matter under Note 12 for further information).

The following table illustrates the charges incurred by the Company relating to facility consolidations, employee severance, and other for the three fiscal years ended September 30, 2006 (in thousands):

	2006	2005	2004
Facility consolidations and employee severance	\$ 4,271	\$10,491	\$7,517
Information technology transition costs	9,218	12,232	_
Costs relating to the long-term care business transaction	6,634	_	
Total facility consolidations, employee severance and other	\$20,123	\$22,723	\$7,517

The gain realized on the sale of the Bergen Brunswig headquarters and the compensation expense recognized in connection with the former Bergen Brunswig chief executive officer are components of the facility consolidations and employee severance line in the above table in fiscal 2006.

As of September 30, 2006, approximately 440 employees had received termination notices as a result of the 2006 initiatives, of which approximately 400 have been terminated. As a result of the 2005 and 2004 initiatives, approximately 640 employees were terminated. Additional amounts for integration initiatives will be recognized in subsequent periods as facilities to be consolidated are identified and specific plans are approved and announced.

Most employees receive their severance benefits over a period of time, generally not to exceed 12 months, while others may receive a lump-sum payment.

The following table, which includes the total compensation accrual due to the former chief executive officer and excludes the gain realized on the sale of the former Bergen Brunswig headquarters, displays the activity in accrued expenses and other from September 30, 2004 to September 30, 2006 related to the integration plan discussed above (in thousands):

		Lease	
		Cancellation	
	Employee	Costs and	
	Severance	Other	Total
Balance as of September 30, 2004	\$ 8,486	\$ 68	\$ 8,554
Expense recorded during the period	10,580	12,143	22,723
Payments made during the period	(8,328)	(5,128)	(13,456)
Balance as of September 30, 2005	10,738	7,083	17,821
Expense recorded during the period	21,468	15,851	37,319
Payments made during the period	(9,973)	(13,803)	(23,776)
Balance as of September 30, 2006	\$22,233	\$ 9,131	\$ 31,364

The employee severance balance illustrated in the above table as of September 30, 2005 and 2004 was revised to include the balance of the compensation accrual to the former chief executive officer of Bergen Brunswig.

Note 12. Legal Matters and Contingencies

In the ordinary course of its business, the Company becomes involved in lawsuits, administrative proceedings and governmental investigations, including antitrust, commercial, environmental, product liability, intellectual property, regulatory and other matters. Significant damages or penalties may be sought from the Company in some matters, and some matters may require years for the Company to resolve. The Company establishes reserves based on its periodic assessment of estimates of probable losses. There can be no assurance that an adverse resolution of one or more matters during any subsequent reporting period will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations for that period. However, on the basis of information furnished by counsel and others and taking into consideration the reserves established for pending matters, the Company does not believe that the resolution of currently pending matters (including the matters specifically described below), individually or in the aggregate, will have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition.

New York Attorney General Subpoena

In April 2005, the Company received a subpoena from the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York (the "NYAG") requesting documents and responses to interrogatories concerning the manner and degree to which the Company purchased pharmaceuticals from other wholesalers, often referred to as the alternate source market, rather than directly from manufacturers. Similar subpoenas have been issued by the NYAG to other pharmaceutical distributors. The Company has not been advised of any allegations of misconduct by the Company. The Company has engaged in discussions with the NYAG, initially to clarify the scope of the subpoena and subsequently to provide background information requested by the NYAG. The Company has produced responsive information and documents and will continue to cooperate with the NYAG. The Company believes that it has not engaged in any wrongdoing, but cannot predict the outcome of this matter.

Bergen Brunswig Matter

A former Bergen Brunswig chief executive officer who was terminated in 1999 filed an action in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange (the "Court") claiming that Bergen Brunswig (predecessor in interest to AmerisourceBergen Corporation) had breached its obligations to him under his employment agreement. Shortly after the filing of the lawsuit, Bergen Brunswig made a California Civil Procedure Code § 998 Offer of Judgment to the executive, which the executive accepted. The resulting judgment awarded the executive damages and the continuation of certain employment benefits. Since then the Company and the executive have engaged in litigation as to what specific benefits were included in the scope of the Offer of Judgment and the value of those benefits. The Court entered an Order in Implementation of Judgment on June 7, 2001, which identified the specific benefits encompassed by the Offer of Judgment. Following submission by the executive of a claim for benefits pursuant to the Bergen Brunswig Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (the "Plan"), the Company followed the administrative procedure set forth in the Plan. This procedure involved separate reviews by two independent parties, the first by the Review Official appointed by the Plan Administrator and second by the Plan Trustee, and resulted in a determination that the executive was entitled to a \$1.9 million supplemental retirement benefit and such amount was paid. The executive challenged this award and on July 7, 2006, the Court entered a Second Order in Implementation of Judgment determining that the executive was entitled to a supplemental retirement benefit in the amount of \$14.4 million plus interest at the rate of ten percent per annum from August 29, 2001. With an offset for the amount previously paid to the executive, the total award to the executive amounts to \$19.4 million, of which \$13.9 million was recorded in fiscal 2006. The Court refused to award the executive other benefits claimed, including an award of stock options, a severance payment and forgiveness of a loan. Both the executive and the Company have appealed the ruling of the Court.

Note 13. Antitrust Litigation Settlements

During the last several years, numerous class action lawsuits have been filed against certain brand pharmaceutical manufacturers alleging that the manufacturer, by itself or in concert with others, took improper actions to delay or prevent generic drugs from entering the market. The Company has not been a named plaintiff in any of these class actions, but has been a member of the direct purchasers' class (i.e., those purchasers who purchase directly from these pharmaceutical manufacturers). None of the class actions has gone to trial, but some have settled in the past with the Company receiving proceeds from the settlement fund. Currently, there are several such class actions pending in which the Company is a class member. During the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006, 2005, and 2004, the Company recognized gains of \$40.9 million, \$40.1 million and \$38.0 million, respectively, relating to the above mentioned class action lawsuits. These gains, which are net of attorney fees and estimated payments due to other parties, were recorded as reductions to cost of goods sold in the Company's consolidated statements of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively.

Note 14. Business Segment Information

The Company is organized based upon the products and services it provides to its customers. The Company's operations are comprised of two reportable segments: Pharmaceutical Distribution and PharMerica. The Pharmaceutical Distribution reportable segment is comprised of three operating segments, which include the operations of ABDC, the AmerisourceBergen Specialty Group ("ABSG") and the AmerisourceBergen Packaging Group ("ABPG"). The PharMerica reportable segment includes the operations of the PharMerica long-term care business ("Long-Term Care") and a workers' compensation-related business ("PMSI").

In accordance with FAS 131, we have aggregated the operating segments of ABDC, ABSG, and ABPG into one reportable segment, the Pharmaceutical Distribution segment. Our decision to aggregate these three operating segments into one reportable segment was based on

- the objective and basic principles of FAS 131,
- the Aggregation Criteria as noted in paragraph 17 of FAS 131 and
- the fact that ABDC, ABSG, and ABPG have similar economic characteristics.

The chief operating decision maker for the Pharmaceutical Distribution segment is the President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company whose function is to allocate resources to, and assess the performance of, the ABDC, ABSG, and ABPG operating segments. The Presidents of ABDC, ABSG, and ABPG each function as operating segment managers whose roles include reporting directly to the President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company on their respective operating segment's business activities, financial results and operating plans.

The businesses of the Pharmaceutical Distribution operating segments are similar. These segments service both pharmaceutical manufacturers and healthcare providers in the pharmaceutical supply channel. The distribution of pharmaceutical drugs represented approximately 97.2%, 98.0%, and 98.3% of the Pharmaceutical Distribution segment's total operating revenue for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. ABDC and ABSG each operate in a high volume and low margin environment and, as a result, their economic characteristics are similar. Each operating segment warehouses and distributes products in a similar manner. Additionally, each operating segment is subject, in whole or in part, to the same extensive regulatory environment under which the pharmaceutical distribution industry operates.

ABDC distributes a comprehensive offering of brand name and generic pharmaceuticals, over-the-counter healthcare products, home healthcare supplies and equipment, and related services to a wide variety of healthcare providers, including acute care hospitals and health systems, independent and chain retail pharmacies, mail order facilities, clinics, alternate site facilities and other customers. ABDC also provides scalable automated pharmacy dispensing equipment, medication and supply dispensing cabinets and supply management software to a variety of retail and institutional healthcare providers.

ABSG, through a number of individual operating businesses, provides distribution and other services to physicians and alternate care providers who specialize in a variety of disease states, such as oncology. ABSG also distributes vaccines, other physician administered products, injectables and plasma. In addition, through its manufacturer services and physician and patient services businesses, ABSG provides a number of commercialization and other services for biotech and other pharmaceutical manufacturers, third party logistics, group purchasing services, reimbursement

consulting, data analytics, practice management, and physician education.

ABPG consists of American Health Packaging, Anderson Packaging ("Anderson"), and Brecon. American Health Packaging delivers unit dose, punch card, unit-of-use and other packaging solutions to institutional and retail healthcare providers. American Health Packaging's largest customer is ABDC, and, as a result, their operations are closely aligned with the operations of ABDC. Anderson is a leading provider of contracted packaging services for pharmaceutical manufacturers. Brecon is a United Kingdom-based provider of contract packaging and clinical trials materials services for pharmaceutical manufacturers.

Long-Term Care is a leading national dispenser of pharmaceutical products and services to patients in long-term care and alternate site settings, including skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities and residential living communities. Long-Term Care's institutional pharmacy business involves the purchase of bulk quantities of prescription and nonprescription pharmaceuticals, principally from our Pharmaceutical Distribution segment, and the dispensing of those products to residents in long-term care and alternate site facilities. Unlike hospitals, most long-term and alternate care facilities do not have onsite pharmacies to dispense prescription drugs, but depend instead on institutional

pharmacies, such as Long-Term Care, to provide the necessary pharmacy products and services and to play an integral role in monitoring patient medication. Long-Term Care pharmacies dispense pharmaceuticals in patient-specific packaging in accordance with physician orders. In addition, Long-Term Care provides infusion therapy services, as well as formulary management and other pharmacy consulting services. In October 2006, the Company and Kindred Healthcare, Inc. ("Kindred") signed a master transaction agreement to combine their respective institutional pharmacy businesses, PharMerica Long-Term Care and Kindred Pharmacy Services, Inc. ("KPS"), into a new, independent, publicly traded company (see Note 17 for further details).

PMSI provides mail order and on-line pharmacy services to chronically and catastrophically ill patients under workers' compensation programs, and provides pharmaceutical claims administration services for payors. PMSI services include home delivery of prescription drugs, medical supplies and equipment and an array of computer software solutions to reduce the payor's administrative costs. Starting in fiscal 2007, PMSI also will include Medicare set-aside cost containment services to insurance payors primarily within the workers' compensation industry.

The following tables present reportable segment information for the periods indicated (dollars in thousands):

	Revenue				
Fiscal year ended September 30,	2006	2005	2004		
Pharmaceutical Distribution	\$55,907,552	\$49,319,371	\$48,113,015		
PharMerica	1,668,308	1,571,369	1,575,255		
Intersegment eliminations	(902,920)	(878,142)	(875,818)		
Operating revenue	56,672,940	50,012,598	48,812,452		
Bulk deliveries to customer warehouses	4,530,205	4,564,723	4,308,339		
Total revenue	\$61,203,145	\$54,577,321	\$53,120,791		

Management evaluates segment performance based on revenues excluding bulk deliveries to customer warehouses. For further information regarding the nature of bulk deliveries, which only occur in the Pharmaceutical Distribution segment, see Note 1. Intersegment eliminations represent the elimination of the Pharmaceutical Distribution segment's sales to PharMerica. ABDC is the principal supplier of pharmaceuticals to PharMerica.

Fiscal year ended September 30,	2006	2005	2004
Pharmaceutical Distribution	\$644,202	\$532,887	\$748,625
PharMerica	83,745	91,947	121,846
Facility consolidations, employee severance and other	(20,123)	(22,723)	(7,517)
Gain on litigation settlements	40,882	40,094	38,005
Impairment charge	_	(5,259)	
Operating income	748,706	636,946	900,959
Other income	(4,387)	(990)	(6,236)
Interest expense, net	12,464	57,223	112,704
Loss on early retirement of debt	_	111,888	23,592
Income from continuing operations before income taxes and cumulative effect of			
change in accounting	\$740,629	\$468,825	\$770,899

Segment operating income is evaluated before other income; interest expense, net; loss on early retirement of debt; facility consolidations, employee severance and other; gain on litigation settlements; and significant impairment charges. All corporate office expenses are allocated to the two reportable segments.

	Assets			
At September 30,	2006	2005		
Pharmaceutical Distribution	\$12,149,166	\$10,803,578		
PharMerica	634,754	577,596		
Total assets	\$12,783,920	\$11,381,174		

	Depreciation & Amortization			
Fiscal year ended September 30,	2006	2005	2004	
Pharmaceutical Distribution	\$68,310	\$64,404	\$58,358	
PharMerica	17,699	16,795	15,067	
Total depreciation and amortization	\$86,009	\$81,199	\$73,425	

Depreciation and amortization includes depreciation and amortization of property and equipment and intangible assets, but excludes amortization of deferred financing costs and other debt-related items, which is included in interest expense.

	Capital Expenditures			
Fiscal year ended September 30,	2006	2005	2004	
Pharmaceutical Distribution	\$95,015	\$182,347	\$174,004	
PharMerica	18,117	21,029	15,274	
Total capital expenditures	\$113,132	\$203,376	\$189,278	

Note 15. Disclosure About Fair Value of Financial Instruments

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, the Company entered into foreign currency forward exchange contracts to manage exposure related to foreign currency commitments, certain foreign currency denominated balance sheet positions and anticipated foreign currency denominated expenditures. As at September 30, 2006, the notional value of the Company's outstanding foreign currency forward exchange contracts was approximately C\$72.2 million. The fair value of foreign currency contracts was \$0.6 million as of September 30, 2006. The Company does not believe that these derivatives present significant credit risks, because the counterparties to the derivatives consist of major financial institutions.

The recorded amounts of the Company's cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments available-for-sale, accounts receivable and accounts payable at September 30, 2006 and 2005 approximate fair value. The fair values of the Company's debt instruments are estimated based on market prices. The recorded amount of debt (see Note 6) and the corresponding fair value as of September 30, 2006 were \$1,095.5 million and \$1,082.3 million, respectively. The recorded amount of debt (see Note 6) and the corresponding fair value as of September 30, 2005 were \$952.7 million and \$941.6 million, respectively.

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Note 16. Quarterly Financial Information (Unaudited)

Fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 Second First Third Fourth Fiscal (in thousands, except per share amounts) Quarter Quarter Quarter Quarter Year Operating revenue \$13,535,854 \$14,049,175 \$14,446,280 \$14,641,631 \$56,672,940 Bulk deliveries to customer warehouses 1,117,293 1,171,504 1,240,035 1,001,373 4,530,205 Total revenue 14,653,147 15,220,679 15,686,315 15,643,004 61,203,145 Gross profit (a) 528,378 560,763 557,179 585,495 2,231,815 Distribution, selling and administrative 352,946 359,262 1,462,986 expenses, depreciation and amortization 368,421 382,357 Facility consolidations, employee severance and other (see Note 11) 8,827 3,577 (86)7,805 20,123 \$ \$ \$ Operating income 166,605 197,924 \$ 188,844 195,333 \$ 748,706 Income from continuing operations \$ 97,976 \$ 128,590 \$ 119,468 \$ 121,978 \$ 468,012 Loss (income) from discontinued operations, net of tax \$ 709 \$ (411)\$ \$ \$ 298 \$ \$ \$ 121,978 \$ Net income 97,267 \$ 129,001 119,468 467,714 Earnings per share from continuing operations: Basic \$ 0.47 \$ 0.62 \$ 0.58 \$ 0.61 \$ 2.28 \$ Diluted 0.47 \$ 0.61 \$ \$ \$ 2.26 0.58 0.61 Earnings per share: \$ Basic 0.47 \$ 0.62 \$ 0.58 \$ 0.61 \$ 2.28

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	Fiscal year ended September 30, 2005									
		First		Second		Third		Fourth		Fiscal
(in thousands, except per share amounts)	(Quarter (a)		Quarter		Quarter		Quarter		Year
Operating revenue	\$1	2,202,109	\$1	2,241,739	\$	12,603,893	\$1	2,964,857	\$5	0,012,598
Bulk deliveries to customer warehouses		1,434,727		948,428		1,228,073		953,496		4,564,723
Total revenue	1	3,636,836	1	3,190,167		13,831,966	1	3,918,353	5	4,577,321
Gross profit (b)		454,592		501,750		502,069		521,774		1,980,184
Distribution, selling and administrative										
expenses, depreciation and amortization		315,374		315,398		329,714		354,770		1,315,256
Facility consolidations, employee										
severance and other (see Note 11)		5,133		1,837		3,747		12,006		22,723
Impairment charge				5,259						5,259
Operating income	\$	134,085	\$	179,256	\$	168,608	\$	154,998	\$	636,946
Loss on early retirement of debt	\$	1,015	\$	_	\$	_	\$	110,873	\$	111,888
Income from continuing operations, before										
cumulative effect of change in accounting	\$	69,023	\$	101,713	\$	99,844	\$	21,342	\$	291,922
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$	7,905	\$	2,291	\$	5,067	\$	1,842	\$	17,105
Net income	\$	50,946	\$	99,422	\$	94,777	\$	19,500	\$	264,645
Earnings per share from continuing operations	:									
Basic	\$	0.33	\$	0.46	\$	0.48	\$	0.10	\$	1.38
Diluted	\$	0.32	\$	0.46	\$	0.48	\$	0.10	\$	1.37
Earnings per share:										
Basic	\$	0.24	\$	0.45	\$	0.46	\$	0.09	\$	1.25
Diluted	\$	0.24	\$	0.45	\$	0.45	\$	0.09	\$	1.24

⁽a) During fiscal 2005, the Company changed its method of recognizing cash discounts and other related manufacturer incentives, effective October 1, 2004. As a result, the first quarter operating results include the \$10.2 million charge for the cumulative effect of change in accounting (net of tax benefit). This \$10.2 million cumulative effect charge reduced diluted earnings per share by \$0.05 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005.

⁽a) The first, second, third and fourth quarters of fiscal 2006 include \$18.0 million, \$9.4 million, \$4.6 million, and \$8.9 million gains, respectively, from antitrust litigation settlements.

⁽b) The first and third quarters of fiscal 2005 include \$18.8 million and \$21.3 million gains, respectively, from antitrust litigation settlements.

Note 17. Subsequent Events

In October 2006, the Company and Kindred signed a master transaction agreement to combine their respective institutional pharmacy businesses, Long-Term Care and KPS, respectively, into a new, independent, publicly traded company. The proposed transaction is intended to be tax-free to the stockholders of both the Company and Kindred. The transaction is currently expected to be completed in the first calendar quarter of 2007. The proposed combination does not include the PMSI business of PharMerica.

The transaction would begin with Long-Term Care and KPS each borrowing up to \$150 million and providing a one-time distribution back to their respective parents. The cash distribution is intended to be all or substantially all tax-free to the Company. After the borrowing and distribution, each of the institutional pharmacy businesses would be separately spun off as independent companies, each with 100 percent stock ownership by the stockholders of their respective parents, followed immediately by the independent companies combining in a stock-for-stock exchange which would result in the Company's and Kindred's stockholders each owning 50 percent of the new company. The master transaction agreement provides that at closing of the transaction, the Company will enter into a pharmaceutical distribution agreement with the new company, and Kindred will enter into an agreement to provide information and support services to the new company. The master transaction agreement also provides that at closing, Kindred, the Company and the new company will enter into agreements for the provision of certain transition services for a limited transition period following consummation of the transaction. Consummation of the transaction is subject to a number of conditions, including the effectiveness of a registration statement with respect to the shares of the new company's common stock, receipt of financing for the new company and for the one-time cash distributions to the Company and Kindred, and receipt of a favorable determination from the Internal Revenue Service regarding the tax-free nature of the transaction. There can be no assurance that all conditions to completion of the transaction will

On November 14, 2006, the Company entered into a new \$750 million five-year multi-currency senior unsecured revolving credit facility (the "Multi-Currency Revolving Credit Facility") with a syndicate of lenders. The Multi-Currency Revolving Credit Facility replaced the Senior Revolving Credit Facility, the UK Credit Facility and the Canadian Credit Facility. Interest on borrowings denominated in U.S. Dollars under the Multi-Currency Revolving Credit Facility will accrue at specified rates based on the Company's debt rating (50 basis points over LIBOR or the prime rate). Interest on borrowings for any Euro loan accrues at EURIBOR plus a specified rate and for any Sterling loan at LIBOR plus a specified rate. The specified rates are based on the Company's debt ratings and range from 19 basis points to 60 basis points over LIBOR or EURIBOR, as applicable. Interest on borrowings denominated in Canadian dollars accrues at the greater of the Canadian prime rate or the CDOR rate. The Company will pay quarterly facility fees to maintain the availability under the Multi-Currency Revolving Credit Facility at specified rates based on the Company's debt rating (ranging from 6 basis points to 15 basis points of the total commitment). In connection with entering into the Multi-Currency Revolving Credit Facility, the Company incurred approximately \$1.0 million of costs, which were deferred and will be amortized over the life of the facility. The Company may choose to repay or reduce its commitments under the Multi-Currency Revolving Credit Facility at any time. The Multi-Currency Revolving Credit Facility contains

covenants that impose limitations on, among other things, additional indebtedness, distributions and dividends to stockholders, and investments. These covenants are less restrictive than those under the Senior Revolving Credit Facility, thereby providing the Company with greater financial flexibility. Additional covenants require compliance with financial tests, including leverage and minimum earnings to fixed charges ratios.

Additionally, on November 14, 2006, the Company amended its Receivables Securitization Facility such that the amount to be made available to the Company was reduced from \$700 million to \$500 million and the expiration date was extended to November 2009. Interest rates are based on prevailing market rates for short-term commercial paper plus a program fee, and vary based on the Company's debt ratings. The program fee was 55 basis points as of September 30, 2006 and was reduced to 35 basis points as a result of the November 2006 amendment. Additionally, the commitment fee on any unused credit was 17.5 basis points as of September 30, 2006 and was reduced to 12.5 basis points as a result of the November 2006 amendment.

In October 2006, the Company acquired Health Advocates, Inc. ("Health Advocates"), a leading provider of Medicare set-aside cost containment services to insurance payors primarily within the workers' compensation industry, for approximately \$83 million. Health Advocates was renamed PMSI MSA Services, Inc. ("PMSI MSA Services") and will operate under the Company's PMSI business. The addition of PMSI MSA Services, combined with our leading pharmacy and clinical solutions, gives the Company's PMSI business the ability to provide its customers with a fully integrated Medicare set-aside solution. The purchase price will be allocated to the underlying assets acquired and liabilities assumed based upon their fair values at the date of the acquisition. The Company is currently working with a third-party appraisal firm to assist management in determining the fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed.

In October 2006, the Company acquired I.G.G. of America, Inc. ("IgG"), a specialty pharmacy and infusion services business specializing in the blood derivative IVIG for approximately \$35 million. The purchase price is subject to a contingent payment of up to approximately \$8.5 million based on IgG achieving specific earnings targets in calendar year 2008. The addition of IgG supports the Company's strategy of building its specialty pharmaceutical services to manufacturers. The purchase price will be allocated to the underlying assets acquired and liabilities assumed based upon their fair values at the date of the acquisition. The Company is currently working with a third-party appraisal firm to assist management in determining the fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed.

In November 2006, the Company acquired Access M.D., Inc. ("AMD"), a Canadian company for \$12.9 million. AMD provides services, including reimbursement support, third-party logistics and nursing support services to manufacturers of specialty pharmaceuticals, such as injectable and biological therapies. The acquisition of AMD expands our specialty services businesses into Canada and complements the distribution services offered by ABCC.

On November 9, 2006, the Company's board of directors increased the quarterly dividend by 100% and declared a dividend of \$0.05 per share, which was paid on December 4, 2006 to stockholders of record as of the close of business on November 20, 2006.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders of AmerisourceBergen Corporation

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of AmerisourceBergen Corporation and subsidiaries as of September 30, 2006 and 2005, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 2006. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of AmerisourceBergen Corporation and subsidiaries at

September 30, 2006 and 2005, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 2006, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, AmerisourceBergen Corporation adopted SFAS No. 123(R), "Share-Based Payment" applying the modified prospective method at the beginning of fiscal year 2006 and changed its method of recognizing cash discounts effective at the beginning of fiscal year 2005.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the effectiveness of AmerisourceBergen Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2006, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated December 8, 2006 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania December 8, 2006 Ernst + Young ILP

Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The management of AmerisourceBergen Corporation ("AmerisourceBergen" or the "Company") is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. AmerisourceBergen's internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

- pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company;
- (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and
- (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

AmerisourceBergen's management assessed the effectiveness of AmerisourceBergen's internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2006. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in Internal Control-Integrated Framework. Based on management's assessment and those criteria, management has concluded that AmerisourceBergen's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of September 30, 2006. AmerisourceBergen's independent registered public accounting firm, Ernst & Young LLP, has issued an attestation report on management's assessment and the effectiveness of AmerisourceBergen's internal control over financial reporting. This report is set forth on the next page.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The Board of Directors and Stockholders of AmerisourceBergen Corporation

We have audited management's assessment, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, that AmerisourceBergen Corporation and subsidiaries maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2006, based on criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria). AmerisourceBergen Corporation's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assessment and an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, evaluating management's assessment, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable

assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, management's assessment that AmerisourceBergen Corporation and subsidiaries maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2006, is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the COSO criteria. Also, in our opinion, AmerisourceBergen Corporation and subsidiaries maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2006, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of AmerisourceBergen Corporation and subsidiaries as of September 30, 2006 and 2005, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 2006 and our report dated December 8, 2006 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania December 8, 2006 Ernst + Young LLP

New York Stock Exchange Annual CEO Certification for 2006

As required by Section 303A.12(a) of the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") Listed Company Manual, AmerisourceBergen's Chief Executive Officer, R. David Yost, certified to the NYSE within 30 days after AmerisourceBergen's 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders that he was not aware of any violation by AmerisourceBergen of the NYSE Corporate Governance listing standards.

Reprinted below are the certifications pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that were filed with the SEC as part of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2006.

Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer I, R. David Yost, certify that:

- I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K (the "Report") of AmerisourceBergen Corporation (the "Registrant");
- Based on my knowledge, this Report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this Report;
- Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this Report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this Report;
- 4. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this Report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this Report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this Report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this Report any change in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the Registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Registrant's auditors and the audit committee of Registrant's board of directors:
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: December 8, 2006

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R. David Yost, Chief Executive Officer

- Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer I, Michael D. DiCandilo, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K (the "Report") of AmerisourceBergen Corporation (the "Registrant");
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this Report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this Report;
- Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this Report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this Report;
- 4. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this Report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this Report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this Report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this Report any change in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the Registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Registrant's auditors and the audit committee of Registrant's board of directors:
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Michael A. Landilo

Date: December 8, 2006

Michael D. DiCandilo, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Reprinted below are the certifications pursuant to Section 1350 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that were filed with the SEC as part of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2006.

Section 1350 Certification of Chief Executive Officer

In connection with the Annual Report of AmerisourceBergen Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, R. David Yost, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to the best of my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

R. David Yost, Chief Executive Officer December 8, 2006

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Section 1350 Certification of Chief Financial Officer

In connection with the Annual Report of AmerisourceBergen Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Michael D. DiCandilo, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to the best of my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Michael D. DiCandilo, Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer December 8, 2006

Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

The Company's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "ABC." As of November 30, 2006, there were 4,150 record holders of the Company's common stock. The following table sets forth the high and low closing sale prices of the Company's common stock for the periods indicated.

PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK

	High	Low		High	Low
Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2006			Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2005		
First Quarter	\$41.89	\$36.70	First Quarter	\$31.84	\$25.23
Second Quarter	48.27	40.91	Second Quarter	31.39	27.02
Third Quarter	48.59	40.74	Third Quarter	34.58	28.18
Fourth Quarter	46.41	41.18	Fourth Quarter	39.22	34.60

On November 15, 2005, the Company declared a two-for-one stock split of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock. The stock split occurred in the form of a stock dividend, where each stockholder received one additional share for each share owned. The stock dividend was payable on December 28, 2005 to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 13, 2005.

During the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, the Company paid quarterly cash dividends of \$0.025 and \$0.0125, respectively. On November 9, 2006, the Company's board of directors increased the quarterly dividend by 100% and declared a dividend of \$0.05 per share, which was paid on December 4, 2006 to stockholders of record as of the close of business on November 20, 2006. The Company anticipates that it will continue to pay quarterly cash dividends in the future. However, the payment and amount of future dividends remain within the discretion of the Company's board of directors and will depend upon the Company's future earnings, financial condition, capital requirements and other factors.

ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

The following table sets forth the total number of shares purchased, the average price paid per share, the total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced programs, and the approximate dollar value of shares that may yet be purchased under the programs during each month in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006.

				Approximate
			Total Number of	Dollar Value of
			Shares Purchased	Shares that May
	Total	Average Price	as Part of Publicly	Yet Be Purchased
	Number of	Paid per	Announced	Under the
Period	Shares Purchased	Share	Programs	Programs
October 1 to October 31	1,381,018	\$36.93	1,381,018	\$699,001,159
November 1 to November 30	308,330	\$38.49	308,330	\$687,133,645
December 1 to December 31	643,734	\$40.42	643,734	\$661,112,984
February 1 to February 28	1,006,600	\$43.00	1,006,600	\$617,829,232
April 1 to April 30	1,709,800	\$43.72	1,709,800	\$543,071,104
May 1 to May 31	4,348,795	\$43.73	4,348,795	\$352,883,457
June 1 to June 30	2,585,861	\$42.00	2,585,861	\$244,264,417
July 1 to July 31	136,000	\$41.00	136,000	\$238,689,003
August 1 to August 31	3,696,800	\$43.71	3,696,800	\$827,116,076
September 1 to September 30	1,691,600	\$44.65	1,691,600	\$751,582,061
Total	17,508,538	\$42.75	17,508,538	\$751,582,061

⁽a) During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, the Company purchased 17.5 million shares under its \$844 million stock repurchase program, which was announced in August 2005. This program expired in October 2006, when the Company purchased 35 thousand shares for \$1.6 million.

⁽b) In August 2006, the Company announced a new program to purchase up to \$750 million of its outstanding shares of common stock, subject to market conditions. Through September 30, 2006, there were no purchases of the Company's common stock under this new program. There is no expiration date related to this new program.

SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements, including the notes thereto, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

	Fiscal year ended September 30,					
(amounts in thousands, except per share amounts)	2006 (a)	2005 (b)	2004 (c)	2003 (d)	2002 (e)	
Statement of Operations Data:						
Operating revenue	\$56,672,940	\$50,012,598	\$48,812,452	\$45,463,400	\$40,163,387	
Bulk deliveries to customer warehouses	4,530,205	4,564,723	4,308,339	4,120,639	4,994,080	
Total revenue	61,203,145	54,577,321	53,120,791	49,584,039	45,157,467	
Gross profit	2,231,815	1,980,184	2,166,430	2,225,613	2,009,821	
Operating expenses	1,483,109	1,343,238	1,265,471	1,339,484	1,294,209	
Operating income	748,706	636,946	900,959	886,129	715,612	
Interest expense, net	12,464	57,223	112,704	144,748	140,734	
Income from continuing operations	468,012	291,922	474,874	443,065	343,243	
Net income	467,714	264,645	468,390	441,229	344,941	
Earnings per share from continuing operations —						
diluted (f) (g) (h)	2.26	1.37	2.06	1.95	1.57	
Earnings per share — diluted (f) (g) (h)	2.25	1.24	2.03	1.95	1.58	
Cash dividends declared per common share (f)	\$ 0.10	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	
Weighted average common shares						
outstanding — diluted (f)	207,446	215,540	235,558	231,908	224,456	
Balance Sheet Data:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,261,268	\$ 966,553	\$ 871,343	\$ 800,036	\$ 663,340	
Short-term investment securities available for sale	67,840	349,130	_	_	_	
Accounts receivable — net (i)	3,427,139	2,640,646	2,260,973	2,295,437	2,222,156	
Merchandise inventories (i)	4,422,055	4,003,690	5,135,830	5,733,837	5,437,878	
Property and equipment — net	509,746	514,758	465,264	353,170	282,578	
Total assets	12,783,920	11,381,174	11,654,003	12,040,125	11,213,012	
Accounts payable	6,499,264	5,292,253	4,947,037	5,393,769	5,367,837	
Long-term debt, including current portion	1,095,491	952,711	1,438,471	1,784,154	1,817,313	
Stockholders' equity	4,141,157	4,280,357	4,339,045	4,005,317	3,316,338	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$12,783,920	\$11,381,174	\$11,654,003	\$12,040,125	\$11,213,012	

- (a) Includes \$14.2 million of facility consolidations and employee severance costs, net of income tax benefit of \$5.9 million, a \$25.8 million gain from antitrust litigation settlements, net of income tax expense of \$15.1 million, and a \$4.1 million gain on the sale of an equity investment and an eminent domain settlement, net of income tax expense of \$2.4 million.
- (b) Includes \$14.0 million of facility consolidations and employee severance costs, net of income tax benefit of \$8.7 million, a \$71.4 million loss on early retirement of debt, net of income tax benefit of \$40.5 million, a \$24.7 million gain from antitrust litigation settlements, net of income tax expense of \$15.4 million and an impairment charge of \$3.2 million, net of income tax benefit of \$2.1 million.
- (c) Includes \$4.6 million of facility consolidations and employee severance costs, net of income tax benefit of \$2.9 million, a \$14.5 million loss on early retirement of debt, net of income tax benefit of \$9.1 million, and a \$23.4 million gain from an antitrust litigation settlement, net of income tax expense of \$14.6 million.
- (d) Includes \$5.4 million of facility consolidations and employee severance costs, net of income tax benefit of \$3.5 million and a \$2.6 million loss on early retirement of debt, net of income tax benefit of \$1.6 million.
- (e) Includes \$14.6 million of merger costs, net of income tax benefit of \$9.6 million.
- (f) On December 28, 2005, the Company effected a two-for-one stock split of its outstanding shares of common stock in the form of a 100% stock dividend. All applicable share and per-share amounts have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this stock split.
- (g) Effective October 1, 2004, the Company changed its method of recognizing cash discounts and other related manufacturer incentives. The Company recorded a \$10.2 million charge for the cumulative effect of change in accounting (net of income tax benefit of \$6.3 million) in the consolidated statement of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005. The \$10.2 million charge reduced diluted earnings per share by \$0.05 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005.
 - Had the Company used its current method of accounting for recognizing cash discounts and other related manufacturer incentives for each of the three fiscal years ended September 30, 2004, diluted earnings per share from continuing operations would have been higher by \$0.01 for fiscal 2002, lower by \$0.04 for fiscal 2003, and lower by \$0.01 for fiscal 2004.
- (h) Effective October 1, 2005, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standard 123R, using the modified-prospective transition method, and therefore, began to expense the fair value of all outstanding stock options over their remaining vesting periods to the extent the options were not fully vested as of the adoption date and began to expense the fair value of all share-based compensation awards granted subsequent to September 30, 2005 over their requisite service periods. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, we recorded \$16.4 million of share-based compensation expense, which had the effect of lowering diluted earnings per share from continuing operations by \$0.05. Had we expensed share-based compensation for each of the four years ended September 30, 2005, diluted earnings per share from continuing operations would have been lower by \$0.05 for fiscal 2002, lower by \$0.08 for fiscal 2003, lower by \$0.37 for fiscal 2004 and lower by \$0.02 for fiscal 2005.
- (i) Balances as of September 30, 2004 reflect a change in accounting to accrue for customer sales returns. The impact of the accrual was to decrease accounts receivable, increase merchandise inventories, and decrease operating revenue and cost of goods sold by \$316.8 million. The accrual for customer sales returns had no impact on net income.



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