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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended July 31, 2010

or

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ .

Commission File Number: 1-6140

# DILLARD S, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**71-0388071**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**1600 CANTRELL ROAD, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

**(501) 376-5200**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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. x Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). x Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

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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CLASS A COMMON STOCK as of August 28, 2010	62,068,681
CLASS B COMMON STOCK as of August 28, 2010	4,010,929

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	July 31, 2010	January 30, 2010	August 1, 2009
<b>Assets</b>			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 214,713	\$ 341,693	\$ 116,902
Accounts receivable, net	59,644	63,222	68,924
Merchandise inventories	1,328,228	1,300,680	1,413,993
Federal income tax receivable	111	217	3,869
Other current assets	43,885	43,717	46,339
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>1,646,581</b>	<b>1,749,529</b>	<b>1,650,027</b>
Property and equipment, net	2,697,691	2,780,837	2,868,621
Other assets	69,408	75,961	79,201
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,413,680</b>	<b>\$ 4,606,327</b>	<b>\$ 4,597,849</b>
<b>Liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Trade accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 701,695	\$ 676,501	\$ 672,783
Current portion of long-term debt	1,758	1,719	25,571
Current portion of capital lease obligations	848	1,775	1,739
Other short-term borrowings			67,000
Federal and state income taxes including current deferred taxes	36,483	89,027	41,645
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>740,784</b>	<b>769,022</b>	<b>808,738</b>
Long-term debt	746,698	747,587	751,839
Capital lease obligations	9,655	22,422	23,279
Other liabilities	209,526	213,471	219,368
Deferred income taxes	331,350	349,722	366,036
Subordinated debentures	200,000	200,000	200,000
Commitments and contingencies			
Stockholders' equity:			
Common stock	1,211	1,209	1,209
Additional paid-in capital	785,404	782,746	782,760

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Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(21,346)	(22,298)	(16,207)
Retained earnings	2,534,594	2,484,447	2,402,828
Less treasury stock, at cost	(1,124,196)	(942,001)	(942,001)
<b>Total stockholders equity</b>	<b>2,175,667</b>	<b>2,304,103</b>	<b>2,228,589</b>
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders equity</b>	<b>\$ 4,413,680</b>	<b>\$ 4,606,327</b>	<b>\$ 4,597,849</b>

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009
Net sales	\$ 1,388,910	\$ 1,427,771	\$ 2,842,506	\$ 2,901,641
Service charges and other income	31,880	27,398	60,945	58,824
	1,420,790	1,455,169	2,903,451	2,960,465
Cost of sales	930,436	1,001,011	1,844,697	1,980,590
Advertising, selling, administrative and general expenses	392,054	396,721	785,696	811,005
Depreciation and amortization	64,455	66,391	128,171	131,915
Rentals	11,943	13,936	24,957	28,436
Interest and debt expense, net	18,462	19,011	37,318	37,419
Gain on disposal of assets	(4,122)	(589)	(4,226)	(657)
Asset impairment and store closing charges			2,208	
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in losses of joint ventures	7,562	(41,312)	84,630	(28,243)
Income taxes (benefit)	(240)	(15,040)	27,040	(10,390)
Equity in losses of joint ventures	(974)	(385)	(1,928)	(1,141)
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>6,828</b>	<b>(26,657)</b>	<b>55,662</b>	<b>(18,994)</b>
Retained earnings at beginning of period	2,530,433	2,432,438	2,484,447	2,427,727
Cash dividends declared	(2,667)	(2,953)	(5,515)	(5,905)
<b>Retained earnings at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 2,534,594</b>	<b>\$ 2,402,828</b>	<b>\$ 2,534,594</b>	<b>\$ 2,402,828</b>
Earnings (loss) per share:				
Basic and Diluted	\$ 0.10	\$ (0.36)	\$ 0.80	\$ (0.26)
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.08

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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## DILLARD S, INC.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited)

(In Thousands)

	Six Months Ended	
	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009
Operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ 55,662	\$ (18,994)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization of property and deferred financing costs	129,103	132,870
Gain on disposal of property and equipment	(4,226)	(657)
Gain on repurchase of debt		(1,476)
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	(346)	
Asset impairment and store closing charges	2,208	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease in accounts receivable	3,578	19,074
Increase in merchandise inventories	(27,548)	(39,599)
Decrease in federal income tax receivable	106	70,546
(Increase) decrease in other current assets	(721)	6,786
Decrease in other assets	5,697	5,846
Increase in trade accounts payable and accrued expenses and other liabilities	35,727	22,832
Decrease in income taxes payable	(70,570)	(14,153)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>128,670</b>	<b>183,075</b>
Investing activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(57,600)	(20,571)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment	4,122	1,605
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(53,478)</b>	<b>(18,966)</b>
Financing activities:		
Principal payments on long-term debt and capital lease obligations	(14,544)	(5,140)
Cash dividends paid	(5,801)	(5,890)
Purchase of treasury stock	(182,559)	
Proceeds from stock issuance	386	
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	346	
Decrease in short-term borrowings		(133,000)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(202,172)</b>	<b>(144,030)</b>
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(126,980)	20,079
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	341,693	96,823
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 214,713</b>	<b>\$ 116,902</b>
Non-cash transactions:		



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Accrued capital expenditures	\$	2,600	\$	6,306
Stock awards		2,292		1,708

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(Unaudited)**

**Note 1. Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements of Dillard s, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the Company ) have been prepared in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ). Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( GAAP ) for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair statement have been included. Operating results for the three and six months ended July 31, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ending January 29, 2011 due to the seasonal nature of the business.

These unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 30, 2010 filed with the SEC on March 26, 2010.

**Reclassifications** Certain items have been reclassified from their prior year classifications to conform to the current year presentation.

**Note 2. Business Segments**

The Company operates in two reportable segments: the operation of retail department stores and a general contracting construction company. The construction segment ( CDI ) that was purchased on August 29, 2008, is engaged in the general contracting and construction business. CDI also constructs and remodels stores for the Company.

For the Company s retail operations reportable segment, the Company determined its operating segments on a store by store basis. Each store s operating performance has been aggregated into one reportable segment. The Company s operating segments are aggregated for financial reporting purposes because they are similar in each of the following areas: economic characteristics, class of consumer, nature of products and distribution methods. Revenues from external customers are derived from merchandise sales, and the Company does not rely on any major customers as a source of revenue. Across all stores, the Company operates one store format under the Dillard s name where each store offers the same general mix of merchandise with similar categories and similar customers. The Company believes that disaggregating its operating segments would not provide meaningful additional information.



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The following tables summarize certain segment information, including the reconciliation of those items to the Company's consolidated operations:

(in thousands of dollars)	Retail Operations	Construction	Consolidated
<b>Three Months Ended July 31, 2010:</b>			
Net sales from external customers	\$ 1,358,694	\$ 30,216	\$ 1,388,910
Gross profit	457,261	1,213	458,474
Depreciation and amortization	64,410	45	64,455
Interest and debt expense (income), net	18,503	(41)	18,462
Income before income taxes and equity in losses of joint ventures	7,424	138	7,562
Equity in losses of joint ventures	(974)		(974)
Total assets	4,339,006	74,674	4,413,680
<b>Three Months Ended August 1, 2009:</b>			
Net sales from external customers	\$ 1,365,858	\$ 61,913	\$ 1,427,771
Gross profit	423,956	2,804	426,760
Depreciation and amortization	66,350	41	66,391
Interest and debt expense (income), net	19,083	(72)	19,011
(Loss) income before income taxes and equity in losses of joint ventures	(43,022)	1,710	(41,312)
Equity in losses of joint ventures	(385)		(385)
Total assets	4,506,129	91,720	4,597,849
<b>Six Months Ended July 31, 2010:</b>			
Net sales from external customers	\$ 2,787,544	\$ 54,962	\$ 2,842,506
Gross profit	997,568	241	997,809
Depreciation and amortization	128,081	90	128,171
Interest and debt expense (income), net	37,402	(84)	37,318
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in losses of joint ventures	86,322	(1,692)	84,630
Equity in losses of joint ventures	(1,928)		(1,928)
Total assets	4,339,006	74,674	4,413,680
<b>Six Months Ended August 1, 2009:</b>			
Net sales from external customers	\$ 2,780,549	\$ 121,092	\$ 2,901,641
Gross profit	915,662	5,389	921,051
Depreciation and amortization	131,830	85	131,915
Interest and debt expense (income), net	37,534	(115)	37,419
(Loss) income before income taxes and equity in losses of joint ventures	(31,228)	2,985	(28,243)
Equity in losses of joint ventures	(1,141)		(1,141)
Total assets	4,506,129	91,720	4,597,849

Intersegment construction revenues of \$6.1 million and \$12.7 million for the three and six months ended July 31, 2010, respectively, and intersegment construction revenues of \$12.9 million and \$21.0 million for the three and six months ended August 1, 2009, respectively, were eliminated during consolidation and have been excluded from net sales for the respective periods.

Table of Contents**Note 3. Stock-Based Compensation**

The Company has various stock option plans that provide for the granting of options to purchase shares of Class A Common Stock to certain key employees of the Company. Exercise and vesting terms for options granted under the plans are determined at each grant date. There were no stock options granted during the three and six months ended July 31, 2010 and August 1, 2009.

Stock option transactions for the three months ended July 31, 2010 are summarized as follows:

<b>Fixed Options</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price</b>
Outstanding, beginning of period	4,029,369	\$ 25.79
Granted		
Exercised		
Expired	(20,000)	25.74
Outstanding, end of period	4,009,369	\$ 25.79
Options exercisable at period end	4,009,369	\$ 25.79

At July 31, 2010, the intrinsic value of outstanding and exercisable stock options was \$0.

**Note 4. Asset Impairment and Store Closing Charges**

There were no asset impairment and store closing costs recorded during the three months ended July 31, 2010 or the three and six months ended August 1, 2009.

During the six months ended July 31, 2010, the Company recorded a pretax charge of \$2.2 million for asset impairment and store closing costs. The charge was for the write-down of one property currently held for sale.

Following is a summary of the activity in the reserve established for store closing charges for the six months ended July 31, 2010:

<b>(in thousands)</b>	<b>Balance Beginning of Period</b>	<b>Adjustments and Charges</b>	<b>Cash Payments</b>	<b>Balance End of Period</b>
Rent, property taxes and utilities	\$ 2,498	\$ 383	\$ 1,089	\$ 1,792

Reserve amounts are included in trade accounts payable and accrued expenses and other liabilities.



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The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share for the periods indicated (in thousands, except per share data).

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009
<b>Basic:</b>				
Net income (loss)	\$ 6,828	\$ (26,657)	\$ 55,662	\$ (18,994)
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding	67,688	73,827	69,991	73,736
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.10	\$ (0.36)	\$ 0.80	\$ (0.26)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009
<b>Diluted:</b>				
Net earnings (loss)	\$ 6,828	\$ (26,657)	\$ 55,662	\$ (18,994)
Weighted average shares of common stock Outstanding	67,688	73,827	69,991	73,736
Dilutive effect of stock-based compensation				
Total weighted average equivalent shares	67,688	73,827	69,991	73,736
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.10	\$ (0.36)	\$ 0.80	\$ (0.26)

Total stock options outstanding were 4,009,369 and 4,184,369 at July 31, 2010 and August 1, 2009, respectively. Of these, options to purchase 3,985,588 and 4,184,369 shares of Class A Common Stock at prices ranging from \$25.74 to \$26.57 and \$24.73 to \$26.57 were outstanding at July 31, 2010 and August 1, 2009, respectively, but were not included in the computations of diluted earnings (loss) per share because the effect of their inclusion would be antidilutive. A negligible amount of dilution, included in the weighted average shares computation for the three and six months ended July 31, 2010, was insignificant for presentation in the table above.

**Note 6. Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

The following table shows the computation of comprehensive income (loss) (in thousands):

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	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009
Net income (loss)	\$ 6,828	\$ (26,657)	\$ 55,662	\$ (18,994)
Other comprehensive income:				
Amortization of retirement plan and other retiree benefit adjustments, net of taxes	476	333	952	665
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 7,304	\$ (26,324)	\$ 56,614	\$ (18,329)



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**Note 7. Commitments and Contingencies**

On May 27, 2009, a lawsuit was filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas styled Steven Harben, Derivatively on Behalf of Nominal Defendant Dillard's, Inc. v. William Dillard II et al, Case Number 4:09-IV-395. The lawsuit generally seeks return of monies and alleges that certain officers and directors of the Company have been overcompensated and/or received improper benefits at the expense of the Company and its shareholders. The named officers and directors intend to contest these allegations vigorously.

On June 10, 2009, a lawsuit was filed in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Arkansas styled Billy K. Berry, Derivatively on behalf of Dillard's, Inc. v. William Dillard II et al, Case Number CV-09-4227-2. The lawsuit generally seeks return of monies and alleges that certain officers and directors of the Company have been overcompensated and/or received improper benefits at the expense of the Company and its shareholders. On February 18, 2010, the Circuit Court entered an Order of Dismissal with Prejudice and Final Judgment dismissing the case as to all parties defendant. Plaintiff has appealed the Court's Order. The named officers and directors will continue to contest these allegations vigorously.

Various other legal proceedings in the form of lawsuits and claims, which occur in the normal course of business, are pending against the Company and its subsidiaries. In the opinion of management, disposition of these matters is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, cash flows or results of operations.

At July 31, 2010, letters of credit totaling \$89.2 million were issued under the Company's revolving credit facility.

**Note 8. Benefit Plans**

The Company has an unfunded, nonqualified defined benefit plan ( Pension Plan ) for its officers. The Pension Plan is noncontributory and provides benefits based on years of service and compensation during employment. Pension expense is determined using various actuarial cost methods to estimate the total benefits ultimately payable to officers and allocates this cost to service periods. The actuarial assumptions used to calculate pension costs are reviewed annually. The Company made contributions to the Pension Plan of \$1.1 million and \$2.1 million during the three and six months ended July 31, 2010. The Company expects to make contributions to the Pension Plan of approximately \$3.6 million for the remainder of fiscal 2010.

The components of net periodic benefit costs are as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009
Components of net periodic benefit costs:				
Service cost	\$ 721	\$ 771	\$ 1,443	\$ 1,542
Interest cost	1,817	1,826	3,634	3,651

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Net actuarial loss		594		368		1,188		737
Amortization of prior service cost		157		157		313		313
Net periodic benefit costs	\$	3,289	\$	3,122	\$	6,578	\$	6,243

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**Note 9. Revolving Credit Agreement**

At July 31, 2010, the Company maintained a \$1.2 billion revolving credit facility ( credit agreement ) with JPMorgan Chase Bank ( JPMorgan ) as the lead agent for various banks, secured by the inventory of Dillard s, Inc. operating subsidiaries. The credit agreement expires December 12, 2012.

Borrowings under the credit agreement accrue interest starting at either JPMorgan s Base Rate minus 0.5% or LIBOR plus 1.0% (1.31% at July 31, 2010) subject to certain availability thresholds as defined in the credit agreement.

Limited to 85% of the inventory of certain Company subsidiaries, availability for borrowings and letter of credit obligations under the credit agreement was \$813.7 million at July 31, 2010. No borrowings were outstanding at July 31, 2010. Letters of credit totaling \$89.2 million were issued under this credit agreement leaving unutilized availability under the facility of approximately \$725 million at July 31, 2010. There are no financial covenant requirements under the credit agreement provided availability exceeds \$100 million. The Company pays an annual commitment fee to the banks of 0.25% of the committed amount less outstanding borrowings and letters of credit.

Under the credit agreement, the Company unilaterally reduced the \$1.2 billion credit facility by \$200 million to \$1.0 billion, effective September 1, 2010, in order to save on unused fees. Planned inventory levels would not allow for utilization of the full \$1.2 billion. All other aspects of the credit agreement remain unchanged.

**Note 10. Stock Repurchase Program**

The Company was authorized by its board of directors in November 2007 to repurchase up to \$200 million of its Class A Common Stock under an open-ended plan ( Stock Plan ). This authorization permitted the Company to repurchase its Class A Common Stock in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions.

During the three and six months ended July 31, 2010, the Company repurchased 3.0 million and 7.2 million shares of stock for approximately \$77.6 million and \$182.6 million at an average price of \$26.12 and \$25.39 per share, respectively, which completed the remaining authorization under the Stock Plan. No shares were repurchased under the Stock Plan during the three and six months ended August 1, 2009.

In August 2010, the Company was authorized by its board of directors to repurchase up to \$250 million of its Class A Common Stock under a new open-ended plan. This authorization permits the Company to repurchase its Class A Common Stock in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions.

**Note 11. Income Taxes**

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The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits as of July 31, 2010 and August 1, 2009 was \$14.7 million and \$27.6 million, respectively, of which \$10.8 million and \$19.8 million, respectively, would, if recognized, affect the effective tax rate. The Company classifies accrued interest expense and penalties relating to income tax in the condensed consolidated financial statements as income tax expense. The total interest and penalties recognized in the condensed consolidated statements of income and retained earnings during the three months ended July 31, 2010 and August 1, 2009 was \$(1.4) million and \$0.0 million, respectively, and during the six months ended July 31, 2010 and August 1, 2009 was \$(1.4) million and \$0.3 million, respectively. The total accrued interest and penalties in the condensed consolidated balance sheets as of July 31, 2010 and August 1, 2009 was \$4.9 million and \$9.7 million, respectively. The estimated range of the reasonably possible uncertain tax benefit decrease in the next twelve months is between \$3 million and \$5 million. No significant changes occurred in the tax years subject to examination by major tax jurisdictions during the three and six months ended July 31, 2010. Changes in the Company's assumptions and judgments can materially affect amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheets and statements of operations.

During the three months ended July 31, 2010, income taxes included the recognition of tax benefits primarily due to a state administrative settlement. During the three months ended August 1, 2009, income taxes included the recognition of tax benefits primarily due to federal tax credits.

During the six months ended July 31, 2010, income taxes included the recognition of tax benefits primarily due to a state administrative settlement and federal tax credit refund claims. During the six months ended August 1,

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2009, income taxes included the increase in unrecognized tax benefits, interest and penalties and the recognition of tax benefits primarily due to federal tax credits.

**Note 12. Gain on Disposal of Assets**

During the three months ended July 31, 2010, we received proceeds of \$4.0 million from the sale of a former retail store location, resulting in a gain of \$4.0 million that was recorded in gain on disposal of assets.

**Note 13. Note Repurchase**

No notes were repurchased during the six months ended July 31, 2010. During the six months ended August 1, 2009, the Company repurchased \$5.0 million face amount of 9.125% notes with an original maturity on August 1, 2011. This repurchase resulted in a pretax gain of approximately \$1.5 million which was recorded in net interest and debt expense.

**Note 14. Fair Value Disclosures**

The estimated fair values of financial instruments which are presented herein have been determined by the Company using available market information and appropriate valuation methodologies. However, considerable judgment is required in interpreting market data to develop estimates of fair value. Accordingly, the estimates presented herein are not necessarily indicative of amounts the Company could realize in a current market exchange.

The fair value of the Company's long-term debt and subordinated debentures is based on market prices or dealer quotes (for publicly traded unsecured notes) and on discounted future cash flows using current interest rates for financial instruments with similar characteristics and maturities (for bank notes and mortgage notes).

The fair value of the Company's cash and cash equivalents and trade accounts receivable approximates their carrying values at July 31, 2010 due to the short-term maturities of these instruments. The fair value of the Company's long-term debt at July 31, 2010 was approximately \$699 million. The carrying value of the Company's long-term debt at July 31, 2010 was \$748 million. The fair value of the Company's subordinated debentures at July 31, 2010 was approximately \$169 million. The carrying value of the Company's subordinated debentures at July 31, 2010 was \$200 million.

*Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Nonrecurring Basis*

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The FASB's accounting guidance utilizes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to the valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels:

- Level 1: Observable inputs such as quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2: Inputs, other than quoted prices, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; these include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets and quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions

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(in thousands)	Fair Value of Assets (Liabilities)	Basis of Fair Value Measurements		
		Quoted Prices In Active Markets for Identical Items (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
<b>Long-lived assets held for sale</b>				
As of July 31, 2010	\$ 31,748	\$	\$	\$ 31,748
As of January 30, 2010	33,956			33,956
As of August 1, 2009	30,625			30,625

During the six months ended July 31, 2010, long-lived assets held for sale with a carrying value of \$34.0 million were written down to their fair value of \$31.7 million, resulting in an impairment charge of \$2.2 million, which was included in earnings for the period. The inputs used to calculate the fair value of these long-lived assets included selling prices from commercial real estate transactions for assets in markets that we estimated would be used by a market participant in valuing these assets.

**Note 15. Recently Issued Accounting Standards***Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities*

On January 31, 2010, the Company adopted changes issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) to accounting for variable interest entities. These changes require an enterprise to perform an analysis to determine whether the enterprise's variable interest or interests give it a controlling financial interest in a variable interest entity; to require ongoing reassessments of whether an enterprise is the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity; to eliminate the solely quantitative approach previously required for determining the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity; to add an additional reconsideration event for determining whether an entity is a variable interest entity when any changes in facts and circumstances occur such that holders of the equity investment at risk, as a group, lose the power from voting rights or similar rights of those investments to direct the activities of the entity that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance; and to require enhanced disclosures that will provide users of financial statements with more transparent information about an enterprise's involvement in a variable interest entity. The adoption of these changes had no material impact on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements.

*Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*

In January 2010, the FASB issued ASU 2010-06, an update to Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*. ASU 2010-06 provides an update specifically to Subtopic 820-10 that requires new disclosures including, details of significant transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 measurements and the reasons for the transfers and a gross presentation of activity within the Level 3 roll forward, presenting separately information about purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements. ASU 2010-06 is effective for the first interim or annual reporting period beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the gross presentation of the Level 3 roll forward, which is required for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2010. The adoption of ASU 2010-06 did not have a material impact on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements.

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

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated financial statements and the footnotes thereto included elsewhere in this report, as well as the financial and other information included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 30, 2010.

**EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW**

Despite lackluster sales in the still fragile economy, Dillard's, Inc. (the Company, we, us or our) experienced an improved second quarter of fiscal 2010 over the prior year. Net sales from retail operations were \$1,358.7 million during the quarter ended July 31, 2010, a decrease of \$7.2 million or 1% from the quarter ended August 1, 2009, while sales in comparable stores remained unchanged. Gross profit from retail operations improved 270 basis points of retail sales, primarily due to our inventory management efforts and resulting decrease in markdown activity.

Net sales from construction operations during the quarter ended July 31, 2010 were \$30.2 million, down \$31.7 million or 51% from the quarter ended August 1, 2009. Gross profit from construction operations decreased 50 basis points of construction sales. The construction industry continues to experience a decline in demand for construction services coupled with competitive pricing pressures.

Advertising, selling, administrative and general expenses company-wide were reduced by \$4.7 million during the quarter ended July 31, 2010 compared to the quarter ended August 1, 2009, primarily as a result of the Company's cost control measures combined with store closures.

The Company recorded net income for the second quarter of 2010 of \$6.8 million, or \$0.10 per share, compared to a net loss of \$26.7 million, or \$0.36 per share, for the second quarter of 2009. Included in net income for the quarter ended July 31, 2010 was a \$4.0 million pretax gain (\$2.6 million after tax or \$0.04 per share) on the sale of a retail store building and a \$2.0 million income tax benefit (\$0.03 per share) related to a state administrative settlement.

As of July 31, 2010, we had working capital of \$905.8 million, cash and cash equivalents of \$214.7 million and \$948.5 million of total debt outstanding, excluding capital lease obligations. Cash flows from operating activities were \$128.7 million for the six months ended July 31, 2010. Our improved cash position enabled us to repurchase \$77.6 million (approximately 3.0 million shares) of our Class A Common Stock during the quarter.

As of July 31, 2010, we operated 310 total stores, including 14 clearance centers, and one internet store, a decrease of 4 stores from the same period last year.

**Key Performance Indicators**



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We use a number of key indicators of financial condition and operating performance to evaluate our business, including the following:

	Three Months Ended <sup>2</sup>	
	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009
Net sales (in millions)	\$ 1,388.9	\$ 1,427.8
Net sales trend <sup>1</sup>	(3)%	(15)%
Gross profit (in millions)	\$ 458.5	\$ 426.8
Gross profit as a percentage of net sales	33.0%	29.9%
Cash flow from operations (in millions)	\$ 128.7	\$ 183.1
Total store count at end of period	310	314
Retail sales per square foot	\$ 25	\$ 25
Retail store sales trend	(1)%	(15)%
Comparable retail store sales trend	0%	(13)%
Comparable retail store inventory trend	(6)%	(18)%
Retail merchandise inventory turnover	2.7	2.5

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<sup>1</sup>The net sales trend rate for the three months ended August 1, 2009 is based on retail segment sales only for comparability with the quarter ended August 2, 2008.

<sup>2</sup>Cash flow from operations data is for the six months ended July 31, 2010 and August 1, 2009.

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Our business, like many other retailers, is subject to seasonal influences, with a significant portion of sales and income typically realized during the last quarter of our fiscal year due to the holiday season. Because of the seasonality of our business, results from any quarter are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be achieved for a full fiscal year.

We do not believe that inflation has had a material effect on our results during the periods presented; however, there can be no assurance that our business will not be affected by such in the future.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following table sets forth the results of operations and percentage of net sales for the periods indicated.

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Service charges and other income	2.3	1.9	2.1	2.0
	102.3	101.9	102.1	102.0
Cost of sales	67.0	70.1	64.9	68.3
Advertising, selling, administrative and general expenses	28.2	27.8	27.6	27.9
Depreciation and amortization	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.5
Rentals	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0
Interest and debt expense, net	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Gain on disposal of assets	(0.3)	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.0)
Asset impairment and store closing charges	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in losses of joint ventures	0.6	(2.9)	3.0	(1.0)
Income taxes (benefit)	(0.0)	(1.0)	0.9	(0.3)
Equity in losses of joint ventures	(0.1)	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.0)
Net income (loss)	0.5%	(1.9)%	2.0%	(0.7)%

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(in thousands of dollars)	Three Months Ended		
	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009	\$ Change
<b>Net sales:</b>			
Retail operations segment	\$ 1,358,694	\$ 1,365,858	\$ (7,164)
Construction segment	30,216	61,913	(31,697)
Total net sales	\$ 1,388,910	\$ 1,427,771	\$ (38,861)

The percent change by category in the Company's retail operations segment sales for the three months ended July 31, 2010 compared to the three months ended August 1, 2009 as well as the percentage by segment and category to total net sales is as follows:

	Three Months	
	% Change 2010-2009	% of Net Sales
<b>Retail operations segment</b>		
Cosmetics	(0.5)%	14%
Ladies' apparel and accessories	1.0	40
Juniors' and children's apparel	(3.3)	8
Men's apparel and accessories	(2.8)	17
Shoes	2.2	14
Home and furniture	(8.0)	5
		98
<b>Construction segment</b>		2
Total		100%

Net sales from the retail operations segment decreased \$7.2 million or 1% during the three months ended July 31, 2010 compared to the three months ended August 1, 2009 while sales in comparable stores remained flat between the same periods. Sales of home and furniture items declined significantly during the quarter. Sales of ladies' apparel and accessories were up slightly over the same quarter last year, and sales of shoes were up moderately.

The number of sales transactions was flat for the three months ended July 31, 2010 over the comparable prior year period while the average dollars per sales transaction decreased less than 1%. We recorded an allowance for sales returns of \$8.0 million and \$6.6 million as of July 31, 2010 and August 1, 2009, respectively.

Net sales from the construction segment decreased \$31.7 million or 51% during the three months ended July 31, 2010 compared to the three months ended August 1, 2009 primarily because the fragile United States economy continues to have a negative impact on demand for construction projects in private industry.

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(in thousands of dollars)	Six Months Ended		
	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009	\$ Change
<b>Net sales:</b>			
Retail operations segment	\$ 2,787,544	\$ 2,780,549	\$ 6,995
Construction segment	54,962	121,092	(66,130)
Total net sales	\$ 2,842,506	\$ 2,901,641	\$ (59,135)

The percent change by category in the Company's retail operations segment sales for the six months ended July 31, 2010 compared to the six months ended August 1, 2009 as well as the percentage by segment and category to total net sales is as follows:

	Six Months	
	% Change 2010-2009	% of Net Sales
<b>Retail operations segment</b>		
Cosmetics	(1.8)%	15%
Ladies' apparel and accessories	1.1	39
Juniors' and children's apparel	(1.9)	8
Men's apparel and accessories	0.1	17
Shoes	5.3	14
Home and furniture	(8.6)	5
		98
<b>Construction segment</b>		
Total		2
		100%

Net sales from the retail operations segment increased \$7.0 million, or less than 1%, during the six months ended July 31, 2010 compared to the six months ended August 1, 2009 while sales in comparable stores increased 1% between the same periods. Sales of shoes were up significantly during the period. Sales of cosmetics and juniors' and children's apparel declined moderately during the period while sales of home and furniture items declined significantly.

The number of sales transactions decreased 1% for the six months ended July 31, 2010 over the comparable prior year period while the average dollars per sales transaction were up slightly.

Storewide sales penetration of exclusive brand merchandise for the six months ended July 31, 2010 was 23.1% compared to 24.1% during the six months ended August 1, 2009.

Net sales from the construction segment decreased \$66.1 million or 55% during the six months ended July 31, 2010 compared to the six months ended August 1, 2009 primarily because the fragile United States economy continues to have a negative impact on demand for construction projects in private industry. We expect this decreased demand will continue throughout fiscal 2010 and into the first half of fiscal 2011.

We continue to believe that in light of recent signs of modest economic improvement in the United States, we may continue to see some sales growth in the retail operations segment during the coming months; however, there is no guarantee of improved sales performance. Any further

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deterioration in the United States economy could have an adverse affect on consumer confidence and consumer spending habits, which could result in reduced customer traffic and comparable store sales, higher inventory levels and markdowns, and lower overall profitability.

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**Service Charges and Other Income**

(in thousands of dollars)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended		Three Months	Six Months
	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009	\$ Change 2010-2009	\$ Change 2010-2009
<b>Service charges and other income:</b>						
Retail operations segment						
Leased department income	\$ 2,331	\$ 2,622	\$ 4,532	\$ 6,061	\$ (291)	\$ (1,529)
Income from GE marketing and servicing alliance	23,013	19,369	43,207	41,731	3,644	1,476
Shipping and handling income	3,951	3,556	7,889	7,116	395	773
Other	2,529	1,809	4,896	3,673	720	1,223
	31,824	27,356	60,524	58,581	4,468	1,943
Construction segment	56	42	421	243	14	178
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 31,880</b>	<b>\$ 27,398</b>	<b>\$ 60,945</b>	<b>\$ 58,824</b>	<b>\$ 4,482</b>	<b>\$ 2,121</b>

Service charges and other income is composed primarily of income generated through the long-term marketing and servicing alliance ( Alliance ) with GE Consumer Finance ( GE ), which owns and manages the Dillard s branded proprietary credit cards. Income from the Alliance increased during the three and six months ended July 31, 2010 compared to the three and six months ended August 1, 2009 primarily due to decreased credit losses partially offset by a lower penetration rate of Dillard s branded proprietary card. Leased department income declined primarily because the licensee for the fine jewelry department ceased operations of all licensed outlets during fiscal 2009.

**Gross Profit**

(in thousands of dollars)	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Gross profit:</b>				
Three months ended				
Retail operations segment	\$ 457,261	\$ 423,956	\$ 33,305	7.9%
Construction segment	1,213	2,804	(1,591)	(56.7)
<b>Total gross profit</b>	<b>\$ 458,474</b>	<b>\$ 426,760</b>	<b>\$ 31,714</b>	<b>7.4%</b>
Six months ended				
Retail operations segment	\$ 997,568	\$ 915,662	\$ 81,906	8.9%
Construction segment	241	5,389	(5,148)	(95.5)
<b>Total gross profit</b>	<b>\$ 997,809</b>	<b>\$ 921,051</b>	<b>\$ 76,758</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
	Three Months Ended	Six Months Ended		
	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009
<b>Gross profit as a percentage of segment net sales:</b>				
Retail operations segment	33.7%	31.0%	35.8%	32.9%
Construction segment	4.0	4.5	0.4	4.5
<b>Total gross profit as a percentage of net sales</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>31.7</b>

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Gross profit improved 310 basis points of sales and 340 basis points of sales during the three and six months ended July 31, 2010 compared to the three and six months ended August 1, 2009, respectively.

Gross profit from retail operations improved 270 basis points of sales and 290 basis points of sales during the three and six months ended July 31, 2010 compared to the three and six months ended August 1, 2009, respectively, as a result of continuing inventory management measures leading to reduced markdown activity. These inventory management measures include considerable adjustments to receipt cadence to shorten the period of time from receipt to sale, to reduce markdown risk and to keep customers engaged with a more continuous flow of fresh merchandise selections throughout the season. Inventory declined 6% in both total and comparable stores as of July 31, 2010

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compared to August 1, 2009. A 1% change in markdowns would have impacted net income by approximately \$2 million and \$4 million for the three and six months ended July 31, 2010, respectively.

All merchandise categories experienced gross margin improvement during the three and six months ended July 31, 2010 compared to the three and six months ended August 1, 2009. During the three months ended July 31, 2010, slight gross margin improvements were noted in cosmetics and ladies' apparel and accessories, moderate improvements were noted in home and furniture, juniors' and children's apparel and shoes and significant improvements were noted in men's apparel and accessories. During the six months ended July 31, 2010, all merchandise categories experienced moderate improvements in gross margin compared to the six months ended August 1, 2009 with the exception of cosmetics, which improved slightly.

Gross profit from the construction segment declined 50 basis points of sales and 410 basis points of sales during the three and six months ended July 31, 2010 compared to the three and six months ended August 1, 2009. This decrease was the result of the decline in demand for construction services that has created pricing pressures in an already competitive marketplace. This decrease was also due to job delays from bad weather and job underperformance resulting in the recognition of a \$2.2 million loss during the first quarter of fiscal 2010 on certain electrical contracts.

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

(in thousands of dollars)	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009	\$ Change	% Change
<b>SG&amp;A:</b>				
Three months ended				
Retail operations segment	\$ 390,938	\$ 395,576	\$ (4,638)	(1.2)%
Construction segment	1,116	1,145	(29)	(2.5)
<b>Total SG&amp;A</b>	<b>\$ 392,054</b>	<b>\$ 396,721</b>	<b>\$ (4,667)</b>	<b>(1.2)%</b>
Six months ended				
Retail operations segment	\$ 783,382	\$ 808,368	\$ (24,986)	(3.1)%
Construction segment	2,314	2,637	(323)	(12.2)
<b>Total SG&amp;A</b>	<b>\$ 785,696</b>	<b>\$ 811,005</b>	<b>\$ (25,309)</b>	<b>(3.1)%</b>
	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Six Months Ended</b>	
	<b>July 31, 2010</b>	<b>August 1, 2009</b>	<b>July 31, 2010</b>	<b>August 1, 2009</b>
<b>SG&amp;A as a percentage of segment net sales:</b>				
Retail operations segment	28.8%	29.0%	28.1%	29.1%
Construction segment	3.7	1.8	4.2	2.2
<b>Total SG&amp;A as a percentage of net sales</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>27.9</b>

The decline in SG&A during the periods presented primarily resulted from the Company's expense savings measures combined with store closures.

The three-month decline in SG&A was most noted in payroll and payroll related taxes (\$5.5 million) and advertising (\$4.5 million) partially offset by an increase in services purchased (\$3.3 million) and supplies (\$2.6 million).



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The six-month decline in SG&A was most noted in payroll and payroll related taxes (\$19.6 million) and advertising (\$14.6 million) partially offset by an increase in supplies (\$4.3 million) and services purchased (\$4.1 million).

The decline in payroll and payroll related taxes for the three and six-month periods presented was a direct result of the Company's continued efforts to match the appropriate levels of staff to its current needs. The decline in advertising expense for the three and six-month periods was primarily a result of the Company's migration from newspaper media to less expensive internet marketing sources.

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(in thousands of dollars)	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Depreciation and amortization expense:</b>				
Three months ended				
Retail operations segment	\$ 64,410	\$ 66,350	\$ (1,940)	(2.9)%
Construction segment	45	41	4	9.8
Total depreciation and amortization expense	\$ 64,455	\$ 66,391	\$ (1,936)	(2.9)%
Six months ended				
Retail operations segment	\$ 128,081	\$ 131,830	\$ (3,749)	(2.8)%
Construction segment	90	85	5	5.9
Total depreciation and amortization expense	\$ 128,171	\$ 131,915	\$ (3,744)	(2.8)%

The decrease of depreciation and amortization expense for the three and six months ended July 31, 2010 compared to the three and six months ended August 1, 2009 is primarily a result of the Company's continuing efforts to reduce capital expenditures and of store closures.

**Rentals**

(in thousands of dollars)	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Rentals:</b>				
Three months ended				
Retail operations segment	\$ 11,920	\$ 13,914	\$ (1,994)	(14.3)%
Construction segment	23	22	1	4.5
Total rentals	\$ 11,943	\$ 13,936	\$ (1,993)	(14.3)%
Six months ended				
Retail operations segment	\$ 24,911	\$ 28,392	\$ (3,481)	(12.3)%
Construction segment	46	44	2	4.5
Total rentals	\$ 24,957	\$ 28,436	\$ (3,479)	(12.2)%

The decrease in rental expense for the three and six months ended July 31, 2010 compared to the three and six months ended August 1, 2009 is primarily due to a decrease in the amount of equipment leased by the Company.

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(in thousands of dollars)	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Interest and debt expense (income), net:</b>				
Three months ended				
Retail operations segment	\$ 18,503	\$ 19,083	\$ (580)	(3.0)%
Construction segment	(41)	(72)	31	(43.1)
Total interest and debt expense, net	\$ 18,462	\$ 19,011	\$ (549)	(2.9)%
Six months ended				
Retail operations segment	\$ 37,402	\$ 37,534	\$ (132)	(0.4)%
Construction segment	(84)	(115)	31	(27.0)
Total interest and debt expense, net	\$ 37,318	\$ 37,419	\$ (101)	(0.3)%

The decrease of net interest and debt expense for the three-month period is primarily attributable to lower average debt.

The decrease of net interest and debt expense for the six-month period is primarily attributable to lower average debt levels partially offset by a gain on repurchased debt recorded during the six months ended August 1, 2009.

Total weighted average debt outstanding at July 31, 2010 decreased approximately \$130.1 million and \$124.0 million during the three and six months ended July 31, 2010 compared to the three and six months ended August 1, 2009, respectively.

**Gain on Disposal of Assets**

(in thousands of dollars)	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Gain on disposal of assets:</b>				
Three months ended				
Retail operations segment	\$ 4,110	\$ 589	\$ 3,521	597.8%
Construction segment	12		12	
Total gain on disposal of assets	\$ 4,122	\$ 589	\$ 3,533	599.8%
Six months ended				
Retail operations segment	\$ 4,214	\$ 653	\$ 3,561	545.3%
Construction segment	12	4	8	200.0
Total gain on disposal of assets	\$ 4,226	\$ 657	\$ 3,569	543.2%

During the three months ended July 31, 2010, we received proceeds of \$4.0 million from the sale of a retail store location, resulting in a gain of \$4.0 million that was recorded in gain on disposal of assets.

**Asset Impairment and Store Closing Charges**

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There were no asset impairment and store closing charges recorded during the three months ended July 31, 2010 and the three and six months ended August 1, 2009.

During the six months ended July 31, 2010, the Company's retail operations segment recorded a pretax charge of \$2.2 million for asset impairment and store closing costs. The charge was for the write-down of one property currently held for sale.

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**Income Taxes**

The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits as of July 31, 2010 and August 1, 2009 was \$14.7 million and \$27.6 million, respectively, of which \$10.8 million and \$19.8 million, respectively, would, if recognized, affect the effective tax rate. The Company classifies accrued interest expense and penalties relating to income tax in the condensed consolidated financial statements as income tax expense. The total interest and penalties recognized in the condensed consolidated statements of income and retained earnings during the three months ended July 31, 2010 and August 1, 2009 were \$(1.4) million and \$0.0 million, respectively, and during the six months ended July 31, 2010 and August 1, 2009 were \$(1.4) million and \$0.3 million, respectively. The total accrued interest and penalties in the condensed consolidated balance sheets as of July 31, 2010 and August 1, 2009 were \$4.9 million and \$9.7 million, respectively. The estimated range of the reasonably possible uncertain tax benefit decrease in the next twelve months is between \$3 million and \$5 million. No significant changes occurred in the tax years subject to examination by major tax jurisdictions during the three and six months ended July 31, 2010. Changes in the Company's assumptions and judgments can materially affect amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheets and statements of operations.

The Company's estimated federal and state income tax rate, inclusive of equity in losses of joint ventures, was approximately (3.6)% and 36.1% for the three months ended July 31, 2010 and August 1, 2009, respectively. During the three months ended July 31, 2010, income taxes included the recognition of tax benefits of approximately \$2.0 million primarily due to a state administrative settlement. During the three months ended August 1, 2009, income taxes included the recognition of tax benefits primarily due to federal tax credits.

The Company's estimated federal and state income tax rate, inclusive of equity in losses of joint ventures, was approximately 32.7% and 35.4% for the six months ended July 31, 2010 and August 1, 2009, respectively. During the six months ended July 31, 2010, income taxes included the recognition of tax benefits of approximately \$2.7 million primarily due to a state administrative settlement and federal tax credit refund claims. During the six months ended August 1, 2009, income taxes included the increase in unrecognized tax benefits, interest and penalties and the recognition of tax benefits primarily due to federal tax credits.

Our income tax rate for the remainder of fiscal 2010 is dependent upon results of operations and may change if the results for fiscal 2010 are different from current expectations. We currently estimate that our effective rate for the remainder of fiscal 2010 will approximate 36%.

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(in thousands of dollars)	July 31, 2010	January 30, 2010	\$ Change	% Change
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 214,713	\$ 341,693	\$ (126,980)	(37.2)%
Other short-term borrowings				
Current portion of long-term debt	1,758	1,719	39	2.3
Long-term debt	746,698	747,587	(889)	(0.1)
Subordinated debentures	200,000	200,000		
Stockholders' equity	2,175,667	2,304,103	(128,436)	(5.6)
Current ratio	2.22	2.28		
Debt to capitalization	30.4%	29.2%		

(in thousands of dollars)	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009	\$ Change	% Change
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 214,713	\$ 116,902	\$ 97,811	83.7%
Other short-term borrowings		67,000	(67,000)	(100.0)
Current portion of long-term debt	1,758	25,571	(23,813)	(93.1)
Long-term debt	746,698	751,839	(5,141)	(0.7)
Subordinated debentures	200,000	200,000		
Stockholders' equity	2,175,667	2,228,589	(52,922)	(2.4)
Current ratio	2.22	2.04		
Debt to capitalization	30.4%	31.9%		

Net cash flows from operations decreased to \$128.7 million during the six months ended July 31, 2010 compared to \$183.1 million for the six months ended August 1, 2009. This decrease of \$54.4 million was largely a result of a decrease of \$125.1 million related to changes in working capital items, primarily of changes in income tax accruals and collection of an income tax receivable. This decrease was partially offset by higher net income, as adjusted for non-cash items, of \$70.7 million for the six months ended July 31, 2010 as compared to the six months ended August 1, 2009.

GE owns and manages Dillard's branded proprietary credit card business under the Alliance that expires in fiscal 2014. The Alliance provides for certain payments to be made by GE to the Company, including a revenue sharing and marketing reimbursement. The Company received income of approximately \$43.2 million and \$41.7 million from GE during the six months ended July 31, 2010 and August 1, 2009, respectively. While future cash flows under this Alliance are difficult to predict, the Company expects fiscal 2010 amounts to be reduced from prior year's levels due to the challenging economy and new credit regulations. The amount the Company receives is dependent on the level of sales on GE accounts, the level of balances carried on the GE accounts by GE customers, payment rates on GE accounts, finance charge rates and other fees on GE accounts, the level of credit losses for the GE accounts as well as GE's funding costs.

During the six months ended July 31, 2010, we received proceeds of \$4.0 million from the sale of a retail store location, resulting in a gain of \$4.0 million that was recorded in gain on disposal of assets.

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Capital expenditures were \$57.6 million and \$20.6 million for the six months ended July 31, 2010 and August 1, 2009, respectively. These expenditures consisted primarily of the construction of new stores, remodeling of existing stores and investments in technology equipment and software. During the six months ended July 31, 2010, the Company purchased two corporate aircraft for approximately \$34 million that were previously leased under operating leases, and we opened our new store locations at The Domain in Austin, Texas (200,000 square feet) and The Village at Fairview in Fairview, Texas (155,000 square feet). There are no other planned store openings for fiscal 2010. Capital expenditures for fiscal 2010 are expected to be approximately \$105 million compared to actual expenditures of \$75.1 million during fiscal 2009.

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During the six months ended July 31, 2010, we closed our store location in Helena, Montana (65,000 square feet) and recorded a negligible amount for store closing costs. We remain committed to closing under-performing stores where appropriate and may incur future closing costs related to these stores when they close.

The Company had cash on hand of \$214.7 million as of July 31, 2010. As part of our overall liquidity management strategy and for peak working capital requirements, the Company has a \$1.2 billion credit facility. Limited to 85% of the inventory of certain Company subsidiaries, availability for borrowings and letter of credit obligations under the credit agreement was \$813.7 million at July 31, 2010. No borrowings were outstanding at July 31, 2010. Letters of credit totaling \$89.2 million were issued under this credit agreement leaving unutilized availability under the facility of approximately \$725 million at July 31, 2010.

Under the credit agreement, the Company unilaterally reduced the \$1.2 billion credit facility by \$200 million to \$1.0 billion, effective September 1, 2010, in order to save on unused fees. Planned inventory levels would not allow for utilization of the full \$1.2 billion. All other aspects of the credit agreement remain unchanged. Expected savings from the permanent reduction over the remaining term of the credit facility are approximately \$1.1 million.

Cash used in financing activities for the six months ended July 31, 2010 totaled \$202.2 million compared to cash used in financing activities of \$144.0 million for the six months ended August 1, 2009. This decrease of cash flow was primarily due to the repurchase of the Company's Class A Common Stock and the payment of debt and capital lease obligations during the six months ended July 31, 2010 partially offset by debt and short-term borrowing payments during the six months ended August 1, 2009.

During the six months ended July 31, 2010, the Company repurchased 7.2 million shares of Class A Common Stock for \$182.6 million at an average price of \$25.39 per share under its Stock Plan, which completed the remaining authorization under the Stock Plan. No shares were repurchased under the Stock Plan during the six months ended August 1, 2009. In August 2010, the Company was authorized by its board of directors to repurchase up to \$250 million of its Class A Common Stock under a new open-ended plan. This authorization permits the Company to repurchase its Class A Common Stock in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions.

During the six months ended July 31, 2010, the Company made principal payments on long-term debt and capital lease obligations of \$14.5 million, including the payoff of approximately \$13 million in capital lease obligations for two corporate aircraft. During the six months ended August 1, 2009, the Company made principal payments on long-term debt and capital lease obligations of \$5.1 million, including the repurchase of \$5.0 million face amount of 9.125% notes maturing on August 1, 2011. This repurchase resulted in a pretax gain of approximately \$1.5 million and was recorded in net interest and debt expense.

During the six months ended August 1, 2009, the Company also paid \$133.0 million of short-term borrowings under the Company's credit facility. No short-term borrowings were outstanding under the credit facility during the six months ended July 31, 2010.

During fiscal 2010, the Company expects to finance its capital expenditures and its working capital requirements including required debt repayments and stock repurchases, if any, from cash on hand, cash flows generated from operations and utilization of the credit facility. The Company expects peak borrowings under the credit facility during fiscal 2010 to be minimal. Depending on conditions in the capital markets and other factors, the Company will from time to time consider other possible financing transactions, the proceeds of which could be used to



refinance current indebtedness or for other corporate purposes.

There have been no material changes in the information set forth under the caption "Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments" in Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 30, 2010.

**OFF-BALANCE-SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Company does not have any arrangements or relationships with entities that are not consolidated into the financial statements that are reasonably likely to have a current or future effect on the Company's financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operation, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources that is material to investors.

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**NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS**

*Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities*

On January 31, 2010, the Company adopted changes issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) to accounting for variable interest entities. These changes require an enterprise to perform an analysis to determine whether the enterprise's variable interest or interests give it a controlling financial interest in a variable interest entity; to require ongoing reassessments of whether an enterprise is the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity; to eliminate the solely quantitative approach previously required for determining the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity; to add an additional reconsideration event for determining whether an entity is a variable interest entity when any changes in facts and circumstances occur such that holders of the equity investment at risk, as a group, lose the power from voting rights or similar rights of those investments to direct the activities of the entity that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance; and to require enhanced disclosures that will provide users of financial statements with more transparent information about an enterprise's involvement in a variable interest entity. The adoption of these changes had no material impact on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements.

*Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*

In January 2010, the FASB issued ASU 2010-06, an update to Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*. ASU 2010-06 provides an update specifically to Subtopic 820-10 that requires new disclosures including, details of significant transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 measurements and the reasons for the transfers and a gross presentation of activity within the Level 3 roll forward, presenting separately information about purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements. ASU 2010-06 is effective for the first interim or annual reporting period beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the gross presentation of the Level 3 roll forward, which is required for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2010. The adoption of ASU 2010-06 did not have a material impact on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements.

**FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

This report contains certain forward-looking statements. The following are or may constitute forward looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: statements including (a) words such as may, will, could, believe, expect, future, anticipate, intend, plan, estimate, continue, or the negative or other variations thereof, and (b) statements regarding matters that are not historical facts. The Company cautions that forward-looking statements contained in this report are based on estimates, projections, beliefs and assumptions of management and information available to management at the time of such statements and are not guarantees of future performance. The Company disclaims any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements based on the occurrence of future events, the receipt of new information, or otherwise. Forward-looking statements of the Company involve risks and uncertainties and are subject to change based on various important factors. Actual future performance, outcomes and results may differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements made by the Company and its management as a result of a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Representative examples of those factors include (without limitation) general retail industry conditions and macro-economic conditions; economic and weather conditions for regions in which the Company's stores are located and the effect of these factors on the buying patterns of the Company's customers, including the effect of changes in prices and availability of oil and natural gas; the availability of consumer credit; the impact of competitive pressures in the department store industry and other retail channels including specialty, off-price, discount and Internet retailers; changes in consumer spending patterns, debt levels and their ability to meet credit obligations; changes in legislation, affecting such matters as the cost of employee benefits or credit card income; adequate and stable availability of materials, production facilities and labor from which the Company sources its merchandise; changes in operating expenses, including employee wages, commission structures and related benefits; system failures or data security breaches; possible future acquisitions of store properties from other department store operators; the continued availability of financing in amounts and at the terms necessary to support the Company's future business; fluctuations in LIBOR and other base borrowing rates; potential disruption from terrorist activity and the effect on ongoing consumer confidence; epidemic, pandemic or

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other public health issues; potential disruption of international trade and supply chain efficiencies; world conflict and the possible impact on consumer spending patterns and other economic and demographic changes of similar or dissimilar nature. The Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 30, 2010, contain other information on factors that may affect financial results or cause actual results to differ materially from forward-looking statements.

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

There have been no material changes in the information set forth under caption Item 7A-Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 30, 2010.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

The Company has established and maintains disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). The Company's management, with the participation of our CEO and CFO, has evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the fiscal quarter covered by this quarterly report, and based on that evaluation, the Company's CEO and CFO have concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fiscal quarter ended July 31, 2010 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

On May 27, 2009, a lawsuit was filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas styled Steven Harben, Derivatively on Behalf of Nominal Defendant Dillard's, Inc. v. William Dillard II et al, *Case Number 4:09-IV-395*. The lawsuit generally seeks return of monies and alleges that certain officers and directors of the Company have been overcompensated and/or received improper benefits at the expense of the Company and its shareholders. The named officers and directors intend to contest these allegations vigorously.

On June 10, 2009, a lawsuit was filed in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Arkansas styled Billy K. Berry, Derivatively on behalf of Dillard's, Inc. v. William Dillard II et al, *Case Number CV-09-4227-2*. The lawsuit generally seeks return of monies and alleges that certain officers and directors of the Company have been overcompensated and/or received improper benefits at the expense of the Company and its shareholders. On February 18, 2010, the Circuit Court entered an Order of Dismissal with Prejudice and Final Judgment dismissing the case as to all parties defendant. Plaintiff has appealed the Court's Order. The named officers and directors will continue to contest these allegations vigorously.

From time to time, we are involved in other litigation relating to claims arising out of our operations in the normal course of business. Such issues may relate to litigation with customers, employment related lawsuits, class action lawsuits, purported class action lawsuits and actions brought by governmental authorities. As of September 2, 2010, we are not a party to any legal proceedings that, individually or in the aggregate, are reasonably expected to have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition or cash flows. However, the results of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty, and an unfavorable resolution of one or more of these matters could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

There have been no material changes in the information set forth under caption Item 1A-Risk Factors in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 30, 2010.

Table of Contents**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds****Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

<b>Period</b>	<b>(a) Total Number of Shares Purchased</b>	<b>(b) Average Price Paid per Share</b>	<b>(c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs</b>	<b>(d) Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs</b>
May 2, 2010 through May 29, 2010	1,394,044	\$ 26.97	1,394,044	\$ 39,971,550
May 30, 2010 through July 3, 2010	1,575,294	25.37	1,575,294	0
July 4, 2010 through July 31, 2010				0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,969,338</b>	<b>\$ 26.12</b>	<b>2,969,338</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

In November 2007, the Company's board of directors authorized the Company to repurchase up to \$200 million of the Company's Class A Common Stock. The plan had no expiration date. During the three months ended July 31, 2010, the Company completed the remaining authorization under this plan.

In August 2010, the Company was authorized by its board of directors to repurchase up to \$250 million of its Class A Common Stock under a new open-ended plan. This authorization permits the Company to repurchase its Class A Common Stock in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. 1350).
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. 1350).
101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

\* Pursuant to Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, the Interactive Data Files on Exhibit 101 hereto are deemed not filed or part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of Sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, are deemed not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and otherwise are not subject to liability under those sections.



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**SIGNATURES**

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.

DILLARD S, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: September 2, 2010

/s/ James I. Freeman  
James I. Freeman  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)