UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 1, 2007

THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY

| (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) | | | | | | |
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| OHIO | 1-13292 | 31-1414921 | | | | |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) | | | | |
| 14111 SCOTTSLAWN RD MARYSVILLE, OHIO | | 43041 | | | | |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | | (Zip Code) | | | | |
| | (937) 644-0011 | | | | | |
| | (Registrant's telephone number, including area code) | | | | | |
| | Not Applicable | | | | | |
| | (Former name or former address, if changed since last report) | | | | | |

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operation and Financial Condition.

On May 1, 2007, The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company ("the Company") issued a News Release concerning information regarding its results of operations and financial condition for the three and six month periods ended March 31, 2007. The News Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The News Release includes the following non-GAAP financial measures as defined in Regulation G: (1) adjusted net income, (2) adjusted diluted income per share and (3) adjusted EBITDA. The Company's management believes that the disclosure of these non-GAAP financial measures provides useful information to investors or other users of the financial statements, such as lenders. As to adjusted net income and adjusted diluted income per share, charges or credits relating to refinancings, impairments, restructurings, and other unusual items are excluded as such costs or gains relate to discrete projects or transactions that are apart from and not indicative of the results of the operations of the business. The presentation of adjusted EBITDA is provided as a convenience to the Company's lenders because adjusted EBITDA is a component of certain debt compliance covenants. Adjusted EBITDA, as defined by the Company's credit facility, is calculated as net income or loss before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, as well as certain other items such as the impact of discontinued operations, the cumulative effect of changes in accounting, costs associated with debt refinancing, and other non-recurring, non-cash items effecting income. The Company's calculation of adjusted EBITDA does not represent and should not be considered as an alternative to net income or cash flow from operations as determined by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Company makes no representation or assertion that adjusted EBITDA is indicative of its cash flows from operations or results of operations. The Company has provided a reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA to net income solely for the purpose of complying with Regulation G and not as an indication that adjusted EBITDA is a substitute measure for income from operations.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial Statements of business acquired Not applicable
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information Not applicable
- (c) Shell Company transactions: Not applicable
- (d) Exhibits:

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 News Release issued on May 1, 2007

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunder duly authorized.

THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY

By: /s/ David C. Evans

David C. Evans
Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 1, 2007

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Exhibit No. 99.1

<u>Description</u>
News Release issued on May 1, 2007

ScottsMiracle-Gro Announces Record Second Quarter Sales

Company-wide sales rise 9%, including 17% increase in International

- North America segment sales increase 8 percent
- Adjusted diluted EPS of \$1.40; reported diluted EPS of \$1.23
- Company reaffirms full-year sales and earnings outlook

MARYSVILLE, Ohio (May 1, 2007) – The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company (NYSE: SMG), the world's leading marketer of branded consumer lawn and garden products, today announced that sales in its second quarter increased 9 percent to a record \$993 million. The results included a 17 percent increase in sales from the Company's International business and an 8 percent increase in the North America segment.

Consumer purchases of the Company's products sold in the United States improved 18 percent in the quarter while consumer purchases in Europe were led by a nearly 70 percent increase in the United Kingdom and 10 percent growth in France.

"The lawn and garden season has started strongly in nearly all parts of our business and we remain confident in another year of record performance," said Jim Hagedorn, chairman and chief executive officer. "The growth of our International business during the first half of the year is especially encouraging. Led by the launch of Miracle-Gro LiquaFeed and the continued growth in our growing media business, we're seeing strong retailer and consumer support for our products throughout Europe."

Net income for the quarter ended March 31, 2007 declined 12 percent to \$83.4 million, or \$1.23 per diluted share, compared with \$94.8 million, or \$1.36 per diluted share, a year earlier. The quarter included \$17.9 million in interest expense, up 43 percent from last year, and \$18.3 million in one-time refinancing costs. During the quarter, ScottsMiracle-Gro executed a recapitalization, increasing its net borrowings to return more than \$750 million to shareholders through a combination of a share repurchase and a special one-time cash dividend of \$8 per share.

Adjusted net income, excluding 2007 costs related to refinancing, as well as 2006 impairment, restructuring and other charges, was \$95.1 million, or \$1.40 per diluted share, compared with \$95.5 million, or \$1.37 per diluted share a year earlier. On a pro forma basis, reflecting interest expense and diluted common shares as if the recapitalization transactions occurred at the beginning of each fiscal year, adjusted net income was \$89.2 million, or \$1.37 per diluted share, compared with \$86.0 million, or \$1.31 per diluted share.

SECOND QUARTER DETAILS

The Company's North America segment reported sales of \$753.9 million compared with \$700.5 million for the same period a year ago. During the quarter, the business reported strong improvement in consumer purchases of its products, including increases of 24 percent in Ortho, 22 percent in Growing Media, 17 percent in Lawns and 6 percent in Plant Food.

"Our brands continue to resonate with consumers, which is helping us to drive growth in the overall category and continue to capture market share," Hagedorn said. "Response to our new products and marketing initiatives has been strong and we remain confident that North America can deliver the 8 to 10 percent sales growth we projected at the beginning of the year."

Scotts LawnService reported a 13 percent increase in revenue to \$33.7 million. The business continued to benefit from strong customer retention rates and increased interest in its premium value-added service offering. Smith & Hawken sales improved 11 percent to \$30.3 million from \$27.2 million the same period a year ago. The largest improvement came from Smith & Hawken's business-to-business operations. The business also saw strong growth in its retail stores, where this season's merchandising strategy is focused on garden-inspired products and a broader array of outdoor furniture and other outdoor living products.

With sales of \$175.5 million, International reported a 17 percent improvement from last year when sales totaled \$150.2 million. Excluding the impact of foreign exchange rates, International sales grew 6 percent, which was ahead of the Company's expectations.

Gross margin was 37.1 percent in the quarter, compared with 38.2 percent a year earlier. The decline, most of which was expected, was due in part to increased commodity costs and the impact of acquisitions. However, strong growth in lower margin categories such as value-added mulch, led to unfavorable product mix, a trend the Company said is likely to impact gross margins on a full-year basis.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased 11 percent in the quarter to \$203.0 million from \$183.2 million a year earlier. Continued investments in innovation, technology and Scotts LawnService attributed to the planned increase. Additionally, during the same period a year ago, the Company reported a non-recurring credit to SG&A of \$9.1 million related to the recovery of legal expenses from an insurer.

Adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) increased 2 percent to \$184.2 million.

SIX MONTHS

Net sales through the first six months were \$1.26 billion, up 9 percent from \$1.16 billion a year earlier. Net income was \$24.0 million, or \$0.35 per diluted share, compared with \$42.1 million, or \$0.60 per diluted share the same period last year.

Excluding 2007 costs related to refinancing, as well as 2006 impairment, restructuring and other charges, adjusted net income was \$35.7 million, or \$0.52 per diluted share, compared with \$46.4 million, or \$0.66 per diluted share. On a pro forma basis, reflecting interest expense and diluted common shares as if the recapitalization transactions occurred at the beginning of each fiscal year, adjusted net income was \$20.6 million, or \$0.32 per diluted share, compared with \$27.3 million, or \$0.42 per diluted share.

In North America, sales in the first half increased 8 percent to \$891.5 million, versus \$826.2 million for last year's comparable period. Scotts LawnService sales increased 11 percent to \$59.5 million. Smith & Hawken reported an 8 percent increase to \$75.0 million and International sales were \$238.9 million, up 15 percent compared with \$208.5 million for the same period last year. Excluding the impact of foreign exchange rates, International sales increased 4 percent.

Gross margins for the first six months declined to 33.5 percent from 34.6 percent, in line with the Company's expectations and were impacted mainly by commodity prices, acquisitions and product mix.

Adjusted EBITDA in the first six months was \$116.0 million compared with \$119.8 million in the comparable period.

"Our performance through the first six months gives us continued confidence in our previous earnings guidance," said Dave Evans, chief financial officer. "We now expect company-wide sales growth to be on the high end of our earlier guidance of 8 to 10 percent but slightly offset by pressure on gross margins from product mix. Strong improvements in operating income from each of our business units remain achievable, reinforcing our belief that adjusted earnings per share will be roughly in line with last year due to higher interest expense associated with our recapitalization. We also remain optimistic about another year of strong cash flow and working capital improvements."

The Company will discuss its second quarter results during a Webcast and conference call at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time today. The call will be available live on the investor relations section of the ScottsMiracle-Gro Web site, http://investor.scotts.com.

An archive of the Webcast, as well as accompanying financial information regarding any non-GAAP financial measures discussed by the Company during the call, will be available on the web site for at least 12 months.

About ScottsMiracle-Gro

With more than \$2.7 billion in worldwide sales and more than 6,000 associates, The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, The Scotts Company LLC, is the world's largest marketer of branded consumer products for lawn and garden care, with products for professional horticulture as well. The Company's brands are the most recognized in the industry. In the U.S., the Company's Scotts®, Miracle-Gro® and Ortho® brands are market-leading in their categories, as is the consumer Roundup® brand, which is marketed in North America and most of Europe exclusively by Scotts and owned by Monsanto. The Company also owns Smith & Hawken, a leading brand of garden-inspired products that includes pottery, watering equipment, gardening tools, outdoor furniture and live goods, and Morning Song, a leading brand in the wild bird food market. In Europe, the Company's brands include Weedol®, Pathclear®, Evergreen®, Levington®, Miracle-Gro®, KB®, Fertiligene® and Substral®. For additional information, visit us at www.scotts.com.

Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Act of 1995: Certain of the statements contained in this press release, including, but not limited to, information regarding the future economic performance and financial condition of the company, the plans and objectives of the company's management, and the company's assumptions regarding such performance and plans are forward looking in nature. Actual results could differ materially from the forward-looking information in this release, due to a variety of factors, including, but not limited to:

- Adverse weather conditions could adversely affect our sales and financial results;
- Our historical seasonality could impair our ability to pay obligations and operating expenses as they come due and operating expenses;
- Our substantial indebtedness could adversely affect our financial health;
- Public perceptions regarding the safety of our products could adversely affect us;
- The loss of one or more of our top customers could adversely affect our financial results because of the concentration of our sales to a small number of retail customers;
- The expiration of certain patents could substantially increase our competition in the United States;
- · Compliance with environmental and other public health regulations could increase our cost of doing business; and
- Our significant international operations make us more susceptible to fluctuations in currency exchange rates and to the costs of international regulation.

Additional detailed information concerning a number of the important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking information contained in this release is readily available in the company's publicly filed quarterly, annual and other reports.

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THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY Results of Operations for the Three and Six Months Ended March 31, 2007 and April 1, 2006 (in millions, except per share data) (Unaudited) Note: See Accompanying Footnotes on Page 10

| | | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | | | |
|---|-----------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| | Footnotes | March 31, 2007 | April 1, 2006 | % Change | March 31, 2007 | April 1, 2006 | % Change |
| Net sales | | \$ 993.3 | \$ 907.5 | 9% | \$1,264.5 | \$1,157.0 | 9% |
| Cost of sales | | 624.9 | 561.0 | 370 | 840.8 | 757.0 | 370 |
| Cost of sales — restructuring and | | | | | | | |
| other | | | 0.1 | | | 0.1 | |
| Gross profit | | 368.4 | 346.4 | 6% | 423.7 | 399.9 | 6% |
| % of sales | | 37.1% | 38.2% | | 33.5% | 34.6% | |
| Operating expenses: | | | | | | | |
| Selling, general and administrative | | 203.0 | 183.2 | 11% | 345.2 | 309.2 | 12% |
| Impairment, restructuring and | | | 1.0 | | | 6.7 | |
| other charges Other income, net | | (1.1) | 1.0 (0.8) | | (3.4) | 6.7 (2.4) | |
| Total operating expenses | | 201.9 | 183.4 | 10% | 341.8 | 313.5 | 9% |
| Income from operations | | 166.5 | 163.0 | 2% | 81.9 | 86.4 | -5% |
| % of sales | | 16.8% | 18.0% | 270 | 6.5% | 7.5% | 370 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Costs related to refinancing | | 18.3 | | | 18.3 | _ | |
| Interest expense | | 17.9 130.3 | 12.5 150.5 | 100/ | 26.1 37.5 | <u>19.6</u> 66.8 | 4.407 |
| Income before taxes | | 130.3 | 150.5 | -13% | 37.5 | 8.00 | -44% |
| Income tax expense | | 46.9 | 55.7 | | <u>13.5</u> | 24.7 | |
| Net income | | <u>\$ 83.4</u> | <u>\$ 94.8</u> | -12% | <u>\$ 24.0</u> | <u>\$ 42.1</u> | -43% |
| Basic income per share | (1) | \$ 1.26 | \$ 1.40 | -10% | \$ 0.36 | \$ 0.62 | -42% |
| Diluted income per share | (2) | \$ 1.23 | \$ 1.36 | -10% | <u>\$ 0.35</u> | \$ 0.60 | -42% |
| Common shares used in basic income per share calculation | | <u>66.1</u> | 67.5 | -2% | 66.6 | 67.9 | -2% |
| Common shares and potential common shares used in diluted income per share calculation | | 67.8 | 69.6 | -3% | 68.4 | 70.0 | -2% |
| Results of operations excluding impairment, restructuring and other charges, and costs related to refinancing: | | | | | | | |
| Adjusted net income | (4) | <u>\$ 95.1</u> | <u>\$ 95.5</u> | 0% | \$ 35.7 | <u>\$ 46.4</u> | -23% |
| Adjusted diluted income per share | (2) (4) | \$ 1.40 | <u>\$ 1.37</u> | 2% | \$ 0.52 | \$ 0.66 | -21% |
| Adjusted EBITDA | (3) (4) | <u>\$ 184.2</u> | <u>\$ 179.8</u> | 2% | <u>\$ 116.0</u> | \$ 119.8 | -3% |
| Pro forma results as if the recapitalization transactions and related debt restructuring occurred as of the the beginning of each fiscal year | l | | | | | | |
| Pro forma adjusted net income | (4) (5) | \$ 89.2 | <u>\$ 86.0</u> | 4% | \$ 20.6 | \$ 27.3 | -25% |
| Pro forma adjusted diluted income per share | (4) (5) | <u>\$ 1.37</u> | <u>\$ 1.31</u> | 5% | <u>\$ 0.32</u> | \$ 0.42 | -24% |
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THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY Net Sales by Segment — Three and Six Months Ended March 31, 2007 and April 1, 2006 (in millions) (unaudited)

| | Three March 31, 2007 | Months Ended April 1, 2006 | % Change |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| North America | \$ 753.9 | \$ 700.5 | 8% |
| Scotts LawnService | 33.7 | 29.8 | 13% |
| International | 175.5 | 150.2 | 17% |
| Corporate & Other | 30.2 | 27.0 | 12% |
| Consolidated | \$ 993.3 | \$ 907.5 | 9% |
| | Six Mo March 31, 2007 | onths Ended April 1, 2006 | % Change |
| North America | \$ 891.5 | \$ 826.2 | 8% |
| Scotts LawnService | 59.5 | 53.4 | 11% |
| International | 238.9 | 208.5 | 15% |
| Corporate & Other | 74.6 | 68.9 | 8% |
| Consolidated | <u>\$1,264.5</u> | <u>\$1,157.0</u> | 9% |
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THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY Consolidated Balance Sheets March 31, 2007, April 1, 2006 and September 30, 2006 (Unaudited) (in millions)

| | March 31, 2007 | April 1, 2006 | September 30, 2006 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 43.5 | \$ 27.3 | \$ 48.1 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 1,001.0 | 915.8 | 380.4 |
| Inventories, net | 571.9 | 537.9 | 409.2 |
| Prepaid and other current assets | 131.0 | 70.8 | 104.3 |
| Total current assets | 1,747.4 | 1,551.8 | 942.0 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 369.2 | 359.8 | 367.6 |
| Goodwill, net | 475.0 | 457.3 | 458.1 |
| Other intangible assets, net | 421.7 | 470.0 | 424.7 |
| Other assets | 29.5 | 20.5 | 25.2 |
| Total assets | \$ 3,042.8 | \$ 2,859.4 | \$ 2,217.6 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Current portion of debt | \$ 23.7 | \$ 11.5 | \$ 6.0 |
| Accounts payable | 341.5 | 266.6 | 200.4 |
| Other current liabilities | 355.8 | 354.3 | 289.8 |
| Total current liabilities | 721.0 | 632.4 | 496.2 |
| Long-term debt | 1,783.2 | 1,064.0 | 475.2 |
| Other liabilities | 163.8 | 133.5 | 164.5 |
| | - | | |
| Total liabilities | 2,668.0 | 1,829.9 | 1,135.9 |
| Shareholders' equity | 374.8 | 1,029.5 | 1,081.7 |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$ 3,042.8 | \$ 2,859.4 | \$ 2,217.6 |
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THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Disclosure Items for the Three and Six Months Ended March 31, 2007 and April 1, 2006 (in millions, except per share data) Note: See Notes 4 and 5 to the Accompanying Footnotes on Page 10

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | March 31, 2007 | April 1, 2006 | March 31, 2007 | April 1, 2006 |
| Income before taxes | \$ 130.3 | \$ 150.5 | \$ 37.5 | \$ 66.8 |
| Restructuring and other charges | _ | 1.1 | — | 5.8 |
| Impairment of intangibles | _ | _ | _ | 1.0 |
| Costs related to refinancing | 18.3 | _ | 18.3 | _ |
| Adjusted income before taxes | 148.6 | 151.6 | 55.8 | 73.6 |
| Income tax expense | 53.5 | 56.1 | 20.1 | 27.2 |
| Adjusted net income | \$ 95.1 | \$ 95.5 | \$ 35.7 | \$ 46.4 |
| Incremental pro forma interest expense | (9.3) | (15.8) | (23.6) | (30.4) |
| Tax impact, including rate differential | 3.4 | 6.3 | 8.5 | 11.3 |
| Pro forma adjusted net income | <u>\$ 89.2</u> | <u>\$ 86.0</u> | <u>\$ 20.6</u> | <u>\$ 27.3</u> |
| Diluted income per share (items net of tax) | \$ 1.23 | \$ 1.36 | \$ 0.35 | \$ 0.60 |
| Restructuring and other charges | _ | 0.01 | _ | 0.05 |
| Impairment of intangibles | _ | _ | _ | 0.01 |
| Costs related to refinancing | 0.17 | | <u> </u> | |
| Adjusted diluted income per share | \$ 1.40 | \$ 1.37 | \$ 0.52 | \$ 0.66 |
| Incremental pro forma interest expense (net of tax) | (0.09) | (0.14) | (0.22) | (0.27) |
| Impact of change in fully diluted shares | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.02 | 0.03 |
| Pro forma adjusted diluted income per share | <u>\$ 1.37</u> | <u>\$ 1.31</u> | <u>\$ 0.32</u> | \$ 0.42 |
| Net income | \$ 83.4 | \$ 94.8 | \$ 24.0 | \$ 42.1 |
| Income tax expense | 46.9 | 55.7 | 13.5 | 24.7 |
| Interest | 17.9 | 12.5 | 26.1 | 19.6 |
| Costs related to refinancing | 18.3 | _ | 18.3 | _ |
| Depreciation | 13.7 | 13.0 | 26.4 | 25.1 |
| Amortization, including marketing fee | 4.0 | 3.8 | 7.7 | 7.3 |
| Loss on impairment | | | | 1.0 |
| Adjusted EBITDA | <u>\$ 184.2</u> | <u>\$ 179.8</u> | <u>\$ 116.0</u> | <u>\$ 119.8</u> |

THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY Footnotes to Preceding Financial Statements

Results of Operations

- (1) Basic income per share is calculated by dividing net income by average common shares outstanding during the period.
- (2) Diluted income per share is calculated by dividing net income by the average common shares and potential dilutive common shares (common stock options, stock appreciation rights, and restricted stock) outstanding during the period.
- (3) "Adjusted EBITDA" is defined as net income before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization as well as certain other items such as the impact of discontinued operations, the cumulative effect of changes in accounting, costs associated with debt refinancings and other non-recurring, non-cash items effecting net income. Adjusted EBITDA is not intended to represent cash flow from operations as defined by generally accepted accounting principles and should not be used as an alternative to net income as an indicator of operating performance or to cash flow as a measure of liquidity.
- (4) The Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Disclosure Items includes the following non-GAAP financial measures (1) adjusted net income, (2) pro forma adjusted net income, (3) adjusted diluted income per share, (4) pro forma adjusted diluted income per share and (5) adjusted EBITDA. The Company believes that the disclosure of these non-GAAP financial measures provides useful information to investors or other users of the financial statements, such as lenders. As to adjusted net income and adjusted diluted income per share, charges or credits relating to refinancings, impairments, restructurings, and other unusual items are excluded as such costs or gains relate to discrete projects or transactions that are apart from and not indicative of the results of the operations of the business. Pro forma adjusted net income and pro forma adjusted diluted income per share, interest expense and diluted shares have been computed as if the recapitalization transactions were completed as described in Note 5 below. The presentation of adjusted EBITDA is provided as a convenience to the Company's lenders because adjusted EBITDA is a component of certain debt covenants.
- (5) During the second quarter of fiscal 2007, Scotts Miracle-Gro completed a significant recapitalization plan. The objective of this plan, announced on December 12, 2006, was to return \$750 million to the Company's shareholders. This was accomplished via a share repurchase that totaled \$245.5 million, or 4.5 million shares, which was completed via a modified Dutch auction tender offer on February 14, 2007, and a special one-time cash dividend of \$8.00 per share, totaling \$508.0 million, which was paid on March 5, 2007 to shareholders of record as of February 26, 2007.

In order to fund these transactions, the Company entered into new credit facilities aggregating to \$2.15 billion. As part of this debt restructuring, the Company launched a successful tender offer for all of its \$200 million 6 5/8% senior subordinated notes, which were retired in the second quarter.

Subsequent to the completion of this recapitalization, the Company's interest expense will be significantly higher as a result of the borrowings incurred to fund the cash returned to shareholders and related expenses. The following pro forma incremental interest expense has been determined as if the Company had completed these recapitalization transactions as of October 1, 2005 for fiscal 2006 and October 1, 2006 for fiscal 2007. Borrowing rates in effect as of March 30, 2007 were used to compute this pro forma interest expense. As the recapitalization involved a share repurchase, pro forma diluted shares are also provided.

| | Fiscal 2006 | | | | Fiscal 2007 | |
|--|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| | First Quarter | Second Quarter | Third Quarter | Fourth Quarter | First <u>Quarter</u> | Second Quarter |
| Incremental interest on recapitalization borrowings | \$ 13.0 | \$ 13.1 | \$ 13.3 | \$ 13.6 | \$ 13.1 | \$ 8.7 |
| New credit facility interest rate differential | 1.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.5 |
| Incremental amortization of new credit facility fees | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Pro forma incremental interest from | | | | | | |
| recapitalization | <u>\$ 14.6</u> | <u>\$ 15.8</u> | <u>\$ 16.0</u> | <u>\$ 14.8</u> | <u>\$ 14.3</u> | <u>\$ 9.3</u> |
| Year-to-date incremental interest | | <u>\$ 30.4</u> | <u>\$ 46.4</u> | <u>\$ 61.2</u> | | \$ 23.6 |
| Pro forma effective tax rates | <u>36.7</u> % | <u>36.7</u> % | <u>36.7</u> % | <u>36.7</u> % | <u>36.0</u> % | <u>36.0</u> % |
| Common shares and potential common shares used in diluted income per share calculation | 68.0 | 69.6 | 69.4 | 66.8 | 67.2 | 67.8 |
| Incremental impact of repurchased shares | (4.5) | (4.5) | (4.5) | (4.5) | (4.5) | (2.7) |
| Incremental impact on potential common shares | _ | 0.3 | 0.3 | _ | _ | 0.1 |
| Pro forma diluted shares | 63.5 | 65.4 | 65.2 | 62.3 | 62.7 | 65.2 |
| Year-to-date pro forma diluted shares | | 65.8 | 65.5 | 65.2 | | 65.0 |