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## Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 <br> FOR QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED JULY 28, 2007 <br> COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-9656

## LA-Z-BOY INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)


Registrant's telephone number, including area code (734) 242-1444

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\frac{\text { None }}{\text { (Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report.) }}
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes $\square$ No o
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).
Yes o No $\square$
Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:
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Common Shares, \$1.00 par value
51,379,677
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PART I
FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Item 1. Financial Statements

## LA-Z-BOY INCORPORATED

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

| (Unaudited, amounts in thousands, except per share data) | First Quarter Ended |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 7/28/07 | 7/29/06 | \% Over <br> (Under) | Percent of Sales |  |
|  |  |  |  | 7/28/07 | 7/29/06 |
| Sales | \$ 344,396 | \$ 393,923 | -12.6\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% |
| Cost of sales |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cost of goods sold | 259,143 | 296,008 | -12.5\% | 75.2\% | 75.1\% |
| Restructuring | 2,561 | - | N/M | 0.7\% | - |
| Total cost of sales | 261,704 | 296,008 | -11.6\% | 76.0\% | 75.1\% |
| Gross profit | 82,692 | 97,915 | -15.5\% | 24.0\% | 24.9\% |
| Selling, general and administrative | 94,508 | 94,683 | -0.2\% | 27.4\% | 24.0\% |
| Restructuring | 1,120 | - | N/M | 0.3\% | - |
| Operating income (loss) | $(12,936)$ | 3,232 | -500.2\% | -3.8\% | 0.8\% |
| Interest expense | 2,097 | 2,526 | -17.0\% | 0.6\% | 0.6\% |
| Other income, net | 1,448 | 270 | 436.3\% | 0.4\% | 0.1\% |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes | $(13,585)$ | 976 | N/M | -3.9\% | 0.2\% |
| Income tax benefit | $(5,043)$ | (116) | N/M | 37.1\%* | -11.9\%* |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | $(8,542)$ | 1,092 | -882.2\% | -2.5\% | 0.3\% |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations (net of tax) | (152) | 1,203 | -112.6\% | -\% | 0.3\% |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (8,694) | \$ 2,295 | -478.8\% | -2.5\% | 0.6\% |
| Basic average shares | 51,380 | 51,787 |  |  |  |
| Basic income (loss) from continuing operations per share | \$ (0.17) | \$ 0.02 |  |  |  |
| Discontinued operations per share (net of tax) | - | 0.02 |  |  |  |
| Basic net income (loss) per share | \$ (0.17) | \$ 0.04 |  |  |  |
| Diluted average shares | 51,380 | 51,971 |  |  |  |
| Diluted income (loss) from continuing operations per share | \$ (0.17) | \$ 0.02 |  |  |  |
| Discontinued operations per share (net of tax) | - | 0.02 |  |  |  |
| Diluted net income (loss) per share | \$ (0.17) | \$ 0.04 |  |  |  |
| Dividends paid per share | \$ 0.12 | \$ 0.12 |  |  |  |

* As a percent of pretax income, not sales.
$\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{M}=$ not meaningful
The accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.


## LA-Z-BOY INCORPORATED

 CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET| (Unaudited, amounts in thousands) | 7/28/07 | 7/29/06 | Increase/(Decrease) |  | 4/28/07 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Dollars | Percent |  |
| Current assets |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and equivalents | \$ 23,786 | \$ 28,393 | \$ (4,607) | -16.2\% | \$ 51,721 |
| Receivables, net | 207,142 | 230,385 | $(23,243)$ | -10.1\% | 230,399 |
| Inventories, net | 202,763 | 238,758 | $(35,995)$ | -15.1\% | 197,790 |
| Deferred income taxes-current | 13,857 | 14,491 | (634) | -4.4\% | 17,283 |
| Assets of discontinued operations | 22,613 | - | 22,613 | N/M | 24,278 |
| Other current assets | 22,732 | 26,928 | $(4,196)$ | -15.6\% | 19,327 |
| Total current assets | 492,893 | 538,955 | $(46,062)$ | -8.5\% | 540,798 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 181,590 | 208,343 | $(26,753)$ | -12.8\% | 183,218 |
| Deferred income taxes-long term | 21,417 | 1,893 | 19,524 | N/M | 15,380 |
| Goodwill | 55,659 | 62,236 | $(6,577)$ | -10.6\% | 55,659 |
| Trade names | 9,006 | 18,794 | $(9,788)$ | -52.1\% | 9,472 |
| Other long-term assets | 74,830 | 79,958 | $(5,128)$ | -6.4\% | 74,164 |
| Total assets | \$835,395 | \$910,179 | \$(74,784) | -8.2\% | \$878,691 |
| Current liabilities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$ 37,910 | \$ 2,974 | \$ 34,936 | N/M | \$ 37,688 |
| Accounts payable | 52,515 | 74,368 | $(21,853)$ | -29.4\% | 68,089 |
| Liabilities of discontinued operations | 4,005 | - | 4,005 | N/M | 3,843 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | 97,445 | 116,686 | $(19,241)$ | -16.5\% | 118,590 |
| Total current liabilities | 191,875 | 194,028 | $(2,153)$ | -1.1\% | 228,210 |
| Long-term debt | 111,238 | 158,110 | $(46,872)$ | -29.6\% | 111,714 |
| Income taxes payable - long term | 8,091 | - | 8,091 | N/M | - |
| Other long-term liabilities | 55,284 | 53,590 | 1,694 | 3.2\% | 53,419 |
| Contingencies and commitments | - | - | - |  | - |
| Shareholders' equity |  |  |  |  |  |
| Common shares, \$1 par value | 51,380 | 51,578 | (198) | -0.4\% | 51,377 |
| Capital in excess of par value | 205,603 | 208,128 | $(2,525)$ | -1.2\% | 208,283 |
| Retained earnings | 210,009 | 240,545 | $(30,536)$ | -12.7\% | 223,896 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 1,915 | 4,200 | $(2,285)$ | -54.4\% | 1,792 |
| Total shareholders' equity | 468,907 | 504,451 | $(35,544)$ | -7.0\% | 485,348 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$835,395 | \$910,179 | $\underline{\underline{\text { ( } 74,784)}}$ | -8.2\% | \$878,691 |

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## LA-Z-BOY INCORPORATED

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS



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## LA-Z-BOY INCORPORATED

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

| (Unaudited, amounts in thousands) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Common } \\ \text { Shares } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Capital in } \\ \text { Excess of Par } \\ \text { Value } \end{gathered}$ |  | Retained Earnings |  | Unearned Compensation |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Accumulated } \\ \text { Other } \\ \text { Compre- } \\ \text { hensive } \\ \text { Income(Loss) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| At April 29, 2006 | \$ | 51,782 | \$ | 210,826 | \$ | 246,387 | \$ | $(3,083)$ | \$ | 4,433 | \$ | 510,345 |
| Reclassification of unearned compensation due to adoption of SFAS No. 123(R) |  |  |  | $(3,083)$ |  |  |  | 3,083 |  |  |  | - |
| Repurchases of common stock |  | (540) |  |  |  | $(6,407)$ |  |  |  |  |  | $(6,947)$ |
| Stock issued for stock and employee benefit plans |  | 135 |  | $(3,458)$ |  | 4,663 |  |  |  |  |  | 1,340 |
| Stock option and restricted stock expense |  |  |  | 3,959 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3,959 |
| Tax benefit from exercise of options |  |  |  | 39 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 39 |
| Dividends paid |  |  |  |  |  | $(24,886)$ |  |  |  |  |  | $(24,886)$ |
| Comprehensive income (loss) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income |  |  |  |  |  | 4,139 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unrealized Gain on marketable securities (net of tax of $\$ 0.5$ million) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,145 |  |  |
| Realized Gains on marketable securities (net of tax of $\$ 0.3$ million) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (458) |  |  |
| Translation adjustment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,418 |  |  |
| Change in fair value of cash flow hedges (net of tax) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (118) |  |  |
| Change in additional minimum pension liability (net of tax of $\$ 0.1$ million) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 319 |  |  |
| Total comprehensive income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6,445 |
| Adjustment upon adoption of SFAS No. 158 for pension (net of tax of $\$ 3.2$ million) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $(4,947)$ |  | $(4,947)$ |
| At April 28, 2007 | \$ | 51,377 | \$ | 208,283 | \$ | 223,896 | \$ | - | \$ | 1,792 | \$ | 485,348 |
| Stock issued for stock and employee benefit plans |  | 3 |  | $(3,541)$ |  | 3,516 |  |  |  |  |  | (22) |
| Stock option and restricted stock expense |  |  |  | 861 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 861 |
| Dividends paid |  |  |  |  |  | $(6,209)$ |  |  |  |  |  | $(6,209)$ |
| Comprehensive income (loss) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net loss |  |  |  |  |  | $(8,694)$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unrealized loss on marketable securities (net of tax) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (481) |  |  |
| Realization of losses on marketable securities (net of tax) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7 |  |  |
| Translation adjustment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 565 |  |  |
| Change in fair value of cash flow hedges (net of tax) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 32 |  |  |
| Total comprehensive loss |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $(8,571)$ |
| Impact of adoption of FIN 48 |  |  |  |  |  | $(2,500)$ |  |  |  |  |  | $(2,500)$ |
| At July 28, 2007 | \$ | 51,380 | \$ | 205,603 | \$ | 210,009 | \$ | - | \$ | 1,915 | \$ | 468,907 |

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Note 1: Basis of Presentation

The interim financial information is prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and such principles are applied on a basis consistent with those reflected in our fiscal 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, but does not include all the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles. In the opinion of management, the interim financial information includes all adjustments and accruals, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, which are necessary for a fair presentation of results for the respective interim period.

## Note 2: Interim Results

The foregoing interim results are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations which will occur for the full fiscal year ending April 26, 2008.

## Note 3: Reclassification

Certain prior year information has been reclassified to be comparable with the current year presentation.

## Note 4: Inventories

A summary of inventory follows:

| (Unaudited, amounts in thousands) | 7/28/07 | 7/29/06 | 4/28/07 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raw materials | \$ 79,788 | \$ 81,453 | \$ 69,562 |
| Work in process | 18,647 | 27,660 | 19,972 |
| Finished goods | 128,751 | 151,451 | 132,679 |
| FIFO inventories | 227,186 | 260,564 | 222,213 |
| Excess of FIFO over LIFO | $(24,423)$ | $(21,806)$ | $(24,423)$ |
| Inventories, net | $\underline{\underline{\$ 202,763}}$ | $\underline{\underline{\$ 238,758}}$ | $\underline{\underline{\text { \$197,790 }}}$ |

## Note 5: Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

In accordance with SFAS No. 142, trade names are tested at least annually for impairment by comparing their fair value to their carrying values. The fair value for each trade name is established based upon a royalty savings approach. Additionally, goodwill is tested for impairment by comparing the fair value of our operating units to their carrying values. The fair value for each operating unit is established based upon a combination of the discounted cash flows and the projected profitability of the market in which the entity operates.

In the first quarter of fiscal 2008, we reevaluated our tax reserves relating to an acquisition in fiscal 2000. Due primarily to the lapsing of statutes of limitations, a reduction of the tax reserves was recorded. This reduction in the tax reserves was recorded as a reduction in the remaining acquired intangible assets, which consisted of trade names and totaled $\$ 0.7$ million. Of this reduction $\$ 0.3$ million related to trade names of our discontinued operations and is not shown in the table that follows.

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The following table summarizes the changes to goodwill and trade names during the first quarter of fiscal 2008:

| (Amounts in thousands) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Balance } \\ \text { as of } \\ 4 / 28 / 07 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Acquisitions, Dispositions and Other | $\begin{gathered} \text { Balance } \\ \text { as of } \\ 7 / 28 / 07 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Goodwill |  |  |  |
| Upholstery Group | \$ 19,632 | - | \$ 19,632 |
| Retail Group | 27,905 | - | 27,905 |
| Corporate and Other | 8,122 | - | 8,122 |
| Consolidated | \$ 55,659 | - | \$ 55,659 |
| Tradenames |  |  |  |
| Casegoods Group | \$ 9,472 | (466) | \$ 9,006 |

## Note 6: Debt

| (Amounts in thousands) | Fiscal Year Maturity | 7/28/2007 | 4/28/2007 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revolving credit facility | 2010 | \$ | \$ |
| Industrial revenue bonds | 2010-2023 | 16,846 | 16,851 |
| Private placement notes | 2008 | 35,000 | 35,000 |
|  | 2010 | 36,000 | 36,000 |
|  | 2013 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Other debt | 2008-2011 | 9,842 | 9,768 |
| Capital leases | 2008-2011 | 1,460 | 1,783 |
| Total debt |  | 149,148 | 149,402 |
| Less: current portion |  | $(37,910)$ | $(37,688)$ |
| Long-term debt |  | \$ 111,238 | \$ 111,714 |

Our debt agreements require that certain financial covenants be met. We are currently in compliance with the financial covenants in our credit agreements. While our present forecasts indicate we will continue to be in compliance, if business conditions continue to deteriorate, we may need to negotiate with our lenders to amend the agreements to include less restrictive covenants. Based upon several considerations underlying our overall financial position, including our historical profitability and ability to generate positive operating cash flow, we expect these negotiations, if required, would be completed in a timely manner; however our financing costs could increase if these renegotiations become necessary.

## Note 7: Pension Plans

Net periodic pension costs were as follows:

| (Unaudited, amounts in thousands) | First Quarter Ended |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | /28/07 | 7/29/06 |  |
| Service cost | \$ | 441 | \$ | 576 |
| Interest cost |  | 1,346 |  | 1,338 |
| Expected return on plan assets |  | $(1,839)$ |  | $(1,719)$ |
| Net amortization and deferral |  | - |  | 9 |
| Net periodic pension cost (benefit) | \$ | (52) | \$ | 204 |

We are not required to make any contributions to the defined benefit plans in fiscal year 2008, however we may make discretionary contributions. We did not make any contributions to the plans during the first three months of fiscal 2008.

## Note 8: Financial Guarantees and Product Warranties

We have provided financial guarantees relating to leases in connection with certain La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries ${ }^{\circledR}$ stores which are not operated by the company. The lease guarantees are generally for real estate leases and have terms lasting from five to ten years. These lease guarantees enhance the credit of these dealers. The dealer is required to make periodic fee payments to compensate us for our guarantees. We have recognized liabilities for the fair values of the lease agreements that we have entered into, but they are not material to our financial position.

We would be required to perform under these agreements only if the dealer were to default on the lease. The maximum amount of potential future payments under lease guarantees was $\$ 13.9$ million as of July 28, 2007.

We have, from time to time, entered into agreements which resulted in indemnifying third parties against certain liabilities, mainly environmental obligations. We believe that judgments, if any, against us related to such agreements would not have a material effect on our business or financial condition.

Our accounting policy for product warranties is to accrue an estimated liability at the time the revenue is recognized. This estimate is based on historical claims and adjusted for currently known warranty issues.

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A reconciliation of the changes in our product warranty liability is as follows:

| (Amounts in thousands) | First Quarter Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 7/28/07 | 7/29/06 |
| Balance as of the beginning of the period | \$ 13,983 | \$ 19,655 |
| Accruals during the period | 4,183 | 4,110 |
| Adjustments for discontinued operations | - | (956) |
| Other adjustments during the period | - | (771) |
| Settlements during the period | $(4,206)$ | $(4,222)$ |
| Balance as of the end of the period | \$ 13,960 | \$ 17,816 |

## Note 9: Stock-Based Compensation

In the first quarter of fiscal 2008, we granted 0.6 million stock options to employees. The fair value for the employee stock options granted was estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model, which requires management to make certain assumptions. Expected volatility was estimated based on the historical volatility of our common shares. The average expected life was based on the contractual term of the stock option and expected employee exercise and post-vesting employment termination trends. The risk-free rate was based on U.S. Treasury issues with a term equal to the expected life assumed at the date of grant. The turnover rate was estimated at the date of grant based on historical experience. The fair value of stock options granted during the first quarter of fiscal 2008 was calculated using the following assumptions:

|  | $7 / 28807$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Risk-free interest rate | $5.0 \%$ |
| Dividend rate | $3.8 \%$ |
| Expected life in years | 4.0 |
| Stock price volatility | $35.0 \%$ |
| Turnover rate | $2.5 \%$ |
| Fair Value Per Share | $\$ 2.88$ |

We also granted 0.2 million restricted shares to employees in the first quarter of fiscal 2008. Compensation expense for restricted stock is equal to the market value of our common shares on the date of the award and is recognized over the service period.
Additionally in the first quarter of fiscal 2008, we granted 0.3 million performance awards. These awards allow for the potential award of common shares to employees based on the attainment of certain financial goals over a three-year performance period. The shares are offered at no cost to the employees. The cost of performance-based awards is expensed over the performance period.

Total compensation expense recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Operations for all equity based compensation was $\$ 0.9$ million for the first quarter of fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007.

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## Note 10: Segment Information

Our reportable operating segments are the Upholstery Group, the Casegoods Group and the Retail Group.
Upholstery Group. The operating units in the Upholstery Group are Bauhaus, England, La-Z-Boy and La-Z-Boy UK. This group primarily manufactures and sells upholstered furniture to furniture retailers. Upholstered furniture includes recliners and motion furniture, sofas, loveseats, chairs, ottomans and sleeper sofas.

Casegoods Group. The operating units in the Casegoods Group are American Drew/Lea, Hammary and Kincaid. This group primarily sells manufactured or imported wood furniture to furniture retailers. Casegoods product includes tables, chairs, entertainment centers, headboards, dressers, accent pieces and some upholstered furniture.

Retail Group. The Retail Group consists of 69 company-owned La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries ${ }^{\circledR}$ stores ("the retail network"). The Retail Group sells mostly upholstered furniture to end consumers.

| (Unaudited amounts in thousands) | First Quarter Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 7 / 28 / 07 \\ \text { (13 weeks) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7 / 29 / 06 \\ \text { (13 weeks) } \end{gathered}$ |
| Sales |  |  |
| Upholstery Group | \$ 254,757 | \$ 295,397 |
| Casegoods Group | 53,574 | 61,026 |
| Retail Group | 45,231 | 52,204 |
| VIEs/Eliminations | $(9,166)$ | $(14,704)$ |
| Consolidated | \$344,396 | \$393,923 |
|  |  |  |
| Operating income (loss) |  |  |
| Upholstery Group | \$ 8,867 | \$ 17,625 |
| Casegoods Group | 2,600 | 3,242 |
| Retail Group | $(10,074)$ | $(7,715)$ |
| Corporate and Other* | $(10,648)$ | $(9,920)$ |
| Restructuring | $(3,681)$ | - |
|  | \$ (12,936) | \$ 3,232 |

* Variable Interest Entities ("VIEs") are included in corporate and other.


## Note 11: Restructuring

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007, we committed to a restructuring plan which included the closures of our Lincolnton, North Carolina and Iuka, Mississippi upholstery manufacturing facilities, the closure of our rough mill lumber operation in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, the consolidation of operations at our Kincaid Taylorsville, North Carolina upholstery operation and the elimination of a number of positions throughout the remainder of the organization. The Lincolnton and Iuka facility closures occurred in the first quarter of fiscal 2008 and impacted approximately 250 and 150 employees, respectively. The closure of our North Wilkesboro lumber operation, the consolidation of operations at Kincaid's Taylorsville operation and the remaining activities occurred in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007 and impacted approximately 100 positions. These decisions were made to help align our company with the current business environment and strengthen our positioning going forward. During the first quarter of fiscal 2008, we recorded pre-tax restructuring charges in
cost of sales of $\$ 2.6$ million or $\$ 0.03$ per diluted share covering severance and benefits and other restructuring costs. During fiscal 2007, we recorded pre-tax restructuring charges of $\$ 4.3$ million or $\$ 0.05$ per diluted share covering severance and benefits, write-down of certain fixed assets in addition to other restructuring costs. Of these costs $\$ 4.0$ million was reported as a component of Cost of Sales with the remainder in Selling, General and Administrative. The write-down was accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets. All other costs were accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 146, Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.
During fiscal 2007, several of our Retail warehouses were consolidated into larger facilities and several underperforming stores were closed. Approximately 100 jobs were eliminated as a result of these closures. During the first quarter of fiscal 2008, we recorded pre-tax restructuring charges of $\$ 1.1$ million or $\$ 0.01$ per diluted share covering contract termination costs for the leases on these facilities, severance and benefits, write-down of certain leasehold improvements in addition to other relocation costs which were expensed as incurred. In fiscal 2007, we recorded pre-tax restructuring charges of $\$ 7.3$ million or $\$ 0.08$ per diluted share covering contract termination costs for the leases on these facilities, severance and benefits, write-down of certain leasehold improvements in addition to other relocation costs which were expensed as incurred. These costs were reported as a component of Selling, General and Administrative costs. The write-down was accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets. All other costs were accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 146, Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.

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As of July 28 , 2007, we had a remaining restructuring liability of $\$ 4.6$ million which is expected to be paid out or written off as follows: $\$ 3.6$ million in fiscal 2008, $\$ 0.4$ million in fiscal 2009, $\$ 0.4$ million in fiscal 2010 and $\$ 0.2$ million thereafter. Contract terminations resulting from the closure of several of our retail stores and warehouses resulted in our restructuring liability being paid out over an extended length of time.

Restructuring liabilities along with charges to expense, cash payments or asset write-downs were as follows:

|  |  | Fiscal 2008 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Unaudited, amounts in thousands) | 4/28/07 <br> Balance | Charges to Expense | Cash Payments or Asset Write-Offs | 7/28/07 <br> Balance |
| Severance and benefit-related costs | \$2,177 | \$1,838 | \$ (718) | \$3,297 |
| Fixed asset write-downs, net of gains | - | 142 | (142) | - |
| Contract termination costs | 1,257 | 449 | (450) | 1,256 |
| Other | - | 1,252 | $(1,252)$ | - |
| Total restructuring | \$3,434 | \$3,681 | \$(2,562) | \$4,553 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| (Unaudited, amounts in thousands) | 4/29/06 <br> Balance | Charges to Expense | Cash Payments or Asset Write-Offs | 4/28/07 <br> Balance |
| Severance and benefit-related costs | \$891 | \$ 2,537 | \$(1,251) | \$2,177 |
| Fixed asset write-downs, net of gains | - | 1,091 | $(1,091)$ | - |
| Contract termination costs | - | 3,441 | $(2,184)$ | 1,257 |
| Other | - | 3,964 | $(3,964)$ | - |
| Total restructuring | \$891 | \$11,033 | \$(8,490) | \$3,434 |

## Note 12: Uncertain Tax Positions

We adopted FASB interpretation No. 48 ("FIN 48"), Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - an interpretation of FASB 109, effective as of April 29, 2007. As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, we recognized a $\$ 2.5$ million decrease to beginning retained earnings. We have elected to continue to classify interest and penalties, accrued as required by FIN 48, as a part of income tax expense. As of April 29, 2007, the gross amount of interest and penalties due to unrecognized tax benefits was $\$ 3.1$ million. An additional $\$ 0.2$ million of interest and penalties was accrued during the first quarter of fiscal 2008.

The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits as of the date of adoption is $\$ 9.6$ million, which includes $\$ 1.7$ million attributable to timing differences that, once resolved, will have no impact on our effective tax rate. If recognized, $\$ 7.1$ million of unrecognized tax benefits would decrease our effective tax rate. We anticipate that the amount of unrecognized tax benefits will decrease by $\$ 0.3$ million by the end of the current year. This decrease relates to anticipated settlements of outstanding issues with specific states.

United States federal income tax returns filed by us remain subject to examination for tax years 2004 and subsequent. In addition, our State returns remain subject to exam for tax years 2003 and subsequent. Canadian federal and provincial returns remain subject to examination for tax years 2002 and subsequent.

## Note 13: Variable Interest Entities

Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 46R, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities ("FIN 46"), requires the "primary beneficiary" of a VIE to include the VIE's assets, liabilities and operating results in its consolidated financial statements. In general, a VIE is a corporation, partnership, limited-liability corporation, trust or any other legal structure used to conduct activities or hold assets that either (a) has an insufficient amount of equity to carry out its principal activities without additional subordinated financial support, (b) has a group of equity owners that are unable to make significant decisions about its activities, or (c) has a group of equity owners that do not have the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive returns generated by its operations.
La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® stores that are not operated by us are operated by independent dealers. These stores sell La-Z-Boy manufactured products as well as various accessories purchased from approved La-Z-Boy vendors. In some cases we have extended credit beyond normal trade terms to the independent dealers, made direct loans and/or guaranteed certain leases. Most of these independent dealers have sufficient equity to carry out their principal operating activities without subordinated financial support. However, there are certain independent dealers that we have determined may not have sufficient equity.
We have consolidated several dealers where we were the primary beneficiary based on the fair value of our variable interests. All of our consolidated VIEs were recorded at fair value on the date we became the primary beneficiary. Because these entities are accounted for as if the entities were consolidated based on voting interests, we absorb all net losses of the VIEs in excess of the equity at the dealerships. We recognize all net earnings of these VIEs to the extent of recouping the losses we recorded. Earnings in excess of our losses are attributed to equity owners of the dealers and are shown as minority interest on our financial statements. We had four consolidated VIEs throughout the first quarter of fiscal 2008 and 2007.
Our consolidated VIEs recognized $\$ 11.9$ million and $\$ 11.7$ million in sales, net of intercompany eliminations, in the first quarter of fiscal 2008 and the first quarter of fiscal 2007, respectively. Additionally, we recognized a net loss per share of $\$ 0.03$ and $\$ 0.02$ in the first quarter of fiscal 2008 and the first quarter of fiscal 2007, respectively, resulting from the operating results of these VIEs. The VIEs had $\$ 2.4$ million, $\$ 7.0$ million and $\$ 2.8$ million of assets net of elimination of intercompany balances at the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2008, the first quarter of fiscal 2007 and at the end of fiscal 2007, respectively.

## Note 14: Discontinued Operations

During the first quarter of fiscal 2007, we completed the sale of our American of Martinsville operating unit, which supplied contract furniture to the hospitality, assisted-living and governmental markets. This operating unit was not a strategic fit with our current business model, which is centered on providing comfortable and stylish furnishings for the home, and was not a large enough component of our overall business (about $5 \%$ of sales) to justify our continued corporate focus and resources. We sold the business for $\$ 33.2$ million, recognizing a pre-tax gain in the first quarter of $\$ 2.1$ million. This disposition qualified as discontinued operations. Accordingly, our Consolidated Statement of Operations for the prior year has been reclassified to reflect the results of operations of this divested business as discontinued operations with taxes allocated based on the operating units' estimated effective tax rate and no corporate expenses or interest allocated. The business unit was previously included in the Casegoods Group, which was reclassified to reflect the discontinued operations.

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Additionally, during the third quarter of fiscal 2007, we committed to a plan to sell Sam Moore, which was a part of our Upholstery Group, and to sell Clayton Marcus and Pennsylvania House, which were part of our Casegoods Group. As we have continued to assess our long-term strategic direction, we have determined that these operating units do not align with our current strategic plan. Due to this decision these operating units were presented as discontinued operations beginning in the third quarter of fiscal 2007 and segment data was reclassified. Accordingly, our Consolidated Statement of Operations for the prior year has been reclassified to reflect the results of these operations as discontinued operations, with taxes allocated based on the operating units' estimated effective tax rate and no corporate expenses or interest allocated.

As a result of the decision to sell Sam Moore, Clayton Marcus and Pennsylvania House and subsequent testing of the fair value of the assets remaining to be sold, we recorded a $\$ 17.5$ million ( $\$ 13.7$ million net of taxes) impairment charge in the third quarter of fiscal 2007 that is included in discontinued operations on our Consolidated Statement of Operations. The pretax impairment charge was comprised of $\$ 3.6$ million for impairment of the trade names, $\$ 7.3$ million for impairment of goodwill, $\$ 0.2$ million of other intangibles, $\$ 1.7$ million for write-down of LIFO inventory relating to the APB 16 acquisition adjustment, $\$ 1.0$ million for allowance for inventory and $\$ 3.7$ million for the write down of fixed assets.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007, current market data indicated the fixed assets for Clayton Marcus and Pennsylvania House were recorded above fair value, which resulted in an additional $\$ 1.3$ million impairment of their fixed assets. The assets and liabilities of Pennsylvania House and Clayton Marcus were recorded at fair value less cost to sell as of July 28, 2007; however, based on current levels of interest in the businesses, we could recognize additional losses depending on the final disposition of these assets and liabilities.
On April 27, 2007, we completed the sale of our Sam Moore operating unit, an upholstered chair manufacturer. We sold the business for $\$ 9.9$ million, consisting of $\$ 9.5$ million in cash and a receivable of $\$ 0.4$ million, recognizing a loss in the fourth quarter of $\$ 0.3$ million. The receivable was subsequently collected in the first quarter of fiscal 2008.

For Clayton Marcus and Pennsylvania House, the assets and liabilities have been reclassified as assets and liabilities of discontinued operations.

| (Unaudited, amounts in thousands) | 7/28/2007 | 4/28/2007 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets of discontinued operations: |  |  |
| Receivables, net | \$ 4,346 | \$ 7,140 |
| Inventories, net | 12,077 | 10,978 |
| Trade names | 5,458 | 5,740 |
| Other assets | 732 | 420 |
|  | \$ 22,613 | \$ 24,278 |
|  |  |  |
| Liabilities of discontinued operations: |  |  |
| Accounts payable | \$ 1,751 | \$ 1,591 |
| Accrued expenses | 2,059 | 2,057 |
| Non-current liabilities | 195 | 195 |
|  | \$ 4,005 | \$ 3,843 |

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The results of the discontinued operations for Clayton Marcus and Pennsylvania House for the first quarter ended fiscal 2008 and for Sam Moore, Clayton Marcus, Pennsylvania House, and American of Martinsville for the first quarter ended fiscal 2007 were as follows:

|  | First Quarter Ended |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (Unaudited, amounts in thousands) | $7 / 28 / 2007 / 2006$ |  |
| Net sales | $\$ 10,735$ | $\$ 49,399$ |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax | $\$(152)$ | $\$(77)$ |
| Gain on sale of discontinued operations, net of tax | $\$(-$ | $\$ 1,280$ |

In the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, the cash flows of discontinued operations were not reclassified for fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007. The assets and liabilities of these operating units were not reclassified for first quarter of fiscal 2007. They are reported in the respective categories of the Consolidated Balance Sheet and Statement of Cash Flows along with those of our continuing operations.

## Note 15: Earnings per Share

Basic earnings per share is computed using the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income per share uses the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period plus the additional common shares that would be outstanding if the dilutive potential common shares issuable under employee stock options were issued. A reconciliation of basic and diluted weighted average common shares outstanding follows:

| (Unaudited, amounts in thousands) | First Quarter Ended |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding (basic) | 51,380 | 51,787 |
| Effect of options and unvested restricted stock | - | 184 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding (diluted) | 51,380 | 51,971 |

The weighted average common shares outstanding (diluted) at July 28, 2007 excludes the effect of options to purchase 0.2 million shares because the net loss in the first quarter of fiscal 2008 would cause the effect of options to be anti-dilutive.

The effect of additional options to purchase 2.2 million and 1.6 million shares for the quarters ended July 28, 2007 and July 29, 2006 with a weighted average exercise price of $\$ 16.59$ and $\$ 20.14$ respectively, were excluded from the diluted share calculation because the exercise prices of these options were higher than the weighted average share price for the quarters and would have been anti-dilutive.

## ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Our Management's Discussion and Analysis is an integral part of understanding our financial results. This Management's Discussion and Analysis should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. We begin the Management's Discussion and Analysis with an introduction to La-Z-Boy Incorporated's key businesses, strategies and significant operational events in fiscal 2008. We then provide a discussion of our results of operations, liquidity and capital resources, quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk, and critical accounting policies.

## Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

We are making forward-looking statements in this report. Generally, forward-looking statements include information concerning possible or assumed future actions, events or results of operations. More specifically, forward-looking statements include the information in this document regarding:

| future income, margins and cash flows | future economic performance |
| :--- | :--- |
| future growth | industry and importing trends |
| adequacy and cost of financial resources | management plans |

Forward-looking statements also include those preceded or followed by the words "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "hopes," "plans," "intends" and "expects" or similar expressions. With respect to all forward-looking statements, we claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated or projected due to a number of factors. These factors include, but are not limited to: (a) changes in consumer confidence; (b) changes in demographics; (c) changes in housing sales; (d) the impact of terrorism or war; (e) continued energy price changes; (f) the impact of logistics on imports; (g) the impact of interest rate changes; (h) changes in currency exchange rates; (i) competitive factors; (j) operating factors, such as supply, labor or distribution disruptions including changes in operating conditions or costs; (k) effects of restructuring actions; (l) changes in the domestic or international regulatory environment; ( $\mathrm{m} \mathrm{)} \mathrm{ability} \mathrm{to} \mathrm{implement} \mathrm{global} \mathrm{sourcing} \mathrm{organization} \mathrm{strategies;} \mathrm{( } \mathrm{n} \mathrm{)} \mathrm{fair} \mathrm{value} \mathrm{changes} \mathrm{to} \mathrm{our} \mathrm{intangible} \mathrm{{ }}^{\text {a }}$. assets due to actual results differing from projected; (o) the impact of adopting new accounting principles; (p) the impact from natural events such as hurricanes, earthquakes and tornadoes; (q) the impact of retail store relocation costs, the success of new stores or the timing of converting stores to the New Generation format; (r) the ability to procure fabric rolls or cut and sewn fabric sets domestically or abroad; (s) the ability to sell the discontinued operations for their recorded fair value; (t) those matters discussed in Item 1A of our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K and factors relating to acquisitions and other factors identified from time to time in our reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, either to reflect new developments or for any other reason.

## Introduction

La-Z-Boy Incorporated manufactures, markets, imports, distributes and retails upholstery products and casegoods (wood) furniture products. Our La-Z-Boy brand is the most recognized brand in the furniture industry, and we are the leading global producer of reclining chairs. We own 69 La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries ${ }^{\circledR}$ stores, which are retail locations dedicated to marketing our La-Z-Boy branded product. These 69 stores are part of the larger store network of La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries ${ }^{\circledR}$ stores which includes a total of 333 stores, the balance of which are independently owned and operated. The network constitutes the industry's largest single-branded upholstered furniture retailer in North America. These stores combine the style, comfort and quality of La-Z-Boy furniture with our in-home design service to help consumers furnish certain rooms in their homes.

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In addition to our company-owned stores, we consolidate certain of our independent dealers who did not have sufficient equity to carry out their principal business activities without our financial support. These dealers are referred to as Variable Interest Entities ("VIEs"). During the first quarter of fiscal 2007 we had four VIEs, operating 28 stores, consolidated into our Statement of Operations. At the end of the fiscal 2008 first quarter, we had four VIEs, operating 31 stores, in our Consolidated Statement of Operations.

On July 28, 2006, we completed the sale of our American of Martinsville operating unit, which supplied contract furniture to the hospitality, assisted-living and governmental markets. This operating unit was not strategically aligned with our current business model, which is centered on providing comfortable and stylish furnishings for the home, and was not a large enough component of our overall business to justify our continued corporate focus and resources. We sold the business for $\$ 33.2$ million, which resulted in an after-tax gain of $\$ 1.3$ million. This business was classified within discontinued operations for the first quarter of fiscal 2007.

During the third quarter of fiscal 2007, we committed to a plan to sell Sam Moore, an upholstered chair manufacturer located in Bedford, VA, included in the Upholstery Group, and to sell Clayton Marcus and Pennsylvania House, included in the Casegoods Group. As we have continued to assess our long-term strategic direction, we have determined that these operating units do not align with our current strategic plan. The results of operations were presented with discontinued operations for all periods.

On April 27, 2007, we sold Sam Moore for $\$ 9.9$ million, recognizing an after-tax loss in the fourth quarter of $\$ 0.3$ million.
Our reportable operating segments are the Upholstery Group, the Casegoods Group and the Retail Group. Below is a chart that shows the organizational structure of La-Z-Boy segments.


In terms of revenue, our largest segment is the Upholstery Group, which includes La-Z-Boy, our largest operating unit. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007 we announced a restructuring plan to close two of our upholstery manufacturing facilities in Lincolnton, North Carolina and Iuka, Mississippi and shift the production from these plants to other existing facilities in order to bolster our overall capacity utilization. We continue to import cut and sewn fabric kits to complement our leather kits that allow us to take full advantage of both the cost-saving opportunities presented in Asia and the speed to market advantages of a United States
manufacturing base. The Upholstery Group sells furniture mainly to La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries ${ }^{\circledR}$ stores, general dealers and department stores.
Our Casegoods Group today is primarily an importer, marketer and distributor of casegoods (wood) furniture as well as operates two manufacturing facilities in North Carolina. In order to compete globally, we have significantly changed the cost structure from fixed to highly variable. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007 we announced a restructuring plan to close the lumber operation in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, and consolidated several operations in Taylorsville, North Carolina resulting in cost savings for this group.

The Retail Group consists of 69 company-owned La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries ${ }^{\circledR}$ stores in eight markets ranging from the Midwest to the East Coast of the United States and also including southeastern Florida.

During fiscal 2008, we plan to continue to take the following actions to grow sales and improve the operating results for the Retail Group as well as to take advantage of synergies between the company-owned markets:

- Centralize certain of our advertising and marketing functions, and take advantage of the efficiencies gained as we continue the warehouse consolidation we began during the second quarter of fiscal 2007.
- Consolidate information systems and eliminate redundant processes. We are currently in the process of consolidating our information systems into one system and expect to complete this process by the end of this fiscal year.
- Expand our in-home design service, which has increased the average sale per customer where employed. Currently, $70 \%$ of our company-owned locations have this service available.
- Improve our gross margins based on better merchandising and pricing of product and services.

We believe that expanding our store network will drive top-line growth as we capitalize on the opportunities presented in larger urban markets. With the further penetration in these markets we expect to gain the efficiencies in advertising, distribution and administration we believe are necessary to achieve desired profitability. Currently, 48 of our company-owned stores are in the New Generation format, and we expect to increase this number throughout fiscal 2008. With this in mind, we continue to remain optimistic about the future performance of this segment and believe it will begin to be profitable in fiscal 2009. The retail furniture industry as a whole experienced a significant decline in same store sales during the first half of calendar 2007. We believe our lack of sales growth, which was one of our initiatives to become more profitable, has extended our breakeven time frame into fiscal 2009.

According to the May, 2007 Top 100 ranking by Furniture Today, an industry trade publication, the La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries ${ }^{\circledR}$ stores network ranks as the largest retailer of upholstered single-brand furniture in the U.S. One of our major strategic initiatives is to expand the retail opportunities of the La-Z-Boy brand name in the United States and Canada by opening new stores, relocating stores to better locations and converting existing stores to our New Generation store format. Slightly more than half of the 333 stores in the network-the majority of which are independently owned-are concentrated in the top 25 markets in the U.S. We will attempt to increase our market penetration over the next few years in the top 25 markets, allowing our dealers and companyowned stores to create operating efficiencies, particularly in the areas of advertising, distribution and administration. Additionally, we have an extensive La-ZBoy in-store gallery program with 281 in-store galleries. During this quarter, we began rolling out a new model for our in-store galleries referred to as our Comfort Studios. Comfort Studios are less expensive than the current in-store gallery model and provide a better presentation to our consumer. During the first quarter of fiscal 2008 we opened 12 Comfort Studios, and we expect to open 105 Comfort Studios during the remainder of fiscal 2008. Kincaid, England and Lea also

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have in-store gallery programs. The chart below shows the current structure of the La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® store network.


Results of Operations
Analysis of Operations: Quarter Ended July 28, 2007
(First Quarter 2008 compared with 2007)

| (Amounts in thousands, except per share amounts and percentages) | Quarter Ended |  | Percent change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 7/28/07 | 7/29/06 |  |
| Upholstery sales | \$254,757 | \$295,397 | -13.8\% |
| Casegoods sales | 53,574 | 61,026 | -12.2\% |
| Retail sales | 45,231 | 52,204 | -13.4\% |
| Other/eliminations* | $(9,166)$ | $(14,704)$ | 37.7\% |
| Consolidated sales | \$344,396 | \$393,923 | -12.6\% |
| Consolidated gross profit | \$ 82,692 | \$ 97,915 | -15.5\% |
| Consolidated gross margin | 24.0\% | 24.9\% |  |
| Consolidated S,G\&A | \$ 94,508 | \$ 94,683 | -0.2\% |
| S,G\&A as a percent of sales | 27.4\% | 24.0\% |  |
| Upholstery operating income | \$ 8,867 | \$ 17,625 | -49.7\% |
| Casegoods operating income | 2,600 | 3,242 | -19.8\% |
| Retail operating loss | $(10,074)$ | $(7,715)$ | -30.6\% |
| Corporate and other | $(10,648)$ | $(9,920)$ | -7.3\% |
| Restructuring | $(3,681)$ | - | - |
| Consolidated operating income (loss) | \$ $(12,936)$ | \$ 3,232 | -500.2\% |
| Upholstery operating margin | 3.5\% | 6.0\% |  |
| Casegoods operating margin | 4.9\% | 5.3\% |  |
| Retail operating margin | -22.3\% | -14.8\% |  |
| Consolidated operating margin | -3.8\% | 0.8\% |  |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ $(8,542)$ | \$ 1,092 |  |
| Diluted income (loss) per share from continuing operations | \$ (0.17) | \$ 0.02 |  |

* Includes sales from our VIEs.


## Sales

Consolidated sales were down $12.6 \%$ when compared with first quarter of fiscal 2007. Our Upholstery, Casegoods and Retail Group sales decreased, while our VIEs’ sales remained flat.

Upholstery Group sales were down $13.8 \%$ compared with the first quarter of fiscal 2007. This decrease in sales was mainly due to an overall weakness at retail.

Our Casegoods Group sales decreased $12.2 \%$ compared with the first quarter of fiscal 2007. The decrease in sales occurred across all of our Casegoods operating units and was mainly due to the overall weakness at retail.

Retail Group sales decreased $13.4 \%$ when compared with the first quarter of fiscal 2007. This decrease in sales is related to the negative effect of housing sales declines has had on the home furnishings market and the unparalleled weakness at retail for furniture.

Intercompany sales eliminations and sales of VIEs increased $\$ 5.5$ million, net, during the first quarter of fiscal 2008 when compared with the first quarter of fiscal 2007. The majority of this increase was attributable to a $\$ 5.4$ million decrease in intercompany sales eliminations. The reduction of intercompany sales eliminations was a result of a decrease in same store sales to company-owned stores due to the weak retail environment.

## Gross Margin

Gross margin decreased in the first quarter of fiscal 2008 in comparison to the first quarter of fiscal 2007 due to the following:

- With the significant decrease in volume, the decline in our margins was due to under-absorption of overhead in our plants, resulting from those lower volumes.
- Although we were able to shut down our plant in Lincolnton, North Carolina during the quarter, the inefficiencies in the plant as the final production was completed and the inefficiencies in the plants that began producing the transferred product for the first time contributed about a 0.3 percentage point negative impact to our gross margins.
- The first quarter of fiscal 2008 was impacted by net restructuring expense totaling $\$ 3.7$ million, $\$ 2.6$ million of which affected gross margin, whereas the first quarter of fiscal 2007 had no restructuring expense.


## Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses (S,G\&A) was relatively flat in dollars when compared to the prior year's first quarter, but as a percent of sales increased 3.4 percentage points. The higher level of S,G\&A as a percent of sales was mainly attributable to:

- During the past year, we opened 14 New Generation stores, remodeled 3, acquired 1 old format store and closed 14 underperforming stores. The occupancy costs for these 17 New Generation stores equates to $\$ 1.0$ million more per quarter than the underperforming stores we closed. With our $13.4 \%$ decline in sales for our Retail Group, the additional occupancy costs for these new stores increased our S,G\&A as a percent of sales by $0.3 \%$.
- The remaining increase as a percent of sales is a result of a reduction in sales volume during the quarter, when compared to the high fixed costs associated with the business, especially as it relates to our Retail operations.


## Restructuring

Restructuring costs totaled $\$ 3.7$ million for the first quarter of fiscal 2008 as compared with no restructuring expense in the first quarter of fiscal 2007. The restructuring costs in fiscal 2008 related to our closure of several manufacturing facilities, consolidation of retail warehouses, closure of underperforming retail stores, and our decision to exit the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania retail market. These costs were comprised mainly of fixed asset impairments and lease termination, severance and other restructuring costs. Of the $\$ 3.7$ million in restructuring costs during the first quarter of fiscal $2008, \$ 2.6$ million was classified in costs of goods sold relating to the closure of several manufacturing facilities and the remaining restructuring costs of $\$ 1.1$ million were reclassified as an operating expense line item below S,G\&A related to Retail operations.

## Operating Margin

Our consolidated operating margin was $-3.8 \%$ for the first quarter of fiscal 2008 and included 1.1 percentage points of restructuring charges. Operating margin for the first quarter of fiscal 2007 was $0.8 \%$ and included no restructuring charges.

The Upholstery Group operating margin decreased 2.5 percentage points for the first quarter of fiscal 2008 when compared with the prior year. Two significant factors caused the reduction in Upholstery Group operating margins: (1) the lower sales volumes created significant volume variances in our plants; and (2) the consolidation of our Lincolnton plant's product lines into our other plants and the consolidation of our metal fabrication operations caused inefficiencies in our production processes.

Our Casegoods Group operating margin remained somewhat flat during the first quarter of fiscal 2008 versus the first quarter of fiscal 2007. The significant changes that were made in the overhead structure as a result of transitioning to a primarily import business model from a manufacturing based business model in addition to improved manufacturing efficiencies in our remaining domestic manufacturing plants have allowed us to maintain our operating margin despite the reduction in sales volume.

Our Retail Group operating margin decreased by 7.5 percentage points during the first quarter of fiscal 2008 in comparison to the first quarter of fiscal 2007. As we have continued to convert, relocate or build new stores in our Retail markets and our net sales have continued to decline in light of the weak furniture retail environment, we have not been able to absorb our fixed costs. We have completed the consolidation of our warehouses in the northeast, have increased our Retail gross margins and eliminated duplicate jobs as we have consolidated functions throughout the organization, but will need to increase sales volumes to realize those savings in our Retail operating margins. Over the next two quarters, we believe that the consolidation of the remaining warehouses in Retail will be complete.

Corporate and Other operating loss increased $\$ 0.7$ million during the first quarter of fiscal 2008 when compared with the first quarter of fiscal 2007. Although we have reduced headcount in our Corporate structure
over the past year, additional consulting costs related to our strategic planning, test marketing in various markets and larger losses from our VIE's significantly offset those savings.

## Interest Expense

Interest expense for the first quarter of fiscal 2008 was less than the first quarter of fiscal 2007 due to a $\$ 28.4$ million decrease in our average debt, slightly offset by a 0.2 percentage point increase in our floating rate debt.

## Income Taxes

Our effective tax rate was $37.1 \%$ in the first quarter of fiscal 2008 compared to $-11.9 \%$ in the first quarter of fiscal 2007. The lower effective rate for 2007 was mainly due to the impact of a change in Canadian law which increased the carry forward period for net operating losses from ten years to twenty years. This change enabled us to reduce our tax valuation reserve for our Canadian net operating losses, which impacted our effective tax rate.

## Other Income

Other income increased in the first quarter of fiscal 2008 when compared with the first quarter of fiscal 2007 due to a decrease in realized foreign currency exchange losses, increased royalty income and increased investment income.

## Discontinued Operations

Our discontinued operations experienced a net operating loss of $\$ 0.2$ million after-tax for the first quarter of fiscal 2008. In the prior year, we realize a gain on the disposition of American of Martinsville of $\$ 1.3$ million after-tax.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our total assets at the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2008 decreased $\$ 43.3$ million compared with the end of fiscal 2007. The majority of this decline is attributed to accounts receivable and cash.

Our sources of cash liquidity include cash and equivalents, cash from operations and amounts available under credit facilities. These sources have been adequate for day-to-day operations, dividends to shareholders and capital expenditures. We expect these sources of liquidity to continue to be adequate for the foreseeable future. Capital expenditures for the first quarter of fiscal 2008 were $\$ 9.6$ million compared with $\$ 9.2$ million during the first quarter of fiscal 2007. During the first quarter of fiscal 2008 we exercised a $\$ 5.2$ million option to purchase property, which we subsequently sold and leased back. Similarly during the first quarter of fiscal 2007 we exercised a $\$ 3.0$ million option to purchase property, which we subsequently sold and leased back. There are no material purchase commitments for capital expenditures, which are expected to be in the range of $\$ 25$ to $\$ 29$ million in fiscal 2008 including the previously mentioned sale leaseback. We have a committed bank credit facility of $\$ 100$ million and uncommitted credit facilities in the amount of $\$ 102.6$ million of which we had no borrowings at July 28, 2007. However, outstanding letters of credit in the amount of $\$ 12.3$ million reduce our availability under these credit facilities.

We are currently in compliance with the financial covenants in our credit agreements. While our present forecasts indicate we will continue to be in compliance, if business conditions continue to deteriorate, we may need to negotiate with our lenders to amend the agreements to include less restrictive covenants. Based upon several considerations underlying our overall financial position, including our historical profitability and ability to generate positive operating cash flow, we expect these negotiations, if required, would be completed in a timely manner; however our financing costs could increase if these renegotiations become necessary.

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The following table illustrates the main components of our cash flows:

| Cash Flows Provided From (Used For) | Quarter Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Amounts in thousands) | 7/28/07 | 7/29/06 |
| Operating activities |  |  |
| Net income, depreciation and deferred taxes | \$ $(3,949)$ | \$ 5,719 |
| Gain on sales of discontinued operations (net of tax) | - | $(1,280)$ |
| Restructuring | 3,681 | - |
| Working capital and other | $(19,159)$ | $(8,938)$ |
| Cash used for operating activities | $(19,427)$ | $(4,499)$ |
| Investing activities | $(3,024)$ | 42,638 |
| Financing activities |  |  |
| Repurchase of common stock | - | $(3,686)$ |
| Net decrease in debt | (254) | $(25,015)$ |
| Other financing activities and | $(6,231)$ | $(5,141)$ |
| Cash used for financing activities | $(6,485)$ | $(33,842)$ |
| Exchange rate changes | 1,001 | 7 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | \$ $(27,935)$ | \$ 4,304 |

## Operating Activities

During the first quarter of fiscal 2008, net cash used for operating activities was $\$ 19.4$ million, compared with $\$ 4.5$ million used for the first quarter of fiscal 2007. The decrease in 2008 operating cash flows was due mainly to reductions in accounts payable and accrued liabilities offset by a reduction in accounts receivable, which related to our overall reduction in business. If business returns to historical levels, we believe these liabilities and accounts receivable would change proportionately. Discontinued operations did not have a significant impact on the cash provided by operating activities for the first quarter of fiscal 2008 or fiscal 2007.

## Investing Activities

During the first quarter of fiscal 2008, net cash used for investing activities was $\$ 3.0$ million, whereas $\$ 42.6$ million was provided by investing activities during fiscal 2007. During the first quarter of fiscal 2008, $\$ 6.4$ million in proceeds was generated by a sale-leaseback transaction we entered into with a third party. We exercised an option to purchase a property, sold it to a third party and then subsequently leased it back. In the first quarter of fiscal 2007, $\$ 30.0$ million of proceeds were received for the sale of our operating unit American of Martinsville, along with $\$ 21.2$ million in proceeds for the sale of four properties, offset by $\$ 9.2$ million of capital expenditures.

## Financing Activities

Our financing activities included borrowings and payments on our debt facilities, dividend payments, issuances of stock and stock repurchases. We used $\$ 6.5$ million of cash in financing activities in the first quarter of fiscal 2008 compared with $\$ 33.8$ million of cash used in financing activities during the first quarter of fiscal 2007. In our first quarter of fiscal 2007, we used $\$ 25.0$ million to pay down our debt. Our discontinued operations did not have a material impact on cash flows from financing activities for fiscal 2008 or 2007.

In the first quarter of fiscal 2008 we adopted FIN 48 and as a consequence, the balance sheet at the end of the quarter reflected a $\$ 7.9$ million liability. Of this amount only $\$ 0.1$ million will be settled within the next 12 months. We are uncertain at this time whether any of the remaining balance will ever be paid. There were no material changes to our contractual obligations table during the quarter.

Our debt-to-capitalization ratio was $24.1 \%$ at July 28, 2007, 23.5\% at April 28, 2007, and 24.2\% at July 29, 2006.
Our Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of company stock. As of July 28, 2007, 5.4 million additional shares could be purchased pursuant to this authorization. We did not purchase any shares during the first quarter of fiscal 2008.

We have guaranteed various leases of dealers with proprietary stores. The total amount of these guarantees is $\$ 13.9$ million. Of this, $\$ 3.2$ million will expire within one year, $\$ 3.6$ million in one to three years, $\$ 2.4$ million in four to five years, and $\$ 4.7$ million thereafter. In recent years, we have increased our imports of casegoods product and leather and fabric for upholstery product. At the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2008, we had $\$ 41.0$ million in open purchase orders with foreign casegoods, leather and fabric sources. Some of these open purchase orders are cancelable. We are not required to make any contributions to our defined benefit plans; however, we may make discretionary contributions.

Continuing compliance with existing federal, state and local statutes dealing with protection of the environment is not expected to have a material effect upon our capital expenditures, earnings, competitive position or liquidity.

## Critical Accounting Policies

Our critical accounting policies are disclosed in our Form 10-K for the year ended April 28, 2007.

## Restructuring

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007, we committed to a restructuring plan which included the closures of our Lincolnton, North Carolina and Iuka, Mississippi upholstery manufacturing facilities, the closure of our rough mill lumber operation in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, the consolidation of operations at our Kincaid Taylorsville, North Carolina upholstery operation and the elimination of a number of positions throughout the remainder of the organization. The Lincolnton and Iuka facility closures occurred in the first quarter of fiscal 2008 and impacted approximately 250 and 150 employees, respectively. The closure of our North Wilkesboro lumber operation, the consolidation of operations at Kincaid's Taylorsville operation and the remaining activities occurred in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007 and impacted approximately 100 positions. These decisions were made to help align our company with the current business environment and strengthen our positioning going forward. During the first quarter of fiscal 2008, we recorded pre-tax restructuring charges in cost of sales of $\$ 2.6$ million or $\$ 0.03$ per diluted share covering severance and benefits and other restructuring costs. During fiscal 2007, we recorded pre-tax restructuring charges of $\$ 4.3$ million or $\$ 0.05$ per diluted share covering severance and benefits, write-down of certain fixed assets in addition to other restructuring costs. Of these costs $\$ 4.0$ million was reported as a component of Cost of Sales with the remainder in Selling, General and Administrative. The write-down was accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets. All other costs were accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 146, Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.

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During fiscal 2007, several of our Retail warehouses were consolidated into larger facilities and several underperforming stores were closed. Approximately 100 jobs were eliminated as a result of these closures. During the first quarter of fiscal 2008, we recorded pre-tax restructuring charges of $\$ 1.1$ million or $\$ 0.01$ per diluted share covering contract termination costs for the leases on these facilities, severance and benefits, write-down of certain leasehold improvements in addition to other relocation costs which were expensed as incurred. In fiscal 2007, we recorded pre-tax restructuring charges of $\$ 7.3$ million or $\$ 0.08$ per diluted share covering contract termination costs for the leases on these facilities, severance and benefits, write-down of certain leasehold improvements in addition to other relocation costs which were expensed as incurred. These costs were reported as a component of Selling, General and Administrative costs. The write-down was accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets. All other costs were accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 146, Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.

As of July 28 , 2007, we had a remaining restructuring liability of $\$ 4.6$ million which is expected to be paid out or written off as follows: $\$ 3.6$ million in fiscal 2008, $\$ 0.4$ million in fiscal 2009, $\$ 0.4$ million in fiscal 2010 and $\$ 0.2$ million thereafter. Contract terminations resulting from the closure of several of our retail stores and warehouses resulted in our restructuring liability being paid out over an extended length of time.

## Regulatory Developments

The Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act of 2000 ("CDSOA") provides for distribution of monies collected by U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") from anti-dumping cases to domestic producers that supported the anti-dumping petition. The Dispute Settlement Body of the World Trade Organization ("WTO") ruled that such payments violate the United States' WTO obligations. In response to that ruling, on February 8, 2006, the President signed legislation passed by Congress that repeals CDSOA distributions to eligible domestic producers for duties collected on imports entered into the United States after September 30, 2007.

CBP has reported that approximately $\$ 57.4$ million in preliminary CDSOA amounts were available as of April 30, 2007 for distribution to eligible domestic manufacturers in connection with the case involving wooden bedroom furniture imported from China. These funds are subject to adjustment. Additional antidumping duties actually collected through September 30, 2007 potentially will be available for distribution in calendar 2007. The amount of the actual duties that CBP collects is determined retrospectively for those imports that are subject to annual administrative reviews conducted by the U.S. Department of Commerce. Further, certain importers and Chinese producers have appealed the initial findings of the anti-dumping order to the U.S. Court of International Trade, and favorable rulings for these importers and Chinese producers could reduce the amount of duties ultimately available for distribution. The tariffs attributable to importers and Chinese producers whose imports are subject to appeals and administrative reviews are not available for distribution until those proceedings have been completed. Consequently, the amount ultimately available for distribution in this case during calendar 2007 will depend on the amount of duties on customs entries that CBP has liquidated and collected by September 30, 2007 (i.e., that are not subject to administrative reviews and pending legal appeals). Also, any amount we may receive will depend on our percentage allocation, which is based on our qualifying expenditures in relation to the qualifying expenditures of other domestic producers requesting distribution for the relevant time periods under CDSOA. In two recent cases, Chez Sidney, L.L.C. v. United States and SKF USA v. United States, the U.S. Court of International Trade has held unconstitutional CDSOA's requirement that a company that is not a petitioner must indicate its support for an antidumping petition in order to be eligible for a distribution of duties. The Court did not find the entire statute to be unconstitutional in either case, but instead ordered CBP and the U.S. International Trade Commission to reconsider the plaintiff's eligibility under CDSOA. These decisions are likely to be appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Similar judicial challenges filed by domestic producers of wooden bedroom furniture who currently are
not entitled to CDSOA distributions could affect our percentage allocation. Our percentage allocation for payments received in calendar 2006 was approximately $18 \%$. We recorded $\$ 3.4$ million, net of legal fees, from CDSOA payments received in fiscal 2007. We have not received any CDSOA payments during the first quarter of fiscal 2008. The percentage allocation included our American of Martinsville division. Although we sold the division during the first quarter of fiscal 2007, we have retained certain rights to payments received by the division subsequent to the sale. In view of the uncertainties associated with this program, we are unable to predict the amounts, if any, we may receive during the remainder of calendar 2007 or thereafter under CDSOA. However, assuming CDSOA distributions continue, these distributions could be material depending on the results of legal appeals and administrative reviews and our actual percentage allocation.

## Recent Accounting Pronouncements

## FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157

The FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ("SFAS No. 157"). SFAS No. 157 clarifies the principle that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing an asset or liability and establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the information used to develop those assumptions. This statement is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years, with early adoption permitted.

We are currently in the process of determining the impact this pronouncement may have on our financial statements.

## FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 159

The FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities ("SFAS No. 159"), which allows a company to choose to measure selected financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected are reported in earnings. SFAS No. 159 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007.

We are currently evaluating the impact SFAS No. 159 will have on our financial statements. This statement will be effective for our fiscal 2009 year end.

## Business Outlook

The external environment for home furnishings remains challenging, although it is important to note that we do not believe today's revenue stream is indicative of the run rate for the next 12 to 18 months. We will continue to adjust our cost structure based on anticipated future demand while focusing on superior levels of service to our customers. As we announced last quarter, we expect sales for the fiscal 2008 year to be down $5 \%$ to $10 \%$ compared with fiscal 2007 and expect earnings per share to be in the range of $\$ 0.45$ to $\$ 0.60$ per share compared with $\$ 0.38$ per share from continuing operations in fiscal 2007. This estimated range does not include restructuring charges, potential income from any anti-dumping monies or gains/losses on the sale of discontinued operations.

## ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates. Our exposure to interest rate risk results from our lines of credit and our floating rate $\$ 100$ million revolving credit facility under which we had no borrowings at July 28, 2007. Management estimates that a one percentage point change in interest rates would not have a material impact on our results of operations for fiscal 2008 based upon the current levels of exposed liabilities.

We are exposed to market risk from changes in the value of foreign currencies. Our exposure to changes in the value of foreign currencies is reduced through our use of foreign currency forward contracts from time to time. At July 28, 2007, we had an insignificant amount of foreign exchange forward contracts outstanding. Substantially all of our imports purchased outside of North America are denominated in U.S. dollars. However, a change in the value of Chinese currency could be one of several factors that could inflate costs in the future. We believe that gains or losses resulting from changes in the value of foreign currencies will not be material to our results from operations in fiscal year 2008.

## ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

We maintain a system of disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information that is required to be timely disclosed is accumulated and communicated to management in a timely fashion. An evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) was performed as of the end of the period covered by this report. This evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to provide reasonable assurance that information we are required to disclose in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and are effective to provide reasonable assurance that such information is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the SEC's rules and forms.
During the first quarter of fiscal 2008, we implemented a new general ledger accounting system for our largest operating company in addition to several other smaller operating companies. We have assessed the internal controls over the key processes affected by the implementation of this system and concluded that we have maintained adequate internal control over financial reporting.

There was no other change in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II — OTHER INFORMATION

## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

In addition to the risk factors disclosed in our Form 10-K for the year ended April 28, 2007, you should consider the following risk:
Continued deterioration of business conditions may impact our ability to meet covenants in future quarters on our current debt agreements.
We are currently in compliance with the financial covenants in our credit agreements. While our present forecasts indicate we will continue to be in compliance, if business conditions continue to deteriorate, we may need to negotiate with our lenders to amend the agreements to include less restrictive covenants. Based upon several considerations underlying our overall financial position, including our historical profitability and ability to generate positive operating cash flow, we expect these negotiations, if required, would be completed in a timely manner; however our financing costs could increase if these renegotiations become necessary.

## ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

| Exhibit <br> Number <br> (10(a)) | Description <br> Third 2007 Amendment to La-Z-Boy Incorporated 2004 Long-Term Equity Award Plan |
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| $(31.1)$ | Certifications of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) |
| $(31.2)$ | Certifications of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) |
| $(32)$ | Certifications of Executive Officers pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350(b) |
| $(99.1)$ | Press Release dated August 14, 2007 |

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## 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 thereunto duly authorized.
$\frac{\text { LA-Z-BOY INCORPORATED }}{\text { (Registrant) }}$

Date: August 14, 2007
BY: /s/ Louis M. Riccio, Jr.
Louis M. Riccio, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer
On behalf of the registrant and as
Chief Financial Officer

## THIRD 2007 AMENDMENT TO <br> LA-Z-BOY INCORPORATED 2004 LONG-TERM EQUITY AWARD PLAN

LA-Z-BOY INCORPORATED, a Michigan corporation (the "Company"), adopts this amendment to its 2004 Long-Term Equity Award Plan, as previously amended (the "Plan").

WHEREAS the Company believes it advisable and in the best interests of the Company to make certain changes to the Plan; and
WHEREAS pursuant to Article X, Section 10.2 of the Plan, the Company reserved the right to amend the Plan subject to the conditions provided therein; NOW, THEREFORE, the Plan is hereby amended to delete Section 7.1(b) of Article VII and replace it with the following:
(b) An Employee who is newly hired or newly promoted into a Senior Management Employee or Key Management Employee position may, in the sole discretion of the Company's Chief Executive Officer, be awarded up to 50,000 shares of Restricted Stock; provided, however, that all such grants to the Company's Executive Officers (as determined under the applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission) must be approved by the Administrator.

The above amendment shall be effective July 5, 2007.
The terms and provisions of the Plan shall in all other regards remain in full force and effect.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this document to be executed by its duly authorized officer.
LA-Z-BOY INCORPORATED
By
Its $\qquad$

## Exhibit 31.1

CERTIFICATIONS OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a)
I, Kurt L. Darrow, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of La-Z-Boy Incorporated;
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;
3. 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(s) 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(s) 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 the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
(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.
/s/ Kurt L. Darrow
Kurt L. Darrow
Chief Executive Officer

## Exhibit 31.2

## CERTIFICATIONS OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

 PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a)I, Louis M. Riccio, Jr., certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of La-Z-Boy Incorporated;
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;
3. 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(s) 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(s) 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 the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
(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.

| /s/ Louis M. Riccio, Jr. |
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| Louis M. Riccio, Jr. |
| Chief Financial Officer |

## EXHIBIT (32)

## CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS*

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 1350, each of the undersigned officers of La-Z-Boy Incorporated (the "Company") hereby certifies, to such officer's knowledge, that the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended July 28, 2007 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d), as applicable, of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.
/s/ Kurt L. Darrow

## Kurt L. Darrow

President and Chief Executive Officer
August 14, 2007
/s/ Louis M. Riccio, Jr.
Louis M. Riccio, Jr.
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
August 14, 2007

* The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 1350 and is not being filed as part of the Report or as a separate disclosure document.


## Exhibit 99.1



## NEWS RELEASE

## LA-Z-BOY REPORTS FISCAL 2008 FIRST-QUARTER RESULTS

MONROE, MI. August 14, 2007-La-Z-Boy Incorporated (NYSE: LZB) today reported its operating results for the first fiscal quarter ended July 28, 2007. Net sales for the quarter were $\$ 344.4$ million, down $12.6 \%$ compared with the prior-year period. The company posted a loss of $\$ 8.7$ million, or $\$ 0.17$ per share, which includes a restructuring charge of $\$ 0.04$ per share, related to the previously announced closure and consolidation of various facilities and retail locations. In last year's first quarter, the company posted earnings of $\$ 2.3$ million, or $\$ 0.04$ per share. This included $\$ 0.02$ from discontinued operations, primarily resulting from a gain on the sale of a division, as well as a tax benefit from a change in Canadian tax law, which reduced the effective income tax rate for the period.

Kurt L. Darrow, La-Z-Boy's President and Chief Executive Officer, said: "Against the backdrop of ongoing challenging business conditions pervasive throughout the furniture industry, our results reflect a significant drop in volume, which made it difficult to absorb our current fixed costs. Additionally, our first quarter is typically our slowest reporting period, due to seasonality factors, including the scheduled vacation shutdown in July at our plants, and is not indicative of our expectations for the full fiscal year."

## Upholstery

For the fiscal 2008 first quarter, sales in the company's upholstery segment decreased $13.8 \%$ to $\$ 254.8$ million compared with $\$ 295.4$ million in the prior year's first quarter. The segment's operating margin decreased to $3.5 \%$ from $6.0 \%$ in the year-ago period. Darrow stated, "We are continuing to address our cost structure and are executing on our strategic plan to convert our La-Z-Boy branded facilities to the cellular production process. The conversion is on schedule and will be completed in our fiscal fourth quarter."

Darrow continued, "Our incoming order rate in July improved versus the first two months of the quarter and, importantly, we believe today's order rate is more reflective of actual demand as retailers have worked through their high inventory levels. In the meantime, however, we further aligned our capacity this quarter, by closing four facilities. While our capacity today more closely matches the industry's overall dampened demand, we did experience manufacturing inefficiencies in the quarter as we shifted production to other plants."

For the quarter, the La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries ${ }^{\circledR}$ store system, which includes both company-owned and independent-licensed stores, opened three new stores, relocated and/or remodeled three and closed six, bringing the total store count to 333, of which 196 are in the New Generation format. For the second quarter 2008, the network plans to open 11 New Generation format La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries ${ }^{\circledR}$ stores, of which five will be new stores and six will be store remodels or relocations.

System-wide, for the second calendar quarter, including company-owned and independent-licensed stores, same-store written sales, which the company tracks as an indicator of retail activity, as well as total sales, were down $7 \%$.

## Casegoods

For the first quarter, casegoods sales were $\$ 53.6$ million, down $12.2 \%$ from the prior year's first quarter. The segment's quarterly operating margin was down slightly to $4.9 \%$ versus $5.3 \%$ in last year's comparable period.

Darrow commented, "On a double-digit sales decline, our operating margin decreased only slightly, reflecting the higher variable cost structure in the business combined with greater efficiencies at our domestic operations. However, in an effort to control inventory, our domestic facilities took additional down days beyond the normal vacation shutdown. As we move into the Fall, we are focused on increasing revenues through new product introductions and expanding our channels of distribution."

## Retail

For the quarter, retail sales were $\$ 45.2$ million, down $13.4 \%$ compared with last year's comparable period. The retail group posted an operating loss for the quarter and its operating margin was ( $22.3 \%$ ). The segment's results were primarily impacted by significantly lower sales, which made it difficult to cover fixed costs, particularly the higher occupancy costs associated with the company's new stores.

Darrow stated, "We are making ongoing changes to our retail business model. We are removing significant costs through the consolidation of our warehouses and IT systems and are opening additional stores to garner better penetration in each market. However, for our performance to improve to an acceptable range, our current base of stores needs to perform at higher volume levels."
During the first quarter, the company's retail segment opened one new company-owned store, and closed two. At the end of the first quarter, the company owned 69 stores, including 48 in the New Generation format, or about $70 \%$, versus 68 company-owned stores last year at this time, of which 31 , or $45 \%$, were in the new format

## Restructuring

During the quarter, a pre-tax restructuring charge of $\$ 3.7$ million was recorded. The charge is primarily related to expenses associated with the closure and consolidation of manufacturing and retail facilities, including related contract termination costs for leases, severance and benefits and the write-off of certain leasehold improvements.

## Balance Sheet

At the end of the fiscal 2008 first quarter, the company's debt to capitalization ratio was $24.1 \%$. Inventories stood at $\$ 202.8$ million, down from $\$ 238.8$ in the prior-year quarter and up slightly from fiscal year end 2007. Cash used for operations during the quarter was $\$ 19.4$ million mainly as a result of significantly lower payables and accrued liabilities which relates to the lower sales volume. The company did not repurchase shares in the fiscal first quarter and has authorization to purchase approximately 5.4 million additional shares.

## Business Outlook

Commenting on the company's business outlook, Darrow said: "The external environment for home furnishings remains challenging, although it is important to note that we do not believe today's revenue stream is indicative of the run rate for the next 12 to 18 months. We will continue to adjust our cost structure based on anticipated future demand while focusing on superior levels of service to our customers. As we announced last quarter, we expect sales for the fiscal 2008 year to be down $5 \%$ to $10 \%$ compared with fiscal 2007 and expect earnings per share to be in the range of $\$ 0.45$ to $\$ 0.60$ per share compared with $\$ 0.38$ per share from continuing operations in fiscal 2007. This estimated range does not include restructuring charges, potential income from any anti-dumping monies or gains/losses on the sale of discontinued operations."

## Forward-looking Information

Any forward-looking statements contained in this news release are based on current information and assumptions and represent management's best judgment at the present time. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated or projected due to a number of factors. These factors include, but are not limited to: (a) changes in consumer confidence; (b) changes in demographics; (c) changes in housing sales; (d) the impact of terrorism or war; (e) continued energy price changes; (f) the impact of logistics on imports; (g) the impact of interest rate changes; (h) changes in currency exchange rates; (i) competitive factors; ( j ) operating factors, such as supply, labor or distribution disruptions including changes in operating conditions or costs; ( k ) effects of restructuring actions; (l) changes in the domestic or international regulatory environment; (m) ability to implement global sourcing organization strategies; (n) fair value changes to our intangible assets due to actual results differing from those projected; (o) the impact of adopting new accounting principles; (p) the impact from natural events such as hurricanes, earthquakes and tornadoes; (q) the impact of retail store relocation costs, the success of new stores or the timing of converting stores to the New Generation format; (r) the ability to procure fabric rolls or cut and sewn fabric sets domestically or abroad; (s) the ability to sell the discontinued operations for their recorded fair value; (t) those matters discussed in Item 1 A of the company's 10 K and factors relating to acquisitions and other factors identified from time to time in our reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, either to reflect new developments or for any other reason .

## Additional Information

This news release is just one part of La-Z-Boy's financial disclosures and should be read in conjunction with other information filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which is available at http://www.la-z-boy.com/about/investorRelations/sec filings.aspx. Investors and
others wishing to be notified of future La-Z-Boy news releases, SEC filings and quarterly investor conference calls may sign up at:

## http://www.la-z-boy.com/about/investorRelations/IR email alerts.aspx.

## Background Information

La-Z-Boy Incorporated is one of the world's leading residential furniture producers, marketing furniture for every room of the home. The La-Z-Boy Upholstery Group companies are Bauhaus, England, La-Z-Boy and La-Z-Boy, U.K. The La-Z-Boy Casegoods Group companies are American Drew, Hammary, Kincaid and Lea.

The corporation's proprietary distribution network is dedicated exclusively to selling La-Z-Boy Incorporated products and brands, and includes 336 standalone La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries ${ }^{\circledR}$ stores and 281 La-Z-Boy In-Store Galleries, in addition to in-store gallery programs at the company’s Kincaid, England and Lea operating units. According to industry trade publication In Furniture, the La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries retail network is North America’s largest single-brand furniture retailer. Additional information is available at http://www.la-z-boy.com/.

## LA-Z-BOY INCORPORATED

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

| (Unaudited, amounts in thousands, except per share data) | First Quarter Ended |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 7/28/07 | 7/29/06 | \% Over (Under) | Percent of Sales |  |
|  |  |  |  | 7/28/07 | 7/29/06 |
| Sales | \$ 344,396 | \$ 393,923 | -12.6\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% |
| Cost of sales |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cost of goods sold | 259,143 | 296,008 | -12.5\% | 75.2\% | 75.1\% |
| Restructuring | 2,561 | - | N/M | 0.7\% | - |
| Total cost of sales | 261,704 | 296,008 | -11.6\% | 76.0\% | 75.1\% |
| Gross profit | 82,692 | 97,915 | -15.5\% | 24.0\% | 24.9\% |
| Selling, general and administrative | 94,508 | 94,683 | -0.2\% | 27.4\% | 24.0\% |
| Restructuring | 1,120 | - | N/M | 0.3\% | - |
| Operating income (loss) | $(12,936)$ | 3,232 | -500.2\% | -3.8\% | 0.8\% |
| Interest expense | 2,097 | 2,526 | -17.0\% | 0.6\% | 0.6\% |
| Other income, net | 1,448 | 270 | 436.3\% | 0.4\% | 0.1\% |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes | $(13,585)$ | 976 | N/M | -3.9\% | 0.2\% |
| Income tax benefit | $(5,043)$ | (116) | N/M | 37.1\%* | -11.9\%* |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | $(8,542)$ | 1,092 | -882.2\% | -2.5\% | 0.3\% |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations (net of tax) | (152) | 1,203 | -112.6\% | -\% | 0.3\% |
| Net income (loss) | $\underline{\text { \$ (8,694) }}$ | $\underline{\$ \quad 2,295}$ | -478.8\% | -2.5\% | 0.6\% |
| Basic average shares | 51,380 | 51,787 |  |  |  |
| Basic income (loss) from continuing operations per share | \$ (0.17) | \$ 0.02 |  |  |  |
| Discontinued operations per share (net of tax) | - | 0.02 |  |  |  |
| Basic net income (loss) per share | \$ (0.17) | \$ 0.04 |  |  |  |
| Diluted average shares | 51,380 | 51,971 |  |  |  |
| Diluted income (loss) from continuing operations per share | \$ (0.17) | \$ 0.02 |  |  |  |
| Discontinued operations per share (net of tax) | - | 0.02 |  |  |  |
| Diluted net income (loss) per share | \$ (0.17) | \$ 0.04 |  |  |  |
| Dividends paid per share | \$ 0.12 | \$ 0.12 |  |  |  |

*As a percent of pretax income, not sales.
$\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{M}=$ not meaningful

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 CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET| (Unaudited, amounts in thousands) | 7/28/07 | 7/29/06 | Increase/(Decrease) |  | 4/28/07 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Dollars | Percent |  |
| Current assets |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and equivalents | \$ 23,786 | \$ 28,393 | \$ $(4,607)$ | -16.2\% | \$ 51,721 |
| Receivables, net | 207,142 | 230,385 | $(23,243)$ | -10.1\% | 230,399 |
| Inventories, net | 202,763 | 238,758 | $(35,995)$ | -15.1\% | 197,790 |
| Deferred income taxes-current | 13,857 | 14,491 | (634) | -4.4\% | 17,283 |
| Assets of discontinued operations | 22,613 | - | 22,613 | N/M | 24,278 |
| Other current assets | 22,732 | 26,928 | $(4,196)$ | -15.6\% | 19,327 |
| Total current assets | 492,893 | 538,955 | $(46,062)$ | -8.5\% | 540,798 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 181,590 | 208,343 | $(26,753)$ | -12.8\% | 183,218 |
| Deferred income taxes-long term | 21,417 | 1,893 | 19,524 | N/M | 15,380 |
| Goodwill | 55,659 | 62,236 | $(6,577)$ | -10.6\% | 55,659 |
| Trade names | 9,006 | 18,794 | $(9,788)$ | -52.1\% | 9,472 |
| Other long-term assets | 74,830 | 79,958 | $(5,128)$ | -6.4\% | 74,164 |
| Total assets | \$835,395 | \$910,179 | $\underline{\text { (74,784) }}$ | -8.2\% | $\underline{\underline{\$ 878,691}}$ |
| Current liabilities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$ 37,910 | \$ 2,974 | \$ 34,936 | N/M | \$ 37,688 |
| Accounts payable | 52,515 | 74,368 | $(21,853)$ | -29.4\% | 68,089 |
| Liabilities of discontinued operations | 4,005 | - | 4,005 | N/M | 3,843 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | 97,445 | 116,686 | $(19,241)$ | -16.5\% | 118,590 |
| Total current liabilities | 191,875 | 194,028 | $(2,153)$ | -1.1\% | 228,210 |
| Long-term debt | 111,238 | 158,110 | $(46,872)$ | -29.6\% | 111,714 |
| Income taxes payable - long term | 8,091 | - | 8,091 | N/M | - |
| Other long-term liabilities | 55,284 | 53,590 | 1,694 | 3.2\% | 53,419 |
| Contingencies and commitments | - | - | - |  | - |
| Shareholders' equity |  |  |  |  |  |
| Common shares, \$1 par value | 51,380 | 51,578 | (198) | -0.4\% | 51,377 |
| Capital in excess of par value | 205,603 | 208,128 | $(2,525)$ | -1.2\% | 208,283 |
| Retained earnings | 210,009 | 240,545 | $(30,536)$ | -12.7\% | 223,896 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 1,915 | 4,200 | $(2,285)$ | -54.4\% | 1,792 |
| Total shareholders' equity | 468,907 | 504,451 | $(35,544)$ | -7.0\% | 485,348 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$835,395 | \$910,179 | \$(74,784) | -8.2\% | \$878,691 |

## LA-Z-BOY INCORPORATED

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

| (Unaudited, amounts in thousands) | First Quarter Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 7/28/07 | 7/29/06 |
| Cash flows from operating activities |  |  |
| Net income (loss) | \$ $(8,694)$ | \$ 2,295 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to cash used for operating activities |  |  |
| Gain on sale of discontinued operations (net of tax) | - | $(1,280)$ |
| Restructuring | 3,681 | - |
| Change in allowance for doubtful accounts | 1,229 | 275 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 6,220 | 7,080 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 861 | 871 |
| Change in receivables | 23,482 | 22,172 |
| Change in inventories | $(6,071)$ | $(17,990)$ |
| Change in payables | $(15,414)$ | $(7,319)$ |
| Change in other assets and liabilities | $(23,246)$ | $(6,947)$ |
| Change in deferred taxes | $(1,475)$ | $(3,656)$ |
| Total adjustments | $(10,733)$ | $(6,794)$ |
| Net cash used for operating activities | $(19,427)$ | $(4,499)$ |
| Cash flows from investing activities |  |  |
| Proceeds from disposals of assets | 6,415 | 21,329 |
| Proceeds from sale of discontinued operations | - | 29,982 |
| Capital expenditures | $(9,629)$ | $(9,243)$ |
| Purchases of investments | $(6,622)$ | $(5,632)$ |
| Proceeds from sales of investments | 6,792 | 5,697 |
| Change in other long-term assets | 20 | 505 |
| Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities | $(3,024)$ | 42,638 |
| Cash flows from financing activities |  |  |
| Proceeds from debt | 646 | 22,399 |
| Payments on debt | (900) | $(47,414)$ |
| Stock issued for stock and employee benefit plans | (22) | 1,108 |
| Repurchases of common stock | - | $(3,686)$ |
| Dividends paid | $(6,209)$ | $(6,249)$ |
| Net cash used for financing activities | $(6,485)$ | $(33,842)$ |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and equivalents | 1,001 | 7 |
| Change in cash and equivalents | $(27,935)$ | 4,304 |
| Cash and equivalents at beginning of period | 51,721 | 24,089 |
| Cash and equivalents at end of period | \$ 23,786 | \$ 28,393 |
| Cash paid (net of refunds) during period - income taxes | \$ 3,135 | \$ 208 |
| Cash paid during period - interest | \$ 1,910 | \$ 2,912 |

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## Segment Information

(Unaudited, amounts in thousands)

| (Unaudited amounts in thousands) | First Quarter Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline 7 / 28 / 07 \\ (13 \text { weeks) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7 / 29 / 06 \\ \text { (13 weeks) } \end{gathered}$ |
| Sales |  |  |
| Upholstery Group | \$ 254,757 | \$ 295,397 |
| Casegoods Group | 53,574 | 61,026 |
| Retail Group | 45,231 | 52,204 |
| VIEs/Eliminations | $(9,166)$ | $(14,704)$ |
| Consolidated | \$344,396 | \$393,923 |
|  |  |  |
| Operating income (loss) |  |  |
| Upholstery Group | \$ 8,867 | \$ 17,625 |
| Casegoods Group | 2,600 | 3,242 |
| Retail Group | $(10,074)$ | $(7,715)$ |
| Corporate and Other* | $(10,648)$ | $(9,920)$ |
| Restructuring | $(3,681)$ | - |
|  | \$ (12,936) | \$ 3,232 |

*Variable Interest Entities ("VIEs") are included in corporate and other.

