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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.

**Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated**

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**Forward-looking statements**

The discussion in this Annual Report includes forward-looking statements, which involve risks and uncertainties as to possible future outcomes. Readers should refer to the discussion concerning forward-looking statements and risk factors included in our Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2010, which is included in the Financial Information section of this Annual Report.

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**To Our Fellow Shareholders:**

Every successful company shares two characteristics: a strong sense of what has made them successful to date, and a willingness to evolve to ensure continued success in the future. By remaining nimble and focusing on the needs of our customers, Ritchie Bros. has enjoyed decades of growth; we intend to continue to deliver compelling business solutions for our customers to help sustain that growth into the future.

That's why we invested the time and energy in 2010 to complete a thorough update of our strategic plan and to renew our core values. We are not changing course or losing sight of what makes us successful today; we are merely re-dedicating our efforts to meet the needs of our current and future customers, while ramping up innovation and ensuring we continue to have a top caliber team in place to help us accomplish our ambitious objectives.

**Our Mission:**

We live to create compelling business solutions that enable the world's builders to easily and confidently exchange equipment.

**Our Core Values:**

It's all about our customers

We do what is right

We are one team

We have fun

We offer compelling business solutions to people who buy and sell equipment and trucks, including the people who build our homes and offices, schools and community centers, bridges and roads, as well as the people who grow our food and those who support all of these activities, such as finance companies, transportation companies, rental companies and equipment dealers, among others. Our customers are the builders of the world. Our goal is to provide solutions that make it easy for them to buy and sell equipment with confidence solutions that include, but are not limited to, unreserved public auctions.

For the last several years we pursued a strategic framework that focused simultaneously on three core areas: our people; our places, including our auction site network and geographical expansion; and our processes, including IT and non-IT initiatives. This framework has evolved and matured into three strategic pillars that incorporate many of the same concepts: GROW, ADD and PERFORM.

Our core values support our three strategic pillars, which in turn support our mission. Our updated strategic pillars can be described as follows:

**GROW our core auction business**

We believe unreserved public auctions offer significant benefits over other sales channels, including certainty, fairness and transparency. We intend to focus on increasing our market share with our traditional customer groups, while simultaneously doing more business with new customer groups and in new markets. We intend to undertake deeper market research to understand better why equipment owners do and do not use our services, and how to address the needs of the large number of equipment owners who do not even know about Ritchie Bros.

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We expect that most of our near-term growth will come from our established regions, primarily the United States and Western Europe, and believe that emerging markets such as China, Brazil and other developing countries offer significant potential for long-term growth. We have enhanced our process for prioritizing new markets and are developing plans to enter high priority markets in a more disciplined and methodical manner.

We also plan to add at least one new auction site to our network every year, and will continue conducting off-site auctions to expand our presence in new regions. We have reduced our targeted auction site additions to one site from two in recognition of the fact that our accelerated capital expenditure program over the last five years achieved our objectives and has left us with a network that has significant capacity to grow our sales without significant additional capital outlays. We are well positioned to serve the world's builders.

In order to grow our core business, we intend to streamline and simplify our auctions to make them easy. Many of our new customers have little or no experience buying or selling at auctions; we want to make the process as easy and stress-free as possible, so they feel confident on auction day and continue attending our auctions for years to come.

We will be leveraging new technologies and launching initiatives to improve our customers' on-site and online experience.

Starting July 1, 2011 we will be rolling out an enhanced equipment information program, which is just one example of the types of initiatives we intend to introduce to help accomplish our GROW objectives. We will be offering enhanced information about the equipment to be sold in our auctions to all customers free of charge. This information will contribute greatly to the confidence of existing and new customers, and should make our auctions more appealing to a broader range of equipment owners.

We also intend to simplify and expand our fee structure starting July 1, 2011. We will eliminate certain fees, including our internet purchase fee, and expand the scope of our administrative fee that we charge to buyers. The net effect of these changes will be to increase our revenue for 2011 and future years, and we expect the increased revenue will outweigh the cost of implementing our planned initiatives.

**ADD new business & information solutions**

Technology and innovation have played significant roles at Ritchie Bros. in the past decade, enabling us to enhance our auctions and deliver added value to equipment owners around the world. We will continue to harness the latest technology to supplement and enhance our auction services, and investigate new services to meet the needs of equipment owners that aren't being met by our unreserved auctions.

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We intend to introduce a range of additional value-added services in 2011, including a customer finance program, enhanced shipping services, a customer insurance program and other ancillary services. We already do more for our customers than any of our competitors, and we are now going to raise the bar even higher.

We are investing in an enhanced business intelligence program to further bolster our understanding of the equipment market. We want to reinforce Ritchie Bros. position as the knowledge and information authority in the equipment marketplace, so that when people are looking for equipment information, they'll turn to us the experts. We will also continue to enhance rbauction.com making it easier to use, more powerful and more valuable to equipment owners with the goal of becoming the number one equipment web site in the world.

**PERFORM by building an inspired, high-performance, customer-focused Ritchie Bros. team**

Our main internal focus in the coming years will be ramping up sales force productivity, increasing employee engagement and building our management bench strength. We intend to be even more effective at growing future leaders by focusing on enhanced development initiatives for our top talent, which will also improve our ability to attract and retain key players. We are also working to refine sales and operational management roles that will allow us to focus more clearly on the foundation of our business our customers.

Our GROW, ADD, PERFORM strategy provides a clear road map for Ritchie Bros. for the future and gives our people a renewed sense of energy and purpose. We have a big job in front of us, but with clearly defined objectives and a strong support mechanism in place, we are well on our way.

**2010: the year in review**

We faced many headwinds in 2010, and this impacted our ability to grow our business. These headwinds were particularly acute in the United States, which accounts for approximately 55% of our business. Interest rates remained low and creditors remained less aggressive with underperforming loans. Market values for equipment improved in 2010, yet many equipment owners were still faced with related debt on equipment that was higher than market values, and this restricted the flow of that used equipment to market. Many owners chose to park their idle equipment rather than sell it, in hopes that market values would improve or activity would increase.

Market fundamentals showed signs of improvement in the latter part of 2010. Equipment owners who had delayed replacing their equipment during the economic turmoil of the last few years began replacing their fleets, which resulted in increased demand for late model equipment in the latter part of 2010. Equipment manufacturers began to increase production during the second half of 2010 but demand outstripped supply and this created a very competitive market for late model equipment.

In 2010, despite ongoing global economic challenges that made it harder to secure equipment to sell at our auctions, we worked with a record number of consignors, attracted record numbers of bidders and confirmed our position as the world's largest industrial auctioneer selling more equipment to on-site and online bidders than any other company in the world. This tells us we were successful maintaining the significant market share gains we believe we achieved in previous years.



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**2011: the year ahead**

As we look forward to 2011 we see many signs of improving fundamentals in the used equipment market, which appears to be returning to a more balanced state. Equipment owners are more optimistic, OEM production is increasing to satisfy growing demand, and values remain firm on most categories of equipment. Late model, low hour equipment is in particular demand and is fetching strong prices, mainly as a result of the void created in the market by the reduced production of new equipment over the last several years. There is a lot of cash waiting to be deployed in the economy, and some of that capital is likely to be invested in equipment. For example, many rental companies are increasing capital spending and the equipment replacement cycle appears to be taking hold. These are all positive signs for the used equipment market and our ability to grow our business in 2011. It remains difficult to predict precisely when momentum will turn positive, but the success of our early auctions in 2011 and the flow of consignments for upcoming auctions provide clues to a return to brighter days ahead.

Thanks to an updated strategic plan and some positive economic indicators, we have entered 2011 with greater clarity, a feeling of optimism and a renewed sense of purpose. The past year was difficult for Ritchie Bros. and our people worked harder than ever to help sustain our business. We could not have succeeded without the hard work and determination of all the men and women on the Ritchie Bros. team. We are truly grateful for the energy, dedication and passion of our team, and look forward to their continued contributions in the future as we help the world's builders to easily and confidently exchange equipment.

And finally, thanks to our shareholders for sticking with us through the challenging times and believing in our ability to set an appropriate course for the future, and to the ever-increasing number of equipment owners who are choosing to participate in our unreserved auctions. We truly appreciate your support and loyalty and are proud to be part of your investment portfolio.

Robert W. Murdoch  
Chairman

Peter J. Blake  
Chief Executive Officer

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**RITCHIE BROS. AUCTIONEERS INCORPORATED**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition**  
**And Results of Operations**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2010**

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***Overview***

*The following discussion summarizes significant factors affecting the consolidated operating results and financial condition of Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated ( Ritchie Bros. , the Company , we or us ) for the year ended December 31, 2010 compared to the year ended December 31, 2009. This discussion should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2010, and with the disclosures below regarding forward-looking statements and risk factors. The date of this discussion is as of February 22, 2011. Additional information relating to our Company, including our Annual Information Form, is available by accessing the SEDAR website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). None of the information on the SEDAR website is incorporated by reference into this document by this or any other reference.*

*We prepare our consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Canada, or Canadian GAAP. There are no material measurement differences between those financial statements and the financial position and results of operations reflected on those financial statements and the financial position and results of operations that would be reported under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, or U.S. GAAP, except as described in note 13 to our audited consolidated financial statements. Amounts discussed below are based on our audited consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP and are presented in U.S. dollars. Unless indicated otherwise, all tabular dollar amounts, including related footnotes, presented below are expressed in thousands of dollars, except per share amounts.*

Ritchie Bros. is the world's largest auctioneer of industrial equipment, selling more equipment to on-site and online bidders than any other company in the world. Our world headquarters are located in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and as of the date of this discussion, we operated from over 110 locations in more than 25 countries, including 43 auction sites worldwide. Our purpose is to create compelling business solutions that enable the world's builders to easily and confidently exchange equipment. We sell, through unreserved public auctions, a broad range of used and unused industrial assets, including equipment, trucks and other assets used in the construction, transportation, agricultural, material handling, mining, forestry, petroleum and marine industries.

We operate mainly in the auction segment of the global industrial equipment marketplace. Our primary target markets within that marketplace are the used equipment and truck sectors, which are large and fragmented. The world market for used equipment and trucks is driven by the cumulative supply of used equipment and trucks, which is affected by the ongoing production of new equipment and trucks and the motivation of equipment owners to realign and replace their fleets. Industry analysts estimate that the world-wide value of used equipment and truck transactions, of the type of equipment we sell at our auctions, is greater than \$100 billion per year on average. Although we sell more used equipment than any other company in the world, we estimate that our share of this fragmented market is in the low to mid single digit range.

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In recent periods, between 70 and 80% of the value of the items sold at our auctions was purchased by end users of equipment and trucks (retail buyers), such as contractors, with the remainder being purchased primarily by equipment and truck dealers, rental companies and brokers (wholesale buyers). Consignors to our auctions represent a broad mix of equipment owners, the majority being end users of equipment, with the balance being finance companies, truck and equipment dealers and equipment rental companies, among others. Consignment volumes at our auctions are affected by a number of factors, including regular fleet upgrades and reconfigurations, financial pressure, retirements, and inventory reductions, as well as by the timing of the completion of major construction and other projects.

We compete directly for potential purchasers of industrial assets with other auction companies. Our indirect competitors include truck and equipment manufacturers, other third party methods, and equipment rental companies that offer an alternative to purchasing. When sourcing equipment to sell at our auctions, we compete with other auction companies, other third party methods, and equipment owners that have traditionally disposed of equipment through private sales. Private sales between equipment owners are the dominant form of transaction in the used truck and equipment sectors.

We have several key strengths that we believe provide distinct competitive advantages and will enable us to grow and make our auctions more appealing to both buyers and sellers of industrial assets. Some of our principal strengths include:

The power of our brand, which is supported by our reputation for conducting only unreserved auctions and our widely recognized commitment to honesty, integrity and fair dealing.

Our ability to transcend local market conditions and create a global marketplace for industrial assets by attracting diverse audiences of mainly end-user bidders from around the world to our auctions.

Our size, our financial strength and access to capital, the international scope of our operations, our extensive network of auction sites, and our marketing skills.

Our ability to respond to market changes with innovative solutions to enhance our live auctions with technology such as our online bidding service, our proprietary Virtual Ramp, our Timed Auction system, as well as our 21 language website, to provide stakeholders in the equipment world with a compelling value proposition to meet their needs.

Our in-depth experience in the marketplace, including our ability to gather and leverage equipment valuation expertise and proprietary customer and equipment databases.

Our dedicated and experienced workforce, which allows us to, among other things, enter new geographic markets, structure deals to meet our customers' needs, provide high quality and consistent service to consignors and bidders and operate an international network of auction sites that creates value for our customers.

Strict adherence to the unreserved auction process is one of our founding principles and, we believe, one of our most significant competitive advantages. When we say unreserved we mean that there are no minimum bids or reserve prices on anything sold at a Ritchie Bros. auction – each item sells to the highest bidder on sale day, regardless of the price. In addition, consignors (or their agents) are not allowed to bid on or buy back or in any way influence the selling price of their own equipment. We maintain this commitment to the unreserved auction process because we believe that an unreserved auction is an efficient, effective and fair way to exchange equipment.

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We attract a broad base of bidders from around the world to our auctions. Our worldwide marketing efforts help to attract bidders, and they are willing to travel long distances or participate online in part because of our reputation for conducting fair auctions. These diverse multinational, mainly end user bidding audiences provide a global marketplace that allows our auctions to transcend local market conditions, which we believe is a significant competitive advantage. Evidence of this is the fact that in recent periods an average of approximately 60% of the value of equipment sold at our auctions left the region of the sale (which we define as the state or province of sale for North American and Australian auctions, or the country for sales occurring in other geographies).

We believe that our ability to consistently draw significant numbers of local and international bidders from many different end markets to our auctions, most of whom are end users rather than resellers, is appealing to sellers of used equipment and trucks and helps us to attract consignments to our auctions. Higher consignment volumes attract more bidders, which in turn attract more consignments, and so on in a self-reinforcing process that has helped us to achieve a history of significant growth and momentum in our business.

Our performance in 2010 reflected the challenging environment in which we operated, like many companies in our industry, and the difficulties we faced securing equipment consignments to sell at our auctions. The widely hoped-for recovery in the used equipment market did not materialize. The challenging environment was particularly acute in the U.S., where equipment owners chose not to sell idle equipment, either because the values of used equipment were too low or there was no catalyst to force them to sell. In the face of considerable uncertainty in the market, mainly around market values and construction spending, many owners held on to under-utilized assets. In addition, they did not deploy additional capital in upgrading or replacing their fleets, which would have stimulated the sale of used equipment.

We believe the used equipment market has contracted considerably over the last three years, mainly as a result of the reduction in the number of used equipment transactions, the drop in market values for used equipment and the diminished production of new equipment. We also believe that the biggest contributor to our reduced gross auction proceeds performance in 2010 was the mix of equipment available for sale, which tended to be older and lower value equipment than we would normally expect.

We believe that the fundamentals in our market are improving, as demonstrated by a renewed sense of optimism among equipment owners. New equipment production is increasing in the face of strong demand and many participants in the industry are starting to return to what most would consider more normal equipment buying and selling behaviour. We believe our operating decisions over the last few years leave us well positioned to capitalize on strengthening in the used equipment market in the coming years and to meet the needs of our customers.

Despite the challenges we faced in 2010, our business model is generally well suited for all economic conditions. We also believe that, over the long term, designing and executing an appropriate growth strategy will continue to be a significant determinant of our ability to grow our earnings, in part because our share of the world market for used equipment and trucks is so small. We are focused on growing our market share by ensuring that our auctions offer compelling value to meet the needs of current and potential customers to make the process of buying and selling equipment easy and confidence inspiring.

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***Growth Strategies***

For the last several years we pursued a strategic framework that focused simultaneously on three core areas: our people, including our sales and support teams; our places, including our auction site network and geographical expansion; and our processes, including IT and non-IT initiatives. Highlights of our execution in this regard for the year ended December 31, 2010 included:

**People**

In 2010 we grew our sales team to 314 people, a 4% increase compared to the end of 2009. Because our business depends on trusting relationships with our customers to generate consignments to our auctions, it can often take two to three years for a sales person to achieve a suitable level of productivity. However, we expect that investing in our sales force and giving them the tools and training to be more productive will help us to achieve our longer-term growth objectives.

**Places**

During 2010 we added five auction sites to our network and replaced two regional auction units and one permanent site with new permanent auction sites. During the fourth quarter we decided to discontinue having auctions in India for the time being, although we will continue to have personnel and maintain a sales office in the country building relationships with equipment owners.

**Processes**

We introduced our new Timed Auction system to 23 of our sites during 2010. This new technology is used to sell smaller items, such as consumer goods and equipment attachments, in an online Timed Auction, without an auctioneer and therefore with more flexibility and convenience for our bidders. In addition to offering a higher level of service for our customers, this system enables us to sell lower-value lots more efficiently and at lower cost. We also launched our new 21 language website, [www.rbauction.com](http://www.rbauction.com), and experienced a 14% increase in unique visitors to our website in 2010 compared to 2009.

***Strategy update***

In the fourth quarter of 2010 we completed a thorough update of our strategic plan, identifying strategic initiatives to be undertaken over the next five years. We continue to focus on our core unreserved auction model with a view to adding solutions and streamlining processes to enhance the value we provide to our existing customers, as well as make our auctions more appealing to new customers. In addition, we want to extend our services where we can leverage our competitive advantages. Our people, places and process framework has evolved and matured into three strategic pillars that incorporate many of the same concepts: grow, add, perform.

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In 2010, we updated our core values and refined our mission statement to better align with our updated strategy and guide our behaviour in the years ahead. Our mission is to provide compelling business solutions that enable the world's builders to easily and confidently exchange equipment. Our customers are the people who buy and sell equipment and trucks, including the people who build our homes and offices, schools and community centers, bridges and roads, as well as the people who grow our food and those who support all of these activities, such as finance companies, rental companies, transportation companies and equipment dealers, among others.

Our core values support three strategic pillars, which are designed to help us achieve our mission. An overview of our strategic pillars follows:

*GROW our core auction business*

We believe unreserved public auctions offer significant benefits over other sales channels, including certainty, fairness and transparency. We intend to focus on increasing our market share with our traditional customer groups, while simultaneously doing more business with new customer groups and in new markets. We plan to undertake deeper market research to understand more clearly why equipment owners do and do not use our services, and to help us meet the needs of the large number of equipment owners who do not even know about Ritchie Bros.

We believe that most of our near-term growth will come from our established regions, primarily the United States and Western Europe, and that emerging markets such as China, Brazil and other developing countries offer significant potential for growth in the long-term.

In addition, we intend to add at least one new auction site to our network each year, as well as replace a number of existing auction sites as necessary to provide capacity for increased consignment volumes. Our auction site network supports our long-term growth and is a critical strategic advantage, which helps us to sustain efficient and scalable growth. We also intend to continue to hold offsite auctions in new regions to expand the scope of our operations. Another key focus of this pillar is to streamline and simplify our auctions, to make them easy for our customers. Many of our new customers have little or no experience buying or selling at unreserved auctions; we want to make the process as easy and hassle-free as possible, so they feel confident on auction day and throughout the whole process. Beginning July 1, 2011 we plan to introduce our enhanced equipment information program. We will be offering enhanced information about the equipment to be sold in our auctions to all customers free of charge. We expect that this information will help our customers feel more confident and should make our auctions more appealing to a broader range of equipment owners.

To address the cost of our new initiatives, as well as the costs of other buyer-focused initiatives launched in recent years, we plan to simplify and expand our fee structure effective July 1, 2011. We will eliminate certain fees, including our internet purchase fee, and expand the scope of our administrative fee that we charge to buyers. The current 10% administrative fee will continue to be charged on all lots that sell for \$2,500 or less, and we intend to introduce a 2.5% administrative fee to be charged on all lots that sell for more than \$2,500, with a maximum fee of \$950 per lot (or the near equivalent amount in the currency of the auction). We anticipate an increase in both revenues and expenses in 2011 and future years as a result of the buyer-focused initiatives, with an expected positive net benefit to earnings.

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*ADD new business and information solutions*

Technology and innovation have played key roles in our business in the past, allowing us to enhance our auctions and broaden their appeal to more equipment owners. We will continue to harness the latest technology to supplement and enhance our auction services, and investigate new services to meet the needs of equipment owners that are not being met by our unreserved auctions.

We intend to introduce a range of additional value-added services in 2011, including a customer finance program, enhanced shipping services, a customer insurance program and other ancillary services.

We intend to invest in enhanced business intelligence and data analysis tools to improve our understanding of the equipment market, and position Ritchie Bros. as a knowledge and information authority. We also intend to continue to enhance rbauction.com by making it easier to use, more powerful and more valuable to equipment owners, with the goal of becoming the preferred global equipment website.

*PERFORM by building an inspired high-performance, customer-focused Ritchie Bros. team*

To maintain our high standards of customer service, we employ people who we believe embody our core values, especially the value of putting our customers first.

Our primary focus areas in the coming years will be improving our sales force productivity, employee engagement and management bench strength. We intend to be even more effective in developing future managers and we intend to take steps to improve our ability to attract, develop and retain key players. We also plan to take steps to refine sales and operational management roles to better equip our sales force for success. We are maintaining our long-term target of increasing our sales force by an average of 5% to 10% per year.

***Operations***

The majority of our industrial auctions are held at our permanent auction sites, where we own the land and facilities, or at regional auction units, where we usually lease the land and typically have more modest facilities. We also hold off-site auctions at temporary locations, often on land owned by one of the main consignors to the particular auction. Most of our agricultural auctions are off-site auctions that take place on the consignor's farm. During 2010, 92% of our gross auction proceeds was attributable to auctions held at our permanent auction sites and regional auction units (2009 - 90%). Gross auction proceeds represent the total proceeds from all items sold at our auctions (please see Sources of Revenue and Revenue Recognition below).

During 2010, we had approximately 340,000 bidder registrations at our industrial auctions, compared to approximately 336,000 in 2009. In 2010 we generated over 40,000 industrial asset consignments, which was 8% greater than the 37,000 generated in 2009. We handled approximately 277,000 industrial lots in 2010 compared to 283,000 lots in 2009.



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During 2010, we conducted 230 unreserved industrial auctions at locations in North and Central America, Europe, the Middle East, Australia and India (2009 195 auctions). We also held 106 unreserved agricultural auctions during the year in Canada (2009 132). Although our auctions varied in size, our average industrial auction in 2010 attracted over 1,400 bidder registrations (2009 over 1,700) and featured over 1,200 lots (2009 over 1,400) consigned by 175 consignors (2009 190), generating average gross auction proceeds of approximately \$13.4 million per auction, compared to approximately \$17.3 million in 2009. Our agricultural auctions in 2010 averaged gross auction proceeds of approximately \$1.8 million compared to \$0.9 million in 2009.

We sold over \$872 million of equipment, trucks and other assets to online bidders during 2010, representing a 5% increase compared to 2009 (2009 approximately \$830 million). Our online sales growth in 2010 cemented our position as the world's largest seller of industrial equipment to online buyers.

We launched our new website in April, 2010 to enable us to interact more effectively with customers in the online environment. We experienced an increase of 14% in the total number of unique visitors to the site during the year compared to 2009. We had roughly 3.2 million unique visitors during 2010 and they performed nearly 35 million equipment searches, plus an additional 3 million auction results searches. With its additional language capabilities, we believe our new website has opened up our auctions to previously untapped market of non-English speaking equipment buyers and sellers. We have seen an increase in site visits of over 11% from non-English speakers compared to 2009, who accounted for over 18% of traffic on the website.

In 2010, approximately 52% of our auction revenues were earned from operations in the United States (2009 54%), 23% were generated from auctions in Canada (2009 24%) and the remaining 25% were earned from operations in countries other than the United States and Canada, primarily in Europe, the Middle East, Australia, and Mexico (2009 22%). We had 1,162 full-time employees at December 31, 2010, including 314 sales representatives and 13 trainee territory managers, compared to 1,148 full-time employees, 302 sales representatives and 19 trainee territory managers at the end of 2009.

We are a public company and our common shares are listed under the symbol "RBA" on the New York and Toronto Stock Exchanges. On February 22, 2011 we had 105,797,120 common shares issued and outstanding and stock options outstanding to purchase a total of 3,085,697 common shares.

***Sources of Revenue and Revenue Recognition***

Gross auction proceeds represent the total proceeds from all items sold at our auctions. Our definition of gross auction proceeds may differ from those used by other participants in our industry. Gross auction proceeds is an important measure we use in comparing and assessing our operating performance. It is not a measure of our financial performance, liquidity or revenue and is not presented in our consolidated financial statements. We believe that auction revenues, which is the most directly comparable measure in our Statements of Operations, and certain other line items, are best understood by considering their relationship to gross auction proceeds. Auction revenues represent the revenues we earn in the course of conducting our auctions. The portion of gross auction proceeds that we do not retain is remitted to our customers who consign the items we sell at our auctions.

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Auction revenues are comprised of auction commissions earned from consignors through straight commission and guarantee contracts, net profits or losses on the sale of inventory items, administrative and documentation fees on the sale of certain lots, auction advertising fees, and the fees applicable to purchases made through our internet and proxy bidding systems. All revenue is recognized when the auction sale is complete and we have determined that the auction proceeds are collectible.

Straight commissions are our most common type of auction revenues and are generated by us when we act as agent for consignors and earn a pre-negotiated, fixed commission rate on the gross sales price of the consigned equipment at auction. In recent periods, straight commission sales have represented approximately 75-80% of our gross auction proceeds volume on an annual basis.

In the normal course of business, we sometimes guarantee minimum sales proceeds to the consignor and earn a commission based on the actual results of the auction, typically including a pre-negotiated percentage of any sales proceeds in excess of the guaranteed amount. The consigned equipment is sold on an unreserved basis in the same manner as other consignments. If the actual auction proceeds are less than the guaranteed amount, our commission is reduced, and if the proceeds are sufficiently less, we can incur a loss on the sale. We factor in a higher rate of commission on these sales to compensate for the increased risk we assume.

Our financial exposure from guarantee contracts fluctuates over time, but in recent periods industrial and agricultural auction guarantees have had an average period of exposure (days remaining until date of auction as at quarter-end) of approximately 30 days and 80 days, respectively. At December 31, 2010, our outstanding industrial and agricultural guarantees totalled approximately \$29 million, of which approximately \$1 million had already been sold at our auctions as of the date of this discussion. The combined financial exposure from guarantee contracts at any period end can fluctuate significantly depending on the timing of auctions; however the quarter-end balances averaged approximately \$44 million over the last 12 months. Losses, if any, resulting from guarantee contracts are recorded in the period in which the relevant auction is completed, unless the loss is incurred after the period end but before the financial reporting date, in which case the loss is accrued in the financial statements for the period end.

Auction revenues also include the net profit or loss on the sale of inventory in cases where we acquire ownership of equipment for a short time prior to an auction sale. We purchase equipment for specific auctions and sell it at those auctions in the same manner as consigned equipment. During the period that we retain ownership, the cost of the equipment is recorded as inventory on our balance sheet. The net gain or loss on the sale is recorded as auction revenues.

We generally refer to our guarantee and outright purchase business as our at risk, or underwritten, business. In recent periods, our at risk business represented approximately 20% to 25% of gross auction proceeds on an annual basis. Competition for equipment consignments has intensified in recent months, and this will likely result in an increase in the relative proportion of our at risk business in 2011.

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The choice by consignors between straight commission, guarantee, or outright purchase arrangements depends on many factors, including the consignor's risk tolerance and sale objectives. In addition, we do not have a target for the relative mix of contracts. As a result, the mix of contracts in a particular quarter or year fluctuates and is not necessarily indicative of the mix in future periods. The composition of our auction revenues and our auction revenue rate (i.e. auction revenues as a percentage of gross auction proceeds) are affected by the mix and performance of contracts entered into with consignors in the particular period and fluctuates from period to period. Our auction revenue rate performance is presented in the table below. Our past experience has shown that our auction revenue rate is difficult to estimate precisely, and over the past two years our quarterly rate has ranged between 10.58% and 11.06%.

(1) The average auction revenue rate for the first quarter in 2010 includes the results of the auction of Apoise; had these been excluded the auction revenue rate would have been 11.33%.

In general, the largest contributor to the variability of our auction revenue rate is the performance, rather than the amount, of our at risk business. In a period when our at risk business performs better than average, our auction revenue rate typically exceeds the expected average rate. Conversely, if our at risk business performs below average, our auction revenue rate will typically be below the expected average rate. Our above trend auction revenue rate over the past two years has been due primarily to the strong performance of our at risk business. We believe this strong performance was related in part to the economic environment; as competition increase in the future, the performance of our at risk business may deteriorate, which will impact our auction revenue rate.

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The planned changes to our fee structure that will take effect July 1, 2011, as discussed above, will have a positive impact on our auction revenues and therefore, our auction revenue rate. The expected impact in 2011 on our auction revenue rate will be an increase in the range of 0.7%. We expect this incremental revenue will more than offset the incremental costs of our strategic initiatives discussed previously.

Our gross auction proceeds and auction revenues are influenced by the seasonal nature of the auction business, which is determined mainly by the seasonal nature of the construction and natural resources industries. Gross auction proceeds and auction revenues tend to be higher during the second and fourth calendar quarters, during which time we generally conduct more business than in the first and third calendar quarters. This seasonality contributes to quarterly variability in our net earnings because a significant portion of our operating costs is relatively fixed.

Gross auction proceeds and auction revenues are also affected on a period-to-period basis by the timing of major auctions. In newer markets where we are developing operations, the number and size of auctions and, as a result, the level of gross auction proceeds and auction revenues, are likely to vary more dramatically from period to period than in our established markets where the number, size and frequency of our auctions are more consistent. In addition, economies of scale are achieved as our operations in a region evolve from conducting intermittent auctions, to establishing a regional auction unit, and ultimately to developing a permanent auction site. Economies of scale are also achieved when our auctions increase in size.

Because of these seasonal and period-to-period variations, we believe that our gross auction proceeds, auction revenues and net earnings are best compared on an annual basis, rather than on a quarterly basis.

***Overall Performance***

Our gross auction proceeds were \$3.28 billion for the year ended 2010, which is a decrease of 6% from 2009. The decrease is mainly attributable to the continuing trend from 2009 where equipment owners have continued to hold onto otherwise idle assets for various reasons, including low interest rates and uncertainty around equipment values, construction spending and other factors. We believe that the dramatic drop in the production and sale of new equipment over the last few years has also affected our ability to grow our gross auction proceeds.

Foreign exchange fluctuations had a modest impact on our 2010 gross auction proceeds. Applying the foreign exchange rates in effect in 2009 our reported gross auction proceeds in 2010 would have been approximately \$60 million lower.

For the year ended December 31 2010, we recorded auction revenues of \$357.4 million and net earnings of \$65.9 million, or \$0.62 per diluted common share. This performance compares to auction revenues of \$377.2 million and net earnings of \$93.5 million, or \$0.88 per diluted share, for the year ended December 31, 2009. We ended 2010 with working capital of \$45.3 million, compared to \$30.5 million at December 31, 2009. The increase in our working capital was a result of reduced capital expenditures and positive operating cash flow, offset by higher dividend payments during the year.

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Adjusted net earnings for the year ended December 31, 2010 were \$65.2 million, or \$0.61 per diluted share, compared to adjusted net earnings of \$92.0 million, or \$0.87 per diluted share for the year ended December 31, 2009. We define adjusted net earnings as financial statement net earnings excluding the after-tax effects of sales of excess properties and significant foreign exchange gains or losses resulting from financing activities that we do not expect to recur in the future (please see our reconciliation below).

Adjusted net earnings is a non-GAAP measure that does not have a standardized meaning, and is therefore unlikely to be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. We believe that comparing adjusted net earnings as defined above for different financial periods provides more useful information about the growth or decline of our net earnings for the relevant financial period, and identifies the impact of items which we do not consider to be part of our normal operating results.

Our adjusted net earnings in 2010 decreased by approximately 29% compared to 2009, primarily as a result of decreased auction revenues and increased general and administrative expenses and depreciation. Although our auction revenues decreased during 2010, other measures of our business volume were increasing or being maintained, including the number of consignments and the number of bidder registrations at our auctions. Also, recent additions to our auction site network, business systems, and sales team contributed to an increase in our overhead expenditures and depreciation expense in 2010. Our investments in people, IT infrastructure and our auction site network are long term in nature and we made a conscious decision to maintain our model in the face of recent gross auction proceeds growth challenges.

A reconciliation of our net earnings under Canadian GAAP to adjusted net earnings is as follows:

	<b>Year ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Net earnings under Canadian GAAP	\$ 65,913	\$ 93,452
Gain on sale of excess property <sup>(1)</sup>	(1,230)	(1,097)
Net foreign exchange impact on financing transactions <sup>(2)</sup>		(759)
Tax relating to reconciling items	474	446
Adjusted net earnings	\$ 65,157	\$ 92,042

(1) During the year ended December 31, 2010, we completed the sale of our former Houston, Texas, permanent auction site. In 2009, we sold our former Minneapolis, Minnesota, permanent auction site.

(2) During the year ended December 31, 2009, we recorded a foreign exchange gain of \$759 (\$664, or 0.01 per diluted share, after tax) on U.S. dollar denominated bank debt held by a subsidiary that has the Canadian dollar as its functional currency. We have highlighted this amount because in January 2009, the Canadian subsidiary assigned the bank debt to an affiliate whose functional currency is the U.S. dollar to eliminate the future impact of currency fluctuations. We did not settle any long-term intercompany loans during 2010 that resulted in a significant foreign exchange adjustment. We do not expect the foreign exchange gains or losses on these financing transactions to recur in future periods.

**Table of Contents****Selected Annual Information**

The following selected consolidated financial information as at December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008 and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2010 has been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements. This data should be read together with those financial statements and the risk factors described below. Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in U.S. dollars in accordance with Canadian GAAP. As disclosed in note 13, Canadian GAAP differs in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Statement of Operations Data:</b>			
Auction revenues <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 357,369	\$ 377,211	\$ 354,818
Direct expenses	(47,021)	(49,890)	(49,750)
	310,348	327,321	305,068
Operating expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	(218,345)	(200,073)	(189,320)
Other income (expense) <sup>(3)</sup>	(1,157)	4,275	23,536
Earnings before income taxes	90,846	131,523	139,284
Income taxes	24,933	38,071	37,884
Net earnings	\$ 65,913	\$ 93,452	\$ 101,400
Net earnings per share basic	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.97
Net earnings per share diluted	0.62	0.88	0.96
Cash dividends declared per share	\$ 0.41 <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.34
<b>Balance Sheet Data (year end):</b>			
Working capital (including cash)	\$ 45,333	\$ 30,510	\$ 47,109
Capital assets	627,230	597,945	453,642
Total assets	870,818	857,821	689,488
Long-term liabilities	155,556	145,213	77,495
<b>Statement of Cash Flows Data:</b>			
Capital asset additions	\$ 62,284	\$ 157,416	\$ 145,024

(1) Auction revenues are comprised of commissions earned from consignors through straight commission and guarantee contracts, the net profit or loss on the sale of inventory items, internet and proxy purchase fees, administrative and documentation fees on the sale of certain lots, and auction advertising fees.

(2) Operating expenses include depreciation and amortization and general and administrative expenses.

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- (3) Other income in 2009 included a \$759 foreign exchange gain (\$664, or \$0.01 per diluted share, after tax) on U.S. dollar denominated bank debt held by a subsidiary that has the Canadian dollar as its functional currency. The equivalent amount in 2008 was a foreign exchange loss of \$5,835 (\$4,989, or \$0.05 per diluted share, after tax). We have highlighted this amount because in January 2009, the Canadian subsidiary assigned the bank debt to an affiliate whose functional currency is the U.S. dollar to eliminate the future impact of these currency fluctuations. We did not settle any long-term intercompany loans in 2010 that resulted in a significant foreign exchange adjustment. In addition, other income in 2010 included gains of \$1,230 (\$756 or \$0.01 per diluted share after tax) on the sale of our former Houston, Texas permanent auction site; other income in 2009 included gains of \$1,097 (\$746, or \$0.01 per diluted share after tax for 2009) on the sale of our Minneapolis, Minnesota, permanent auction site; other income in 2008 included an \$8,304 (\$7,295, or \$0.07 per diluted share, after tax) gain recorded on the sale of our former headquarters property located in Richmond, British Columbia.
- (4) In addition to the cash dividends declared and paid in 2010, we declared a cash dividend of \$0.105 per common share on January 24, 2011 relating to the quarter ended December 31, 2010, which is not included in this amount.

**Results of Operations***Year Ended December 31, 2010 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2009*

We conduct operations around the world in a number of different currencies, but our reporting currency is the U.S. dollar. In 2010, approximately 40% of our revenues and approximately 60% of our operating costs were denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar.

The main currencies other than the U.S. dollar in which our revenues and operating costs are denominated are the Canadian dollar and the Euro. In recent periods there have been significant fluctuations in the value of the Canadian dollar and the Euro relative to the U.S. dollar. These fluctuations affect our reported auction revenues and operating expenses when non-U.S. dollar amounts are converted into U.S. dollars for financial statement reporting purposes. It is difficult, if not impossible, to quantify how foreign exchange rate movements affect such variables as the supply of and demand for the assets we sell. However, excluding these impacts, the effect of foreign exchange fluctuations on our translated auction revenues and operating expenses in our consolidated financial statements has been largely offset, making the impact of the currency fluctuation on our net earnings minimal.

*United States Dollar Exchange Rate Comparison*

<b>Years ended December 31,</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>% Change in U.S.\$</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>% Change in U.S.\$</b>	<b>2008</b>
Value of one U.S. dollar:					
Year-end exchange rate:					
Canadian dollar	\$ 0.9976	-5.1%	\$ 1.0513	-13.6%	\$ 1.2168
Euro	0.7479	7.1%	0.6985	-2.4%	0.7159
Average exchange rate:					
Canadian dollar	\$ 1.0301	-9.8%	\$ 1.1415	7.0%	\$ 1.0671
Euro	0.7549	4.9%	0.7197	5.2%	0.6839

**Table of Contents***Auction Revenues*

<b>Years ended December 31,</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Auction revenues United States <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 185,486	\$ 202,415	-8%
Auction revenues Canada <sup>(1)</sup>	82,894	90,148	-8%
Auction revenues Europe <sup>(1)</sup>	51,428	57,714	-11%
Auction revenues Other <sup>(1)</sup>	37,561	26,934	39%
Total auction revenues	\$ 357,369	\$ 377,211	-5%
Gross auction proceeds	\$ 3,277,771	\$ 3,492,021	-6%
Auction revenue rate	10.90%	10.80%	

(1) Information by geographic segment is based on auction location.

Our auction revenues decreased in 2010 compared to 2009 primarily as a result of lower gross auction proceeds, but was partially offset by a higher auction revenue rate. Our at risk business represented approximately 24% of total gross auction proceeds for the year (2009 21%). The mix of contracts in 2010 was roughly consistent with our experience in recent periods. Our gross auction proceeds in 2010 in local currency, primarily being the U.S., Canadian and Australian dollar and the Euro, decreased by 9% compared to 2009.

Our auction revenue rate was 10.90% for 2010 (2009 10.80%). The increase was primarily attributable to the improved performance of our straight commission business and higher fee income in 2010.

Our auction revenues and our net earnings are influenced to a great extent by small changes in our auction revenue rate. For example, a 10 basis point (0.1%) increase or decrease in our auction revenue rate during 2010 would have decreased auction revenues by approximately \$3.3 million, of which approximately \$2.4 million, or \$0.02 per diluted share, would have flowed through to net earnings after tax in our Statement of Operations, assuming no other changes. This factor is important to consider when evaluating our current and past performance, as well as when assessing future prospects.

*Direct Expenses*

<b>Years ended December 31,</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Direct expenses	\$ 47,021	\$ 49,890	-6%
Direct expenses as a percentage of gross auction proceeds	1.43%	1.43%	



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Direct expenses are the costs we incur specifically to conduct an auction. Direct expenses include the costs of hiring temporary personnel to work at the auction, advertising costs directly related to the auction, travel costs for employees to attend and work at the auction, security personnel hired to safeguard equipment at the auction site and rental expenses for temporary auction sites, among other costs. At each quarter end, we estimate the direct expenses incurred with respect to auctions completed near the end of the period. In the subsequent quarter, these accruals are adjusted, to the extent necessary, to reflect actual costs incurred.

Our direct expense rate, which represents direct expenses as a percentage of gross auction proceeds, fluctuates from period to period based in part on the size and location of the auctions we hold during a particular period. The direct expense rate generally decreases as the average size of our auctions increases. In addition, we usually experience lower direct expense rates for auctions held at our permanent auction sites compared to auctions held at offsite locations, mainly as a result of the economies of scale and other efficiencies that we typically experience at permanent auction sites. Our direct expense rate for 2010 was consistent with the rate we experienced in 2009.

*Depreciation and Amortization Expense*

<b>Years ended December 31,</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Depreciation and amortization expense	\$ 37,813	\$ 31,761	19%

Depreciation is calculated on either a straight line or a declining balance basis on capital assets employed in our business, including buildings, computer hardware and software, automobiles and yard equipment.

During 2010 we determined that certain assets on which depreciation was charged had an indefinite life and therefore should not have been depreciated. The accumulated depreciation on these assets was \$2.7 million which was reversed in the first quarter of 2010 as an immaterial adjustment, decreasing depreciation expense for the year.

Offsetting this reduction in depreciation expense was an increase relating to new assets that we have put into service over the last two years, such as our 13 new and replacement auction sites and new computer hardware and software, including our new website and Timed Auction system. We expect our depreciation in future periods to increase in line with the type and magnitude of our on-going capital expenditures.

*General and Administrative Expenses*

<b>Years ended December 31,</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>% Change</b>
General and administrative expenses	\$ 180,532	\$ 168,312	7%
G&A as a percentage of gross auction proceeds	5.5%	4.8%	

General and administrative expenses, or G&A, include such expenditures as personnel (salaries, wages, bonuses and benefits), information technology, non-auction related travel, repairs and maintenance, leases and rentals and utilities, and the resulting effects of foreign currency fluctuations. Personnel costs represent approximately 60% of our G&A on an annual basis.

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The increase in our G&A for 2010 compared to 2009, was primarily a result of foreign currency fluctuations as well as higher costs relating to our auction site network and IT infrastructure.

Foreign currency fluctuations resulted in an increase in our G&A of approximately \$6.5 million in 2010, compared to 2009, in connection with the translation into U.S. dollars for reporting purposes of our foreign operations' G&A expenses.

The remaining increase in G&A expenses primarily resulted from higher infrastructure costs related to our new and replacement auction sites and administrative facilities put into use over the past 24 months. These costs included rent, property tax and utilities, among others, and the increase in 2010 totalled \$4.8 million.

*Interest Expense*

<b>Years ended December 31,</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Interest expense	\$ 5,216	\$ 544	859%

Interest expense is comprised mainly of interest paid on long-term debt and revolving credit facilities. Interest expense increased significantly in 2010 compared to 2009 primarily due to a lower amount of interest capitalized to projects under development in 2010, as well as full year of interest in connection with additional debt taken on in the second and third quarters of 2009.

Interest expense varies depending on the amount of interest capitalized to auction site development projects, which is driven by the number and size of projects that the Company has in progress during a given period.

*Interest Income*

<b>Years ended December 31,</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Interest income	\$ 2,035	\$ 2,400	-15%

Interest income is earned on our excess cash and receivable balances. Our interest income fluctuates from period to period depending on the timing of the receipt of auction proceeds and may be affected by the timing, size, number and location of auctions held during the period.

*Foreign Exchange Gain (Loss)*

<b>Years ended December 31,</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	\$ (49)	\$ (1,085)	95%

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Foreign exchange gains or losses arise when foreign currency denominated monetary items are revalued to the exchange rates in effect at the end of the reporting period. Examples of these items include accounts receivable and accounts payable.

*Gain on Disposition of Capital Assets*

<b>Years ended December 31,</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Gain on disposition of capital assets	\$ 250	\$ 647	-61%

The gain on disposition of capital assets in 2010 included a gain of \$1.2 million (\$0.7 million after tax) recorded on the sale of our former Houston, Texas, permanent auction site, offset by losses on the disposal of other assets. The gain on disposition of capital assets in 2009 included a \$1.1 million gain (\$0.7 million after tax) on the sale of our former Minneapolis, Minnesota permanent auction site, which was offset by losses on disposal of other assets.

*Income Taxes*

<b>Years ended December 31,</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Income taxes	\$ 24,933	\$ 38,071	-35%
Effective income tax rate	27.4%	28.9%	

Income taxes have been calculated using the tax rates in effect in each of the tax jurisdictions in which we earn our income. The effective tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2010 was lower than the effective tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2009 primarily due to a higher proportion of income being taxed in jurisdictions with lower tax rates. Income taxes for the year ended December 31, 2009 included a favourable tax adjustment in the amount of \$1.9 million relating to uncertain tax positions. Income tax rates in future periods will fluctuate depending upon the impact of unusual items and the level of earnings in the different tax jurisdictions in which we earn our income.

*Net Earnings*

<b>Years ended December 31,</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Net earnings before income taxes	\$ 90,846	\$ 131,523	-31%
Net earnings	65,913	93,452	-30%
Net earnings per share basic	0.62	0.89	-30%
Net earnings per share diluted	0.62	0.88	-30%

Our net earnings decreased in 2010, compared to 2009 primarily as a result of lower gross auction proceeds, increased G&A expenses and depreciation, offset in part by a slightly increased auction revenue rate. Adjusted earnings for 2010 were \$65.2 million, or \$0.61 per diluted share, compared to adjusted net earnings of \$92.0 million, or \$0.87 per diluted share in 2009, representing a 30% decrease in 2010.

**Table of Contents****Summary of Fourth Quarter Results**

We earned auction revenues of \$88.3 million and net earnings of \$13.5 million, or \$0.13 per diluted share, during the fourth quarter of 2010. Adjusted net earnings for the fourth quarter of 2010 were \$13.5 million, or \$0.13 per diluted share. This compares to auction revenues of \$97.1 million and net earnings of \$21.8 million, or \$0.21 per diluted share, and adjusted net earnings \$21.1 million, or \$0.20 per diluted share, in the fourth quarter of 2009.

A reconciliation of our net earnings under Canadian GAAP to adjusted net earnings for each of the quarters ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 is as follows:

	<b>Quarter ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Net earnings under Canadian GAAP	\$ 13,517	\$ 21,834
Gain on sale of excess property <sup>(1)</sup>		(1,097)
Tax relating to reconciling items		351
Adjusted net earnings	\$ 13,517	\$ 21,088

(1) During the three months ended December 31, 2009, we recorded a gain of \$1,097 (\$746, or \$0.01 per diluted share, after tax) on the sale of our Minneapolis, Minnesota, permanent auction site.

Our gross auction proceeds were \$798.6 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2010, which is a decrease of 10% compared to the comparable period in 2009. We believe that this decrease in our gross auction proceeds was mainly attributable to the factors discussed above in Overall Performance. Had the foreign exchange rates in effect in the fourth quarter of 2009 been applied to the gross auction proceeds achieved in the fourth quarter of 2010, our reported gross auction proceeds would have been approximately \$2.1 million higher.

Our auction revenue rate increased to 11.06% in the fourth quarter of 2010, from 10.90% in the comparable period in 2009, mainly as a result of the stronger performance of our at risk business in the fourth quarter of 2010.

Our G&A expenses increased to \$46.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2010, compared to \$45.0 million in the comparable 2009 period. During the fourth quarter of 2010, the translation into U.S. dollars of our non-U.S. operations G&A expenses resulted in an increase in consolidated G&A expenses of approximately \$0.4 million. Adjusted net earnings in the fourth quarter of 2010 decreased by 36% compared to 2009, primarily due to lower auction revenues and higher operating expenses.

Capital asset additions were \$16.1 million for the fourth quarter of 2010, compared to \$40.1 million in the fourth quarter of 2009. Our capital expenditures in the fourth quarter of 2010 related primarily to acquisition of land in Phoenix, Arizona, as well as construction at our existing regional auction units in Las Vegas, Nevada; Dubai, United Arab Emirates; and our permanent auction site in Moerdijk, the Netherlands.

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The following tables present our unaudited consolidated quarterly results of operations for each of our last eight fiscal quarters. This data has been derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements, which were prepared on the same basis as our annual audited consolidated financial statements and, in our opinion, include all normal recurring adjustments necessary for the fair presentation of such information. These unaudited quarterly results should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, and our discussion above about the seasonality of our business.

	<b>Q4 2010</b>	<b>Q3 2010</b>	<b>Q2 2010</b>	<b>Q1 2010<sup>(2)</sup></b>
Gross auction proceeds <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 798,566	\$ 750,912	\$ 951,634	\$ 776,659
Auction revenues	\$ 88,296	\$ 82,229	\$ 103,300	\$ 83,544
Net earnings	13,517	13,478	26,118	12,800 <sup>(1)</sup>
Adjusted net earnings	13,517	13,478	25,362	12,800 <sup>(1)</sup>
Net earnings per share basic	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.12
Net earnings per share diluted	0.13	0.13	0.25	0.12
Adjusted net earnings per share diluted	0.13	0.13	0.24	0.12
	<b>Q4 2009</b>	<b>Q3 2009</b>	<b>Q2 2009</b>	<b>Q1 2009</b>
Gross auction proceeds <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 891,111	\$ 693,288	\$ 1,109,331	\$ 798,291
Auction revenues	\$ 97,143	\$ 75,934	\$ 120,459	\$ 83,675
Net earnings	21,834	12,892	38,847	19,879 <sup>(3)</sup>
Adjusted net earnings	21,088	12,892	38,847	19,215
Net earnings per share basic	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.19
Net earnings per share diluted	0.21	0.12	0.37	0.19
Adjusted net earnings per share diluted	0.20	0.12	0.37	0.18

(1) In the first quarter of 2010, we determined that certain assets on which depreciation was charged had an indefinite life and therefore should not have been depreciated. The accumulated depreciation on these assets was \$2,668, which was reversed in the period as an immaterial adjustment, resulting in a \$2,668 decrease to depreciation expense.

(2) Results for the first quarter of 2010 included \$46.8 million of gross auction proceeds, \$0.9 million of auction revenues and \$0.2 million of direct expenses generated from the auction of Apoise.

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- (3) Net earnings included the impact of foreign exchange rates on U.S. dollar denominated bank debt held by a Canadian subsidiary, which was assigned in January 2009 to an affiliate whose functional currency is the U.S. dollar, to eliminate the impact of these currency fluctuations on this debt in future periods. Please see further discussion above under Overall Performance. The foreign exchange impact of this bank debt in the first quarter of 2009 was a \$759 gain (\$664, or \$0.01 per diluted share, after tax).
- (4) Gross auction proceeds represents the total proceeds from all items sold at our auctions. Gross auction proceeds is not a measure of revenue and is not presented in our consolidated financial statements. Please see further discussion above under Sources of Revenue and Revenue Recognition.

***Liquidity and Capital Resources***

December 31,	2010	2009	% Change
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Working capital	\$ 45,333	\$ 30,510	49%
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Our cash position can fluctuate significantly from period to period, largely as a result of differences in the timing, size and number of auctions, the timing of the receipt of auction proceeds from buyers, and the timing of the payment of net amounts due to consignors. We generally collect auction proceeds from buyers within seven days of the auction and pay out auction proceeds to consignors approximately 21 days following an auction. If auctions are conducted near a period end, we may hold cash in respect of those auctions that will not be paid to consignors until after the period end. Accordingly, we believe that working capital, including cash, is a more meaningful measure of our liquidity than cash alone. For 2010, our working capital increased by \$14.8 million, primarily as a result of reduced capital expenditures and positive operating cashflows, offset by higher dividend payments during the year.

There are a number of factors that could potentially impact our working capital, such as the volume and profitability of our auctions and our capital expenditures. However, we have sufficient borrowing capacity in the event of any temporary working capital requirements.

As at December 31, 2010, we had \$1.1 million of short term debt, which consisted of draws on our revolving credit facilities with a weighted average interest rate of 2.58% per annum. This left \$436 million of unused credit facilities, including a \$148 million five-year committed credit facility expiring in January 2014, and a \$190 million three-year uncommitted non-revolving credit facility expiring in November 2011. We believe our existing working capital and credit facilities are sufficient to satisfy our present operating requirements, as well as to fund future growth initiatives, such as property acquisitions and development. We continue to have adequate access to capital resources; however, there can be no assurance that the cost or availability of future borrowings under our credit facilities will not be materially affected should there be another capital market disruption.

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	<b>Total</b>	<b>In 2011</b>	<b>Payments Due by Period</b>		
			<b>In 2012 and 2013</b>	<b>In 2014 and 2015</b>	<b>After 2015</b>
Long-term debt obligations	\$ 136,218	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 31,074	\$ 60,144
Interest on long-term debt obligations	24,379	5,369	9,957	7,730	1,323
Operating leases obligations	173,083	10,653	18,299	16,879	127,252
Other long term obligations	1,332	321	656	355	
<b>Total contractual obligations</b>	<b>\$ 335,012</b>	<b>\$ 46,343</b>	<b>\$ 43,912</b>	<b>\$ 56,038</b>	<b>\$ 188,719</b>

Our long-term debt included in the table above is comprised mainly of term loans put in place in 2005 with original terms to maturity of five years, which were subsequently extended, a revolving loan drawn under a credit facility that is available until January 2014, as well as a term loan put in place in 2009 with a term to maturity of seven years. Our operating leases relate primarily to land on which we operate regional auction units and administrative offices. These properties are located in Canada, the United States, Spain, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Arab Emirates. In the normal course of our business, we will sometimes guarantee to a consignor a minimum level of proceeds in connection with the sale at auction of that consignor's equipment. Our total exposure at December 31, 2010 from these guarantee contracts was \$28.9 million (compared to \$21.6 million at December 31, 2009), which we anticipate will be partially offset by the proceeds that we will receive from the sale at auction of the related equipment. We do not record any liability in our financial statements in respect of these guarantee contracts, and they are not reflected in the contractual obligations table above.

*Cash Flows*

<b>December 31,</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Cash provided by (used in):			
Operations	\$ 40,165	\$ 138,455	-71%
Investing	(54,593)	(164,656)	-67%
Financing	(43,342)	22,914	N/A

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As discussed above regarding our cash position, our cash provided by operations can fluctuate significantly from period to period, due to factors such as differences in the timing, size and number of auctions during the period, the timing of the receipt of auction proceeds from buyers, and the timing of the payment of net amounts due to consignors. Therefore, we do not believe that the change in our cash position provided by operations during the year is indicative of a trend; it is primarily a result of the decrease in our earnings in 2010 as well as the timing of sales before year end and higher inventory purchases made in 2010 compared to 2009.

Capital asset additions were \$62.3 million for 2010 compared to \$157.4 million in 2009. Our capital expenditures in 2010 related primarily to the development of four new and replacement permanent auction sites and three new regional auction units, as well as preliminary costs related to the replacement of certain other permanent auction sites that will be developed in the future. Capital asset additions also included investments in computer software and hardware, including our new website.

Based on our most recent review of our auction site development plans and process improvement initiatives, we expect that our annual capital expenditures will be in the range of \$70 million per year for the next several years. We plan to add an average of one new permanent auction site or regional auction unit to our network per year, and to make improvements to and replace older existing sites. Actual expenditures will depend on the availability and cost of suitable expansion opportunities and prevailing business and economic conditions. We also expect to undertake system improvements, including expenditures on hardware, the development, purchase and implementation of software, and related systems, in connection with our strategic initiatives discussed above. We expect to fund future capital expenditures from operating cash flows and borrowings under credit facilities.

We declared and paid regular cash dividends of \$0.10 per share for each of the quarters ended December 31, 2009 and March 31, 2010, and declared and paid dividends of \$0.105 per share for each of the quarters ended June 30, 2010 and September 30, 2010. The payments of these dividends were made in 2010, and the total dividend payments for 2010 were \$43.3 million compared to \$40.0 million in 2009. All dividends we pay are eligible dividends for Canadian income tax purposes unless indicated otherwise.



**Table of Contents***Long-term Debt and Credit Facilities*

Our long-term debt and available credit facilities at December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 were as follows:

		<b>December 31, 2010</b>	<b>December 31, 2009</b>	<b>% Change</b>
	Long-term debt	\$ 135,887	\$ 130,394	4%
Committed:	Revolving credit facilities available:	\$ 200,000	\$ 210,000	
	Revolving credit facilities unused:	152,828	180,513	
Uncommitted:	Revolving credit facilities available:	106,268	108,423	
	Revolving credit facilities unused:	93,840	87,498	
	Non-revolving credit facilities available:	250,000	250,000	
	Non-revolving credit facilities unused:	189,856	192,928	
	Total credit facilities available:	\$ 556,268	\$ 568,423	
	Total credit facilities unused:	436,524	460,939	

Our credit facilities are with financial institutions in the United States, Canada, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. Certain of the facilities include commitment fees applicable to the unused credit amount. During 2010, we had fixed rate and floating rate long-term debt bearing interest rates ranging from 1.8% to 6.4%. We were in compliance with all financial covenants applicable to our debt at December 31, 2010.

***Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure about Market Risk***

We conduct operations in local currencies in countries around the world, but we use the U.S. dollar as our reporting currency. As a result we are exposed to currency fluctuations and exchange rate risk. We cannot accurately predict the future effects of foreign currency fluctuations on our financial condition or results of operations, or quantify their effects on the macroeconomic environment. For the year ended December 31, 2010, approximately 40% of our revenues were earned in currencies other than the U.S. dollar and approximately 60% of our operating costs were denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. The proportion of revenues denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar in a given period will differ from the annual proportion depending on the size and location of auctions held during the period. However, on an annual basis, we expect these amounts to largely offset and generally act as a natural hedge against exposure to fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar. We have not adopted a long-term hedging strategy to protect against foreign currency fluctuations associated with our operations denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, but we may consider hedging specific transactions if we deem it appropriate in the future.

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During 2010, we recorded a net increase in our foreign currency translation adjustment balance of \$4.5 million, compared to an increase of \$18.4 million in 2009. Our foreign currency translation adjustment arises from the translation of our net assets denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar.

We have not experienced significant interest rate exposure historically, as our long-term debt generally bears fixed rates of interest. However, borrowings under our global revolving credit facility are available at both fixed and floating rates of interest. If we determine our exposure to short-term interest rates is too high, we may consider fixing a larger portion of our portfolio. As at December 31, 2010 we had a total of \$31.0 million (December 31, 2009 \$29.5 million) in revolving loans bearing floating rates of interest.

Although we cannot accurately anticipate the future effect of inflation on our financial condition or results of operations, inflation historically has not had a material impact on our operations.

***Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements***

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a current or future material effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

***Legal and Other Proceedings***

From time to time we have been, and expect to continue to be, subject to legal proceedings and claims in the ordinary course of our business. Such claims, even if lacking merit, could result in the expenditure of significant financial and managerial resources. We are not aware of any legal proceedings or claims that we believe will have, individually or in the aggregate, a material adverse effect on us or on our financial condition or results of operations or that involve a claim for damages, excluding interest and costs, in excess of 10% of our current assets.

***Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates***

In preparing our consolidated financial statements in conformity with Canadian GAAP, we must make decisions that impact the reported amounts and related disclosures. Such decisions include the selection of the appropriate accounting principles to be applied and the assumptions on which to base accounting estimates. In reaching such decisions, we apply judgments based on our understanding and analysis of the relevant circumstances and historical experience. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate these judgments and estimates, including consideration of uncertainties relating to revenue recognition criteria, valuation of consignors' equipment and other assets subject to guarantee contracts, recoverability of capital assets, goodwill and future income tax assets, and the assessment of possible contingent assets or liabilities that should be recognized or disclosed in our consolidated financial statements. Actual amounts could differ materially from those estimated by us at the time our consolidated financial statements are prepared.

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The following discussion of critical accounting policies and estimates is intended to supplement the significant accounting policies presented as note 1 to our consolidated financial statements, which summarizes the accounting policies and methods used in the preparation of those consolidated financial statements. The policies and the estimates discussed below are included here because they require more significant judgments and estimates in the preparation and presentation of our consolidated financial statements than other policies and estimates.

*Accounting for Income Taxes*

We record income taxes relating to our business in each of the jurisdictions in which we operate. We estimate our actual current tax exposure and the temporary differences resulting from differing treatment of items for tax and book accounting purposes. These differences result in future income tax assets and liabilities, which are included within our consolidated balance sheet. We must then assess the likelihood that our future income tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income. If recovery of these future tax assets is considered unlikely, we must establish a valuation allowance. To the extent we either establish or increase a valuation allowance in a period, we must include an expense within the tax provision in the consolidated statement of operations. Significant management judgment is required in determining our provision for income taxes, our measurement of future tax assets and liabilities, and any valuation allowance recorded against our net future tax assets. If actual results differ from these estimates or we adjust these estimates in future periods, we may need to establish a valuation allowance that could materially impact the presentation of our financial position and results of operations.

*Valuation of Goodwill*

We assess the possible impairment of goodwill in accordance with standards issued by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants in Canada (known as the CICA) and the Financial Accounting Standards Board in the United States. The standards stipulate that reporting entities test the carrying value of goodwill for impairment annually at the reporting unit level using a two-step impairment test; if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired, the test is conducted more frequently.

In the first step of the impairment test, the net book value of each reporting unit is compared with its fair value. We operate as a single reporting unit, which is the consolidated public company. As a result, we are able to refer to the stock market for a third party indicator of our Company's fair value. As long as the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds its net book value, goodwill is considered not to be impaired and the subsequent step of the impairment test is unnecessary. Changes in the market value of our common shares may impact our assessment as to whether goodwill has been impaired. These changes may result from changes in our business plans or other factors, including those that are outside our control. We perform the goodwill test each year as at September 30 or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that goodwill might be impaired. We performed the test as at September 30, 2010 and determined that no impairment had occurred.

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***Changes in Accounting Policies***

There have been no changes to our accounting policies during 2010.

***Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

There were no accounting pronouncements made during 2010 that impact our accounting policies or the presentation of our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

***International Financial Reporting Standards***

In February 2008, the Canadian Accounting Standards Board confirmed its strategy of replacing Canadian GAAP with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) for Canadian publicly accountable enterprises. IFRS is issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). IFRS became effective for our interim and annual financial statements for periods commencing January 1, 2011. The conversion to IFRS impacts our accounting policies, information technology and data systems, internal control over financial reporting, and financial statement presentation and disclosure. Our transition plans are on schedule, and comparative information for the 2011 financial reporting has been prepared.

A review of the different areas affected by the transition to IFRS is made below.

***Accounting Policies***

We commenced our IFRS conversion project in 2007 and established a conversion plan and an IFRS project team. We have identified the standards that have an impact on our financial statements, business processes, key performance measures and information systems. We have presented and discussed the following major identified differences with the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors:

*Property, Plant and Equipment (PP&E):* We have chosen to use the cost method under IFRS and will review annually depreciation methods and useful lives. We have identified assets meeting the investment property criteria under IAS 40: *Investment Property*; these will be shown separately on the financial statements. We have also chosen to use the cost method of accounting for these assets. Our annual impairment testing methodology will change as we will be testing at the cash-generating unit level, rather than the reporting unit level. We have not identified any indications of expected impairment to either PP&E or goodwill on the date of transition to IFRS. We have also tested goodwill for impairment under IFRS methodology at September 30, 2010, and found no impairment.

*Business Combinations* that occurred prior to January 1, 2010 will remain unchanged, subject to the requirements of appendix C of IFRS 1 *First Time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards*. From January 1, 2010 onwards we intend to account for all business combinations in line with IFRS 3 *Business Combinations* for our IFRS financial reporting.

*Leases* will be assessed for classification as operating or finance leases under IAS 17 *Leases*. Our preliminary assessment has not indicated any change to the classification of our leases currently recorded as operating leases and we do not have any finance leases.

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*Income Taxes:* Stock options issued which are tax deductible must be revalued at each reporting date under IFRS. The temporary differences created by this revaluation will be included in deferred tax. Furthermore, our future tax assets and liabilities recorded in our consolidated balance sheets will be reclassified to be entirely non-current and renamed deferred tax assets and liabilities .

*Share Based Payment:* Each instalment (representing the different annual vesting periods of each grant of options) of share option awards will be treated as a separate option grant, and the fair value of each instalment will be amortized over each instalment s vesting period.

The following IFRS 1 exemptions from retrospective application are available to us and may be used on transition to IFRS:

*Business Combinations:* At the date of transition to IFRS on January 1, 2010, we will apply IFRS 3 prospectively and use the exemption in IFRS to treat prior business combinations in a manner consistent with Canadian GAAP.

*Share Based Payments:* We have not elected to apply IFRS 2: *Share Based Payments* to options granted before November 7, 2002 and those options that were granted after November 7, 2002 which were vested at January 1, 2010.

*Cumulative Translation Differences:* We will reset cumulative translation differences accumulated as at the date of transition to zero. The gain or loss on a subsequent disposal of any foreign operation will then exclude translation differences that arose before the date of transition, but include all later translation differences.

As the IASB will continue to issue new accounting standards during our conversion period, the final impact of IFRS on the presentation of our financial position and results of operations and our financial statement disclosure will only be measured once the IFRS applicable at our conversion date are known. In particular, we are closely monitoring the IASB s projects on: leases; provisions; financial statement presentation presentation of items of other comprehensive income; financial instruments classification and measurement; revenue recognition; and the annual improvements process.

*Financial Statement Presentation & Disclosure*

We have completed the preparation of our opening balance sheet as at January 1, 2010 and year end 2010 balance sheet as at December 31, 2010 under IFRS. This information is required to be disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements starting with the first quarter of 2011.

The impact on our 2010 net earnings on adopting IFRS is a reduction to our net earnings under Canadian GAAP for the year ended December 31, 2010 of approximately \$0.5 million, due to the adjustment to share based payment expense for treating each instalment as a separate option grant.

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We have determined that the impact to our retained earnings balance is limited to the following areas:

- Share based payment revaluation of separate instalments; and
- Cumulative translation differences accumulated at the date of transition.

The estimated impact to retained earnings from pre-changeover Canadian GAAP to IFRS is approximately as follows:

	<b>As at January 1, 2010</b>	<b>As at December 31, 2010</b>
Retained earnings under Canadian GAAP	\$ 411,300	\$ 434,000
Share based payment revaluation of separate instalments <sup>(1)</sup>	(500)	(1,000)
Cumulative translation differences set to nil	17,000	17,000
 Retained earnings under IFRS	 \$ 427,800	 \$ 450,000

(1) This adjustment arises solely on the 2009 and 2010 grants of options vesting over more than one year.

We have also determined that we will have changes to the 2010 opening balance sheet and year end balance sheet approximately as follows:

		<b>As at January 1, 2010</b>	<b>As at December 31, 2010</b>
Reclassifications	Assets held for sale from non-current to current classification	\$ 3,700	\$ 400
	Current portion of deferred tax from current to non-current classification	700	200
	Financial assets from other assets to a new separate line items:		
	Current	100	100
	Non-current	5,100	5,000
Revaluation	Revaluation of deferred tax on share based payments that are deductible for tax purposes increasing deferred tax asset and additional paid-in capital	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,500
New line item	Investment properties from property, plant and equipment to a separate line item <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 8,500	\$ 9,000

(1) Note that there was no change in the investment properties identified from our 2010 opening balance sheet to our closing balance sheet; the change in reconciling item relates solely to foreign exchange movement.

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During 2010, we substantially completed the preparation of our interim reconciliations for the periods ending March 31, 2010, June 30, 2010 and September 30, 2010 under IFRS, as well as the annual reconciliation for the year ended December 31, 2010. We determined that there is no material impact on net earnings for those periods. We have also substantially completed our 2011 shell annual and interim consolidated financial statements including explanatory notes under IFRS.

*Internal Control over Financial Reporting*

As the new accounting policies under IFRS are finalized, a review of the integrity of our internal control over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures has been completed. At this time, we believe that the current framework is sufficiently robust to incorporate the changes to the financial reporting processes.

We have conducted training sessions targeted to employees at various levels of our organization, including our Board of Directors. We also plan to continue to provide training to other key employees. During 2010 we rolled out a training course to our controllers in operations around the world.

*Information Technology and Data Systems*

We have tested our information systems integrity in a development environment to ascertain the response to the adjustments discussed above, as well as the additional account lines required in the consolidation, and no significant errors were found. We will continue to monitor the impact of the IFRS transition on our information systems as the transition is finalized.

*Other Affected Areas*

We continue to consider the impact of conversion on our business processes and operations. Business processes and operations include contractual arrangements, debt covenants, and compensation arrangements. We anticipate minimal impact of the conversion project on our business processes and operations.

We have met our transition plans relating to IFRS for developing the opening balance sheet and comparative information for 2011 financial reporting. We will present our first interim consolidated financial statements in 2011 under IFRS.

*Disclosure Controls and Procedures*

We have established and maintained disclosure controls and procedures in order to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to our Company is made known to the appropriate level of management in a timely manner.

Based on current securities legislation in Canada and the United States, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer are required to certify that they have assessed the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as at December 31, 2010.

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We performed an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as at December 31, 2010. Based on that evaluation, we concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of that date to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Furthermore, we concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

***Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining an adequate internal control structure and procedures for financial reporting. Under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on our evaluation under the framework in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework*, management concluded that our internal control structure and procedures over financial reporting were effective as of December 31, 2010.

The effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting as of December 31, 2010 has been audited by KPMG LLP, the independent registered public accounting firm that audited our December 31, 2010 consolidated annual financial statements, as stated in their report, which is included in our consolidated financial statements.

***Changes in Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting***

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting during 2010 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

***Forward-Looking Statements***

This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. These statements are based on current expectations and estimates about our business, and include, among others, statements relating to:

- our future performance;
- growth of our operations;
- growth of the world market for used equipment and trucks;
- increases in the number of consignors and bidders participating in our auctions;
- the impact of the economic environment on our operations and capital resources, and our customers, including the number of bidders and buyers attending our auctions and consignment volumes at those auctions; the demand for our services; our bidders' ability to access credit to fund their purchases; the impact of the economic environment on equipment prices, supply and demand, risk and our business model;



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our principal operating strengths, our competitive advantages, and the appeal of our auctions to buyers and sellers of industrial assets;

our ability to draw consistently significant numbers of local and international end-user bidders to our auctions;

our ability to grow our core auction business, including our ability to increase our market share with traditional market share and make our auctions easier, and do more business with new customer groups in new markets, the acquisition and development of auction facilities and the related impact on our capital expenditures, and response by our customers to the new initiatives being launched in 2011;

our ability to add new business and information solutions, including utilizing technology to enhance our auction services and support additional value added services, maximizing the use of business intelligence to enhance our understanding of the equipment market and ability to make [www.rbaction.com](http://www.rbaction.com) the preferred equipment website;

our ability to perform by building an inspired high-performance customer focused team, and to improve sales force productivity, employee engagement and management bench strength;

the relative percentage of gross auction proceeds represented by straight commission, guarantee and inventory contracts;

our auction revenue rates, the sustainability of those rates, the impact of our commission rate and fee changes, and the seasonality of gross auction proceeds and auction revenues;

our direct expense and income tax rates, depreciation expenses and general and administrative expenses;

our future capital expenditures;

our internet initiatives and the level of participation in our auctions by internet bidders;

the proportion of our revenues and operating costs denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar or the effect of any currency exchange and interest rate fluctuations on our results of operations; and financing available to us and the sufficiency of our working capital to meet our financial needs.

Forward-looking statements are typically identified by such words as anticipate , believe , could , feel , continue , estimate , expect , intend , may , ongoing , plan , potential , predict , will , should , would , could , period to period , long term , or the negative of these terms, and similar expressions intended to identify forward-looking statements. Our forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. While we have not described all potential risks related to our business and owning our common shares, the important factors listed under Risk Factors below are those that we consider may affect our performance significantly or could cause our actual financial and operational results to differ significantly from our predictions. Except as required by applicable securities law and regulations of relevant securities exchanges, we do not intend to update publicly any forward-looking statements, even if our predictions have been affected by new information, future events or other developments. You should consider our forward-looking statements in light of these and other relevant factors.

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***Risk Factors***

Our business is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, and our past performance is no guarantee of our performance in future periods. Some of the more important risks that we face are outlined below and holders of our common shares should consider these risks. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only risks and uncertainties we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also adversely affect our financial condition or impair our business or results of operations. If any of the following risks actually occur, our business, results of operations and financial condition would suffer.

**Damage to our reputation for fairness, integrity and conducting only unreserved auctions could harm our business.**

Strict adherence to the unreserved auction process is one of our founding principles and, we believe, one of our most significant competitive advantages. Closely related to this is our reputation for fairness and honesty in our dealings with our customers. Our ability to attract new customers and continue to do business with existing customers could be harmed if our reputation for fairness, integrity and conducting only unreserved auctions was damaged. If we are unable to maintain our reputation and enforce our unreserved auction policy we could lose business and our results of operations would suffer.

**Decreases in the supply of, demand for, or market values of industrial assets, primarily used industrial equipment, could harm our business.**

Our auction revenues could decrease if there was significant erosion in the supply of, demand for, or market values of used industrial equipment, which could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. We have no control over any of the factors that affect the supply of, and demand for, used industrial equipment, and the circumstances that cause market values for industrial equipment to fluctuate including, among other things, economic uncertainty, disruptions to credit and financial markets, lower commodity prices, and our customers' restricted access to capital are beyond our control. Recent economic conditions have caused fluctuations in the supply, mix and market values of used equipment available for sale, which has a direct impact on our auction revenues. In addition, price competition and the availability of industrial equipment directly affect the supply of, demand for, and market value of used industrial equipment. Climate change initiatives, including significant changes to engine emission standards applicable to industrial equipment, may also adversely affect the supply of, demand for or market values of industrial equipment.

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**We may incur losses as a result of our guarantee and outright purchase contracts and advances to consignors.**

In recent periods, approximately 75% of our business has been conducted on a straight commission basis. In certain other situations we will either offer to:

guarantee a minimum level of sale proceeds to the consignor, regardless of the ultimate selling price of the consignment at the auction; or

purchase the equipment outright from the consignor for sale in a particular auction.

The level of guaranteed proceeds or inventory purchase price is based on appraisals performed on equipment by our internal personnel. Inaccurate appraisals could result in guarantees or inventory values that exceed the realizable auction proceeds. If auction proceeds are less than the guaranteed amount, our commission will be reduced and, in certain circumstances, we could incur a loss. If auction proceeds are less than the purchase price we paid for equipment that we take into inventory temporarily, we will incur a loss. Because all of our auctions are unreserved, there is no way for us to protect against these types of losses by bidding on or acquiring any of the items at the auction. We expect that competitive forces and supply imbalances will likely encourage us to increase our exposure to at risk contracts. If our exposure increases, this risk would be compounded.

Occasionally we advance to consignors a portion of the estimated auction proceeds prior to the auction. We generally make these advances only after taking possession of the assets to be auctioned and upon receipt of a security interest in the assets to secure the obligation. If we were unable to auction the assets or if auction proceeds were less than amounts advanced, we could incur a loss.

**We may have difficulties sustaining and managing our growth.**

One of the main elements of our strategy is to continue to grow our core auction business, primarily by increasing our presence in markets in which we already operate and by expanding into new geographic markets and market segments in which we have not had a significant presence in the past. As part of this strategy, we may from time to time acquire additional assets or businesses from third parties. We may not be successful in growing our business or in managing this growth. For us to grow our core auction business successfully, we need to accomplish a number of objectives, including:

recruiting and retaining suitable sales and managerial personnel;

developing and enhancing an appropriate sales strategy;

identifying and developing new geographic markets and market sectors;

expanding awareness of our brand, including value proposition and competitive advantages, in existing and new markets;

successfully executing the introduction of new ancillary services and enhanced equipment information;

successfully executing the introduction of our revised and expanded administrative fee;

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identifying and acquiring, on terms favourable to us, suitable land on which to build new auction facilities and, potentially, businesses that might be appropriate acquisition targets;

obtaining necessary financing on terms favourable to us, and securing the availability of our credit facilities to fund our growth initiatives;

receiving necessary authorizations and approvals from governments for proposed development or expansion;

integrating successfully new facilities and any acquired businesses into our existing operations;

achieving acceptance of the auction process in general by potential consignors, bidders and buyers;

establishing and maintaining favourable relationships with and meeting the needs of consignors, bidders and buyers in new markets and market sectors, and maintaining these relationships in our existing markets;

capturing all relevant market data and utilizing it to generate insight and understanding of key company and industry drivers and market trends;

developing appropriate responses based on data collected to meet the needs of existing and potential customers to achieve customer retention targets;

succeeding against local and regional competitors in existing and new geographic markets;

capitalizing on changes in the supply of and demand for industrial assets, and understanding and responding to changing market dynamics, in our existing and new markets; and

designing and implementing business processes and operating systems that are able to support profitable growth.

We will likely need to hire additional employees to manage our growth. In addition, growth may increase the geographic scope of our operations and increase demands on both our operating and financial systems. These factors will increase our operating complexity and the level of responsibility of existing and new management personnel. It may be difficult for us to attract and retain qualified sales personnel, managers and employees, and our existing operating and financial systems and controls may not be adequate to support our growth. We may not be able to improve our systems and controls as a result of increased costs, technological challenges, or lack of qualified employees. Our past results and growth may not be indicative of our future prospects or our ability to expand into new markets, many of which may have different competitive conditions and demographic characteristics than our existing markets.

**We are pursuing a long-term growth strategy that requires upfront investment.**

We continue to pursue a long-term growth strategy that contemplates investments in growing our core business, including investments in frontier markets that may not generate profitable growth in the near term, adding new business and information solutions, and developing our people. Planning for future growth requires investments to be made now in anticipation of growth that may not materialize, and if our strategies do not successfully address the needs of current and potential customers we may not be successful growing our gross auction proceeds and our earnings may be adversely impacted. A large component of our G&A expenses is considered fixed costs that we will incur regardless of gross auction proceeds growth. There can be no assurances that our gross auction proceeds and auction revenues will grow at a more rapid rate than our fixed costs, especially in the event of a deep and prolonged recession, which would have a negative impact on our margins and earnings per share.

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**Our future expenses may increase significantly or our operations, and ability to expand may be limited as a result of environmental and other regulations.**

A variety of federal, provincial, state and local laws, rules and regulations throughout the world, including local tax and accounting rules, apply to our business. These relate to, among other things, the auction business, imports and exports of equipment, worker safety, privacy of customer information, and the use, storage, discharge and disposal of environmentally sensitive materials. Complying with revisions to laws, rules and regulations could result in an increase in expenses and a deterioration of our financial performance. Failure to comply with applicable laws, rules and regulations could result in substantial liability to us, suspension or cessation of some or all of our operations, restrictions on our ability to expand at present locations or into new locations, requirements for the acquisition of additional equipment or other significant expenses or restrictions.

The development or expansion of auction sites depends upon receipt of required licenses, permits and other governmental authorizations. Our inability to obtain these required items could harm our business. Additionally, changes or concessions required by regulatory authorities could result in significant delays in, or prevent completion of, such development or expansion.

Under some environmental laws, an owner or lessee of, or other person involved in, real estate may be liable for the costs of removal or remediation of hazardous or toxic substances located on or in, or emanating from, the real estate, and related costs of investigation and property damage. These laws often impose liability without regard to whether the owner, lessee or other person knew of, or was responsible for, the presence of the hazardous or toxic substances. Environmental contamination may exist at our owned or leased auction sites, or at other sites on which we may conduct auctions, or properties that we may be selling by auction, from prior activities at these locations or from neighbouring properties. In addition, auction sites that we acquire or lease in the future may be contaminated, and future use of or conditions on any of our properties or sites could result in contamination. The costs related to claims arising from environmental contamination of any of these properties could harm our financial condition and results of operations.

Climate change may not affect us directly, but government regulation in response to this area of global concern may affect the ability of equipment owners to transport certain equipment between specified jurisdictions or the saleability of older equipment. One example of these restrictions is environmental certification requirements in the United States, which prevent non-certified equipment from entering into commerce in the United States. These restrictions, or changes to environmental laws, could inhibit materially the ability of customers to ship equipment to or from our auction sites, reducing our gross auction proceeds and harming our business.

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International bidders and consignors could be deterred from participating in our auctions if governmental bodies impose additional export or import regulations or additional duties, taxes or other charges on exports or imports. Reduced participation by international bidders and consignors could reduce gross auction proceeds and harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

**Disruptions to credit and financial markets and economic uncertainty could harm our operations.**

Recent global economic and financial market events caused, among other things, a general tightening in credit markets, lower levels of liquidity, increases in default rates, and a level of uncertainty in the used equipment marketplace, all of which may have a continuing negative impact on our operations, financial condition and liquidity and ability to grow our business. Our operations and access to our cash balances in the future are dependent upon the economic viability of our key suppliers and the various financial institutions we utilize. Our future operations may be disrupted if we cannot obtain products and services necessary for our auction operations from our key suppliers, or if we lose access to our cash balances. In addition, our future auction revenues may decrease if our consignors choose not to sell their assets as a result of economic conditions, or if our buyers are unable to obtain financing for asset purchases, or if any of our customers are in financial distress. In addition, our lenders may be unable to advance funds to us under existing credit facilities, which could harm our liquidity and ability to operate or grow our business. Our customers may decide to delay the sale of excess assets due to uncertainty about the used equipment market, market values, construction spending or other factors, which could limit growth of our gross auction proceeds. The timing and degree of a full recovery in credit and financial markets remain uncertain, and there can be no assurance that market conditions will improve in the near future and that our results of operations will not be adversely affected.

**Competition in our core markets could result in reductions in our future revenues and profitability.**

The used truck and equipment sectors of the global industrial equipment market, and the auction segment of those markets, are highly fragmented. We compete directly for potential purchasers of industrial equipment with other auction companies. Our indirect competitors include equipment manufacturers, other third party methods, and equipment rental companies. When sourcing equipment to sell at our auctions, we compete with other auction companies, other third party methods, and equipment owners that have traditionally disposed of equipment in private sales.

Our direct competitors are primarily regional auction companies. Some of our indirect competitors have significantly greater financial and marketing resources and name recognition than we do. New competitors with greater financial and other resources may enter the industrial equipment auction market in the future. Additionally, existing or future competitors may succeed in entering and establishing successful operations in new geographic markets prior to our entry into those markets. They may also compete against us through internet-based services. If existing or future competitors seek to gain or retain market share by reducing commission rates, or our strategy to compete against them is not effective, we may also be required to reduce commission rates, which may reduce our revenue and harm our operating results and financial condition, or we may lose market share.

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We currently generate the majority of our revenues through unreserved auctions. We may be susceptible to loss of business as a result of our restrictive service offering if competing models become more appealing to customers. If our selling model becomes undesirable or we are not successful adding services complimentary to our existing selling model and business, we may not be successful increasing market penetration over the long term, which could prevent us from achieving our long-term earnings growth targets.

**Our substantial international operations expose us to foreign exchange rate fluctuations and political and economic instability that could harm our results of operations.**

We conduct business in many countries around the world and intend to continue to expand our presence in international markets, including emerging markets. Fluctuating currency exchange rates, acts of terrorism or war, and changing social, economic and political conditions and regulations, including income tax and accounting regulations, and political interference, may negatively affect our business in international markets and our related results of operations. Currency exchange rate fluctuations between the different countries in which we conduct our operations impact the purchasing power of buyers, the motivation of consignors, asset values and asset flows between various countries, including those in which we do not have operations. These factors and other global economic conditions may harm our business and our operating results.

Although we report our financial results in U.S. dollars, a significant portion of our auction revenues is generated at auctions held outside the United States, mostly in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Currency exchange rate changes against the U.S. dollar, particularly for the Canadian dollar and the Euro, could affect the presentation of our results in our financial statements and cause our earnings to fluctuate.

**Our business could be harmed if we lost the services of one or more key personnel.**

The growth and performance of our business depends to a significant extent on the efforts and abilities of our executive officers and senior managers. Our business could be harmed if we lost the services of any of these individuals. We do not maintain key man insurance on the lives of any of our executive officers. Our future success largely depends on our ability to attract, develop and retain skilled employees in all areas of our business, as well as to design an appropriate organization structure and plan effectively for succession.

**Our internet-related initiatives are subject to technological obsolescence and potential service interruptions and may not contribute to improved operating results over the long-term; in addition, we may not be able to compete with technologies implemented by our competitors.**

We have invested significant resources in the development of our internet platform, including our online bidding service and website. We use and rely on intellectual property owned by third parties, which we license for use in providing our online bidding service. Our internet technologies may not result in any material long-term improvement in our results of operations or financial condition and may require further significant investment to avoid obsolescence. We may also not be able to continue to adapt our business to internet commerce and we may not be able to compete effectively against internet auction services offered by our competitors.

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The success of our online bidding service and other services that we offer over the internet, including equipment-searching capabilities and historical price information, will continue to depend largely on the performance and reliability of the hardware and software we utilize, our ability to use suitable intellectual property licensed from third parties, further development and maintenance of our information technology infrastructure and the internet in general. Our ability to offer online services depends on the performance of the internet, as well as our internal hardware and software systems.

Viruses , worms and other similar programs, which have in the past caused periodic outages and other internet access delays, may in the future interfere with the performance of the internet and some of our internal systems. These outages and delays could reduce the level of service we are able to offer over the internet. We could lose customers and our reputation could be harmed if we were unable to provide services over the internet at an acceptable level of performance or reliability.

**Our business is subject to risks relating to our ability to safeguard the security and privacy of our customers confidential information.**

We maintain proprietary databases containing confidential personal information about our customers and the results of our auctions, and we must safeguard the security and privacy of this information. Despite our efforts to protect this information, we face the risk of inadvertent disclosure of this sensitive information or an intentional breach of our security measures.

Security breaches could damage our reputation and expose us to a risk of loss or litigation and possible liability for damages. We may be required to make significant expenditures to protect against security breaches or to alleviate problems caused by any breaches. Our insurance policies may not be adequate to reimburse us for losses caused by security breaches.

**The availability and performance of our internal technology infrastructure are critical to our business.**

The satisfactory performance, reliability and availability of our website, enterprise resource planning system, processing systems and network infrastructure are important to our reputation and our business. We will need to continue to expand and upgrade our technology, transaction processing systems and network infrastructure both to meet increased usage of our online bidding service and other services offered on our website and to implement new features and functions. Our business and results of operations could be harmed if we were unable to expand and upgrade in a timely manner our systems and infrastructure to accommodate any increases in the use of our internet services, or if we were to lose access to or the functionality of our internet systems for any reason.

We use both internally developed and licensed systems for transaction processing and accounting, including billings and collections processing. We have recently improved these systems to accommodate growth in our business. If we are unsuccessful in continuing to upgrade our technology, transaction processing systems or network infrastructure to accommodate increased transaction volumes, it could harm our operations and interfere with our ability to expand our business.



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**We may incur losses as a result of legal and other claims.**

We are subject to legal and other claims that arise in the ordinary course of our business. While the results of these claims have not historically had a material effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations, we may not be able to defend ourselves adequately against these claims in the future and we may incur losses. Aggregate losses from and the legal fees associated with these claims could be material.

**Our business continuity plan may not operate effectively in the event of a significant interruption of our business.**

We depend on our information and other systems and processes for the continuity and effective operation of our business. We have recently implemented a formal business continuity plan covering most significant aspects of our business that would take effect in the event of a significant interruption to our business, or the loss of key systems as a result of a natural or other disaster. Although we have tested our business continuity plan as part of the implementation, there can be no assurance that it will operate effectively or that our business, results of operations and financial condition will not be materially affected in the event of a significant interruption of our business.

We are in the process of implementing a formal disaster recovery plan, including a data center co-location that went into effect in 2009. However, our disaster recovery plan is not yet complete. If we were subject to a disaster or serious security breach, it could materially damage our business, results of operations and financial condition.

**Our insurance may be insufficient to cover losses that may occur as a result of our operations.**

We maintain property and general liability insurance. This insurance may not remain available to us at commercially reasonable rates, and the amount of our coverage may not be adequate to cover all liabilities that we may incur. Our auctions generally involve the operation of large equipment close to a large number of people, and despite our focus on safe work practices, an accident could damage our facilities or injure auction attendees. Any major accident could harm our reputation and our business. In addition, if we were held liable for amounts exceeding the limits of our insurance coverage or for claims outside the scope of our coverage, the resulting costs could harm our results of operations and financial condition.

**Certain global conditions may affect our ability to conduct successful auctions.**

Like most businesses with global operations, we are subject to the risk of certain global conditions, such as pandemics or other disease outbreaks or natural disasters that could hinder our ability to conduct our scheduled auctions, or restrict our customers' travel patterns or their desire to attend auctions. If this situation were to occur, we may not be able to generate sufficient equipment consignments to sustain our business or to attract enough bidders to our auctions to achieve world fair market values for the items we sell. This could harm our results of operations and financial condition.

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**Our operating results are subject to quarterly variations.**

Historically, our revenues and operating results have fluctuated from quarter to quarter. We expect to continue to experience these fluctuations as a result of the following factors, among others:

- the size, timing and frequency of our auctions;
- the seasonal nature of the auction business in general, with peak activity typically occurring in the second and fourth calendar quarters, mainly as a result of the seasonal nature of the construction and natural resources industries;
- the performance of our underwritten business (guarantee and outright purchase contracts);
- general economic conditions in our markets; and
- the timing of acquisitions and development of auction facilities and related costs.

In addition, we usually incur substantial costs when entering new markets, and the profitability of operations at new locations is uncertain as a result of the increased variability in the number and size of auctions at new sites. These and other factors may cause our future results to fall short of investor expectations or not to compare favourably to our past results.

**We may not continue to pay regular cash dividends.**

We declared and paid total quarterly cash dividends of \$0.41 per outstanding common share in 2010. Any decision to declare and pay dividends in the future will be made at the discretion of our Board of Directors, after taking into account our operating results, financial condition, cash requirements, financing agreement restrictions and other factors our Board may deem relevant. We may be unable or may elect not to continue to declare and pay dividends, even if necessary financial conditions are met and sufficient cash is available for distribution.

**The impact of the adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards IFRS in 2011 is uncertain.**

We, as a publicly accountable Canadian enterprise, are required by the Canadian Accounting Standards Board to adopt IFRS beginning January 1, 2011. We will not be able to determine the full impact of the adoption of IFRS on our consolidated financial statements until the completion of the first annual financial statements under IFRS for the year ended December 31, 2011. This is due to the continually changing IFRS and guidance issued by the IASB and Canadian Securities Administrators.

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Consolidated Financial Statements of  
**RITCHIE BROS. AUCTIONEERS  
INCORPORATED**

Years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT OF REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors of Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated and its subsidiaries, which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as at December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity, comprehensive income and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2010, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

*Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

*Auditors' Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audits is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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*Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated*

*Opinion*

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated and its subsidiaries as at December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2010 in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

*Other Matter*

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2010, based on the criteria established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO), and our report dated February 22, 2011 expressed an unmodified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

KPMG LLP

February 22, 2011

Vancouver, Canada

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors of Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated

We have audited Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated ( the Company ) s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2010, based on the criteria established in Internal Control Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the section entitled Internal Control over Financial Reporting included in Management s Discussion and Analysis. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company s internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

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

A company s internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company s internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company s assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

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

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*Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated*

In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2010, based on the criteria established in Internal Control Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

We also have conducted our audits on the consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Our report dated February 22, 2011 expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

KPMG LLP

February 22, 2011

Vancouver, Canada

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## Consolidated Statements of Operations

(Expressed in thousands of United States dollars, except share and per share amounts)

Years ended December 31,	2010	2009	2008
Auction revenues	\$ 357,369	\$ 377,211	\$ 354,818
Direct expenses	47,021	49,890	49,750
	310,348	327,321	305,068
Expenses:			
Depreciation and amortization	37,813	31,761	24,764
General and administrative	180,532	168,312	164,556
	218,345	200,073	189,320
Earnings from operations	92,003	127,248	115,748
Other income (expense):			
Interest expense	(5,216)	(544)	(859)
Interest income	2,035	2,400	4,994
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	(49)	(1,085)	11,656
Gain on disposition of capital assets	250	647	6,370
Other	1,823	2,857	1,375
	(1,157)	4,275	23,536
Earnings before income taxes	90,846	131,523	139,284
Income tax expense (recovery) (note 9):			
Current	21,992	35,230	39,101
Future	2,941	2,841	(1,217)
	24,933	38,071	37,884
Net earnings	\$ 65,913	\$ 93,452	\$ 101,400
Net earnings per share (note 7(e)):			
Basic	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.97
Diluted	0.62	0.88	0.96
Weighted average number of shares outstanding	105,609,042	105,141,368	104,713,375
See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.			



Approved on behalf of the Board:

Beverley A. Briscoe  
Director

Peter J. Blake  
Director and Chief Executive Officer

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## Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Expressed in thousands of United States dollars)

December 31,	2010	2009
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 68,185	\$ 122,596
Accounts receivable	59,818	51,963
Inventory	26,533	6,640
Advances against auction contracts	2,379	4,574
Prepaid expenses and deposits	10,565	8,131
Other assets	142	265
Income taxes receivable	14,635	3,824
Future income tax asset (note 9)	211	714
	182,468	198,707
Capital assets (note 3)	627,230	597,945
Other assets (note 4)	11,674	14,472
Goodwill	46,254	45,593
Future income tax asset (note 9)	3,192	1,104
	\$ 870,818	\$ 857,821
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Auction proceeds payable	\$ 46,463	\$ 74,726
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	87,685	88,402
Income taxes payable	1,900	
Short-term debt (note 5)	1,087	5,069
	137,135	168,197
Long-term debt (note 6)	135,886	130,394
Other liabilities	1,659	1,254
Future income tax liability (note 9)	18,011	13,565
	292,691	313,410
Shareholders' equity:		
Share capital (note 7)	103,978	99,980
Additional paid-in capital	18,697	16,146
Retained earnings	433,973	411,326
Accumulated other comprehensive income	21,479	16,959

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Commitments and contingencies (note 10)

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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## Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity

(Expressed in thousands of United States dollars)

	Share Capital	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Shareholders' Equity
Balance, December 31, 2007	\$ 90,223	\$ 12,471	\$ 292,046	\$ 40,376	\$ 435,116
Exercise of stock options	4,143	(625)			3,518
Stock compensation tax adjustment		198			198
Stock compensation expense		2,311			2,311
Net earnings			101,400		101,400
Cash dividends paid			(35,601)		(35,601)
Foreign currency translation adjustment				(26,896)	(26,896)
Reclassification to net earnings of foreign currency translation gains				(14,884)	(14,884)
Balance, December 31, 2008	94,366	14,355	357,845	(1,404)	465,162
Exercise of stock options	5,614	(917)			4,697
Stock compensation tax adjustment		600			600
Stock compensation expense		2,108			2,108
Net earnings			93,452		93,452
Cash dividends paid			(39,971)		(39,971)
Foreign currency translation adjustment				18,363	18,363
Balance, December 31, 2009	99,980	16,146	411,326	16,959	544,411
Exercise of stock options	3,998	(719)			3,279
Stock compensation tax adjustment		366			366
Stock compensation expense		2,904			2,904
Net earnings			65,913		65,913
Cash dividends paid			(43,266)		(43,266)
Foreign currency translation adjustment				4,520	4,520
Balance, December 31, 2010	\$ 103,978	\$ 18,697	\$ 433,973	\$ 21,479	\$ 578,127

## Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(Expressed in thousands of United States dollars)

Years ended December 31,	2010	2009	2008
Net earnings	\$ 65,913	\$ 93,452	\$ 101,400
Other comprehensive income (loss):			
Foreign currency translation adjustment	4,520	18,363	(26,896)
Reclassification to net earnings of foreign currency translation gains			(14,884)

Comprehensive income	\$	70,433	\$	111,815	\$	59,620
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See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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## Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Expressed in thousands of United States dollars)

Years ended December 31,	2010	2009	2008
Cash provided by (used in):			
Operating activities:			
Net earnings	\$ 65,913	\$ 93,452	\$ 101,400
Items not involving cash:			
Depreciation and amortization	37,813	31,761	24,764
Stock compensation expense	2,904	2,108	2,311
Future income taxes (recoveries)	2,941	2,841	(1,217)
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	49	1,085	(11,656)
Net gain on disposition of capital assets	(250)	(647)	(6,370)
Changes in non-cash working capital:			
Accounts receivable	(7,818)	15,646	(6,770)
Inventory	(19,509)	3,856	(4,758)
Advances against auction contracts	2,273	(3,688)	100
Prepaid expenses and deposits	(2,213)	1,026	(6,987)
Income taxes receivable	(10,744)	(810)	3,420
Income taxes payable	2,154		
Auction proceeds payable	(32,625)	(7,966)	8,355
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(982)	(112)	(9,704)
Other	259	(97)	(2,200)
	40,165	138,455	90,688
Investing activities:			
Acquisition of business		(3,803)	
Capital asset additions	(62,284)	(157,416)	(145,024)
Proceeds on disposition of capital assets	8,479	4,201	33,813
Decrease (increase) in other assets	(788)	(7,638)	1,000
	(54,593)	(164,656)	(110,211)
Financing activities:			
Issuance of share capital	3,279	4,697	3,518
Dividends on common shares	(43,266)	(39,971)	(35,601)
Issuance of short-term debt	31,636	6,241	37,077
Repayment of short-term debt	(35,915)	(1,058)	(36,459)
Issuance of long-term debt	15,000	66,408	25,566
Repayment of long-term debt	(14,436)	(14,999)	(238)
Other	360	1,596	(57)
	(43,342)	22,914	(6,194)

Effect of changes in foreign currency rates on cash and cash equivalents	3,359	18,608	(17,323)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(54,411)	15,321	(43,040)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	122,596	107,275	150,315
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 68,185	\$ 122,596	\$ 107,275
Supplemental information:			
Interest paid	\$ 5,506	\$ 5,593	\$ 3,476
Income taxes paid	26,898	35,569	34,629
See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.			

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(Tabular dollar amounts expressed in thousands of United

States dollars, except share and per share amounts)

Years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008

**1. Significant accounting policies:**

## (a) Basis of presentation:

These consolidated financial statements present the financial position, results of operations, comprehensive income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows of Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated (the Company), a company amalgamated in December 1997 under the Canada Business Corporations Act, and its subsidiaries. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

The consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Canada (Canadian GAAP). As disclosed in note 13, Canadian GAAP differs in certain material respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

## (b) Cash and cash equivalents:

Cash equivalents consist of highly liquid investments having an original term to maturity of three months or less when acquired.

## (c) Inventory:

Inventory is primarily represented by goods held for auction and has been valued at the lower of cost, determined by the specific identification method, and net realizable value.

## (d) Capital assets:

All capital assets are stated at cost and include capitalized interest on assets under development. Depreciation is provided to charge the cost of the assets to operations over their estimated useful lives based on their usage as follows:

Asset	Basis	Rate/term
Improvements	declining balance	10%
Buildings	straight-line	over the shorter of the estimated useful life or 30 years
Yard equipment	declining balance	20-30%
Computer software	straight-line	3-5 years
Automotive equipment	declining balance	30%
Office equipment	declining balance	20%
Computer equipment	straight-line	3 years
Leasehold improvements	straight-line	Terms of leases



Long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable. In such situations, long-lived assets are considered impaired when undiscounted estimated future cash flows resulting from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition are less than the asset's carrying amount.

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**1. Significant accounting policies (continued):**

(d) Capital assets (continued):

Legal obligations to retire tangible long-lived assets and assets under operating leases are recorded at the fair value in the period in which they are incurred, if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made, with a corresponding increase in asset value. The liability is accreted to face value over the life of the asset. The Company does not have any significant asset retirement obligations.

(e) Goodwill:

Goodwill represents non-identifiable intangible assets acquired on business combinations. Goodwill is not amortized and is tested for impairment annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. The impairment test compares the carrying amount of the goodwill against its implied fair value. To the extent that the carrying amount of goodwill exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss is charged against earnings.

(f) Revenue recognition:

Auction revenues are comprised mostly of auction commissions, which are earned by the Company acting as an agent for consignors of equipment and other assets, but also include net profits on the sale of inventory, internet and proxy purchase fees, administrative and documentation fees on the sale of certain lots, and auction advertising fees. All revenue is recognized when the auction sale is complete and the Company has determined that the auction proceeds are collectible.

Auction commissions represent the percentage earned by the Company on the gross proceeds from equipment and other assets sold at auction. The majority of auction commissions is earned as a pre-negotiated fixed rate of the gross selling price. Other commissions are earned when the Company guarantees a certain level of proceeds to a consignor. This type of commission typically includes a pre-negotiated percentage of the guaranteed gross proceeds plus a percentage of proceeds in excess of the guaranteed amount. If actual auction proceeds are less than the guaranteed amount, commission is reduced; if proceeds are sufficiently lower, the Company can incur a loss on the sale. Losses, if any, resulting from guarantee contracts are recorded in the period in which the relevant auction is completed. If a loss relating to a guarantee contract to be sold after a period end is known at the financial statement reporting date, the loss is accrued in the financial statements for that period. The Company's exposure from these guarantee contracts fluctuates over time (see note 10(b)).

Auction revenues also include net profit on the sale of inventory items. In some cases, incidental to its regular commission business, the Company temporarily acquires title to items for a short time prior to a particular auction sale. The auction revenue recorded is the net gain or loss on the sale of the items.

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**1. Significant accounting policies (continued):**

(g) Income taxes:

Income taxes are accounted for using the asset and liability method, whereby future taxes are recognized for the tax consequences of temporary differences by applying substantively enacted or enacted statutory tax rates applicable to future years to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and the tax bases of existing assets and liabilities. The effect on future taxes of a change in tax rates is recognized in earnings in the period in which the new tax rate is substantively enacted. Future tax benefits, such as non-capital loss carry forwards, are recognized to the extent that realization of such benefits is considered more likely than not.

(h) Foreign currency translation:

The Company's reporting currency is the United States dollar. The functional currency for each of the Company's operations is usually the currency of the country of residency; in some cases it is the United States dollar. Each of the Company's foreign operations is considered to be self-sustaining. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Company's operations that are not denominated in United States dollars have been translated into United States dollars using the exchange rate at the end of each reporting period for asset and liability amounts and the average exchange rate for each reporting period for amounts included in the determination of earnings. Any gains or losses from the translation of asset and liability amounts have been included in accumulated other comprehensive income, which is included as a separate component of shareholders' equity. Monetary assets and liabilities recorded in foreign currencies are translated into the appropriate functional currency at the rate of exchange in effect at the balance sheet date. Foreign currency denominated transactions are translated into the appropriate functional currency at the exchange rate in effect on the date of the transaction.

(i) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Significant financial statement items requiring the use of estimates include the determination of useful lives for depreciation, the valuation of goodwill and capital assets, the valuation of consignors' equipment and other assets subject to guarantee contracts, and the estimation of the utilization of future income tax asset balances. Actual results could differ from such estimates and assumptions.

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**1. Significant accounting policies (continued):**

(j) Financial instruments:

The Company classifies its cash and cash equivalents as held-for-trading, which is measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognized in net earnings. Accounts receivable are classified as loans and receivables, which are measured at amortized cost. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities, auction proceeds payable, and long-term debt are classified as other financial liabilities, which are measured at amortized cost.

Transaction costs are offset against the outstanding principal of the related debts and are amortized using the effective interest rate method.

All derivative instruments, including embedded derivatives, are recorded in the financial statements at fair value unless exempted from derivative treatment as a normal purchase and sale. All changes in their fair value are recorded in income unless cash flow hedge accounting is applied, in which case changes in fair value are recorded in other comprehensive income.

(k) Net earnings per share:

Net earnings per share has been calculated based on the weighted average number of common \_\_\_\_\_ shares outstanding. Diluted net earnings per share has been calculated after giving effect to outstanding dilutive options calculated by the treasury stock method (note 7(e)).

(l) Stock-based compensation:

The Company has a stock-based compensation plan, which is described in note 7(c) and (d). The Company uses the fair value based method to account for employee stock-based compensation. Under the fair value based method, compensation cost attributable to options granted to employees is measured at the fair value of the underlying option at the grant date using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Compensation expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period of the underlying option. Any consideration paid by employees on exercise of stock options or purchase of stock is credited to share capital.

(m) Comparative figures:

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the presentation adopted in the current year.

**2. Future changes in accounting policies:**

In February 2008, the Canadian Accounting Standards Board confirmed that International Financial Reporting Standards ( IFRS ) will replace Canadian GAAP in 2011 for all publicly accountable Canadian enterprises. The Company will report its financial results in accordance with IFRS effective January 1, 2011.

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**3. Capital assets:**

2010	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Net book value
Land and improvements	\$ 346,516	\$ 24,592	\$ 321,924
Buildings	258,091	48,797	209,294
Land and buildings under development	14,347		14,347
Yard equipment	33,193	16,868	16,325
Computer software and equipment under development	1,813		1,813
Computer software	46,570	25,607	20,963
Automotive equipment	21,337	9,780	11,557
Office equipment	20,308	9,001	11,307
Computer equipment	20,914	11,714	9,200
Leasehold improvements under development	955		955
Leasehold improvements	12,934	3,389	9,545
	\$ 776,978	\$ 149,748	\$ 627,230
2009	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Net book value
Land and improvements	\$ 294,134	\$ 19,684	\$ 274,450
Buildings	232,160	40,882	191,278
Land and buildings under development	57,367		57,367
Yard equipment	28,945	13,533	15,412
Computer software and equipment under development	14,084		14,084
Computer software	29,477	15,749	13,728
Automotive equipment	20,124	8,223	11,901
Office equipment	17,275	6,998	10,277
Computer equipment	14,707	7,104	7,603
Leasehold improvements	4,396	2,551	1,845
	\$ 712,669	\$ 114,724	\$ 597,945

During the year, interest of \$2,014,000 (2009 \$5,092,000; 2008 \$2,431,000;) was capitalized to the cost of assets under development.

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**4. Other non-current assets:**

	December 31, 2010	December 31, 2009
Note receivable	\$ 5,027	\$ 5,131
Assets held for sale	421	3,675
Long-term prepaids	5,095	2,946
Other receivables	1,131	2,720
	\$ 11,674	\$ 14,472

The note receivable is secured by a property the Company is leasing and a neighbouring property. The note is repayable in monthly installments of principal plus interest, with final payment due in 2014.

**5. Short-term debt:**

Short-term debt at December 31, 2010 consisted of draws on the Company's revolving credit facilities with a weighted average interest rate of 2.58% per annum.

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**6. Long-term debt:**

	2010	2009
Term loan, denominated in Canadian dollars, unsecured, bearing interest at 6.385%, due in quarterly installments of interest only, with full amount of the principal due in 2016.	\$ 59,977	\$ 56,889
Term loan, unsecured, bearing interest at 5.610%, due in quarterly installments of interest only, with the full amount of the principal due in 2011, which the Company intends to refinance on a long-term basis by drawing on its available credit facilities.	29,998	29,966
Revolving loan, denominated in Canadian dollars, unsecured, bearing interest at Canadian bankers' acceptance rate plus a margin between 0.65% and 1.00%, due in monthly installments of interest only. The revolving credit facility is available until January 2014. As at December 31, 2010, the effective rate of interest on this loan, including the margin, was 2.071%.	30,911	29,282
Term loan, unsecured, bearing interest at 2.30%, due in quarterly installments of interest only, with the full amount of the principal due in 2013, drawn to refinance the Canadian dollar term loan that fell due in 2010.	15,000	
Term loan, denominated in Canadian dollars, secured by a general security agreement, bearing interest at 4.429%, due in monthly installments of interest only, with the full amount of the principal due in 2010.		14,257
	\$ 135,886	\$ 130,394

As at December 31, 2010, principal repayments for the remaining period to the contractual maturity dates are as follows:

2011	\$ 30,000
2012	
2013	15,000
2014	31,074
2015	
2016	60,144
	\$ 136,218





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**6. Long-term debt (continued):**

The following credit facilities are available to the Company:

	December 31, 2010	December 31, 2009
Committed revolving credit facilities:		
Total unused	\$ 152,828	\$ 180,513
Expires January 2014	147,828	165,513
Uncommitted credit facilities:		
Total unused	\$ 283,696	\$ 280,426
Expires November 2011	189,856	192,928

Subsequent to December 31, 2010, the Company refinanced its \$30,000,000 unsecured term loan that fell due by borrowing \$30,000,000 of term debt under its committed, revolving credit facility. This 2-year term loan is denominated in United States dollars and bears a fixed interest rate of 1.81%.

**7. Share capital:**

(a) Authorized:

Unlimited number of common shares, without par value.

Unlimited number of senior preferred shares, without par value, issuable in series.

Unlimited number of junior preferred shares, without par value, issuable in series.

(b) Issued:

No preferred shares have been issued.

Common shares issued and outstanding are as follows:

Issued and outstanding, December 31, 2007	104,438,550
Issued for cash, pursuant to stock options exercised	449,170
Issued and outstanding, December 31, 2008	104,887,720
Issued for cash, pursuant to stock options exercised	490,900
Issued and outstanding, December 31, 2009	105,378,620
Issued for cash, pursuant to stock options exercised	269,415
Issued and outstanding, December 31, 2010	105,648,035



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**7. Share capital (continued):**

The Company's common shares were subdivided on a three-for-one basis effective April 24, 2008.

Shareholders of record at the close of business on April 24, 2008 received two additional common shares for each common share held at that date. The stock split effectively tripled the number of common shares and stock options outstanding on that date. All share, stock option and per share information in these consolidated financial statements have been restated to reflect the stock split on a retroactive basis.

## (c) Stock option plan:

The Company has a stock option plan that provides for the award of stock options to selected employees, directors and officers of the Company and to other persons approved by the Board of Directors. Stock options are granted at the fair market value of the Company's common shares at the grant date, with various vesting periods and a term not exceeding 10 years. At December 31, 2010, there were 5,368,589 (2009 5,950,193; 2008 6,890,046) shares authorized and available for grants of options under the stock option plan.

Stock option activity for 2010, 2009 and 2008 is presented below:

Outstanding, December 31, 2007	2,474,394	\$	11.24
Granted	460,710		24.35
Exercised	(449,170)		7.83
Cancelled	(12,300)		24.39
Outstanding, December 31, 2008	2,473,634		14.23
Granted	942,053		14.61
Exercised	(490,900)		9.57
Cancelled	(2,200)		24.39
Outstanding, December 31, 2009	2,922,587		15.13
Granted	591,704		21.79
Exercised	(269,415)		12.17
Cancelled	(10,100)		24.39
Outstanding, December 31, 2010	3,234,776	\$	16.57
Exercisable, December 31, 2010	2,256,031	\$	15.55

The options outstanding at December 31, 2010 expire on dates ranging to September 8, 2020.



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**7. Share capital (continued):**

The following is a summary of stock options outstanding and exercisable at December 31, 2010:

Range of Exercise Prices	Number Outstanding	Options Outstanding		Options Exercisable	
		Weighted Average Remaining Life (years)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number Exercisable	Weighted Average Exercise Price
\$3.89 - \$4.35	51,500	1.1	\$ 4.34	51,500	\$ 4.34
\$5.18	167,124	2.1	5.18	167,124	5.18
\$8.82 - \$10.80	331,300	3.6	9.80	331,300	9.80
\$14.23 - \$14.70	1,274,285	7.2	14.55	887,944	14.57
\$18.67 - \$19.23	383,104	6.2	18.68	376,200	18.67
\$21.82	581,000	9.2	21.82		21.82
\$24.39 - \$25.76	446,463	7.2	24.41	441,963	24.41
	3,234,776			2,256,031	

## (d) Stock-based compensation:

The Company uses the fair value based method to account for employee stock-based compensation awards. During 2010, the Company recognized compensation cost of \$2,904,000 (2009 \$2,108,000; 2008 \$2,311,000) in respect of options granted under its stock option plan.

For the purposes described above, the fair value of the stock option grants was estimated on the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions:

	2010	2009	2008
Risk free interest rate	2.7%	2.5%	2.7%
Dividend yield	1.84%	2.47%	1.31%
Expected lives of options	5 years	5 years	5 years
Volatility	34.4%	31.8%	23.0%

The weighted average grant date fair value of options granted during the year ended December 31, 2010 was \$6.40 per option (2009 \$3.77; 2008 \$5.29). The fair value method requires that this amount be amortized over the relevant vesting periods of the underlying options.

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(e) Net earnings per share:

Year ended December 31, 2010	Net earnings	Shares	Per share amount
Basic net earnings per share	\$ 65,913	105,521,960	\$ 0.62
Effect of dilutive securities: Stock options		647,239	(0.00)
Diluted net earnings per share	\$ 65,913	106,169,199	\$ 0.62
Year ended December 31, 2009	Net earnings	Shares	Per share amount
Basic net earnings per share	\$ 93,452	105,141,368	\$ 0.89
Effect of dilutive securities: Stock options		632,438	(0.01)
Diluted net earnings per share	\$ 93,452	105,773,806	\$ 0.88
Year ended December 31, 2008	Net earnings	Shares	Per share amount
Basic net earnings per share	\$ 101,400	104,713,375	\$ 0.97
Effect of dilutive securities: Stock options		1,060,569	(0.01)
Diluted net earnings per share	\$ 101,400	105,773,944	\$ 0.96

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**7. Share capital (continued):**

(e) Net earnings per share (continued):

For the year ended December 31, 2010, stock options to purchase 1,027,463 common shares (2009 452,763; 2008 443,310) were outstanding but were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share as they were anti-dilutive.

**8. Segmented information:**

The Company's principal business activity is the sale of consignment and self-owned equipment and other assets at auctions. This business represents a single reportable segment.

The Company determines its activities by geographic segment based on the location of its auctions. Summarized information by geographic segment is as follows:

	United States	Canada	Europe	Other	Combined
Year ended December 31, 2010:					
Auction revenues	\$ 185,486	\$ 82,894	\$ 51,428	\$ 37,561	\$ 357,369
Capital assets and goodwill	317,809	175,928	109,875	69,872	673,484
Year ended December 31, 2009:					
Auction revenues	\$ 202,415	\$ 90,148	\$ 57,714	\$ 26,934	\$ 377,211
Capital assets and goodwill	298,625	176,906	105,360	62,647	643,538
Year ended December 31, 2008:					
Auction revenues	\$ 191,459	\$ 75,683	\$ 54,635	\$ 33,041	\$ 354,818
Capital assets and goodwill	280,417	112,799	58,167	42,492	493,875

**9. Income taxes:**

Income tax expense differs from that determined by applying the United States statutory tax rates to the Company's results of operations as follows:

	2010	2009	2008
Statutory federal and state tax rate in the United States	38.5%	38.5%	38.5%
Expected income tax expense	\$ 34,976	\$ 50,636	\$ 53,624
Differences:			
Earnings taxed in foreign jurisdictions	(14,518)	(12,958)	(12,846)
Settlement of intercompany loan			(3,612)
Non-deductible expenses	2,306	1,976	1,793
Change in valuation allowance	1,797	901	756
Other	372	(2,484)	(1,831)
Actual income tax expense	\$ 24,933	\$ 38,071	\$ 37,884





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**9. Income taxes (continued):**

Temporary differences that give rise to future income taxes are as follows:

Future income tax asset:		
Working capital	\$ 210	\$ 1,227
Capital assets	27	
Stock-based compensation	1,578	1,336
Unused tax losses	9,424	5,946
Other	1,368	942
	12,607	9,451
Valuation allowance	(4,773)	(2,921)
Total future income tax asset	7,834	6,530
Current future income tax asset	210	1,227
Non-current future income tax asset	7,624	5,303
Future income tax liability:		
Capital assets	(11,057)	(6,684)
Goodwill	(9,044)	(8,224)
Other	(2,341)	(3,369)
Total future income tax liability	(22,442)	(18,277)
Current future income tax liability		
Non-current future income tax liability	(22,442)	(18,277)
Net future income taxes	\$ (14,608)	\$ (11,747)
Presented on balance sheet as:		
Future income tax asset current	\$ 211	\$ 714
Future income tax asset non-current	3,192	1,104
Future income tax liability non-current	(18,011)	(13,565)
	\$ (14,608)	\$ (11,747)

As at December 31, 2010, the Company has net operating and capital loss carryforwards of approximately \$38,750,000 available to reduce future taxable income, of which \$13,122,000 expire through 2030, and \$25,628,000 remain indefinitely. The Company has recorded a valuation allowance against \$19,155,000 of these losses.



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**10. Commitments and contingencies:**

## (a) Operating leases:

The Company is party to certain operating leases relating to auction sites and offices located in Canada, the United States, the Netherlands, Spain, Germany and the United Arab Emirates.

The future minimum lease payments as at December 31, 2010 are approximately as follows:

2011	\$	10,653
2012		9,634
2013		8,665
2014		8,393
2015		8,486
Thereafter		127,252

Total rent expense in respect of these leases for the year ended December 31, 2010 was \$11,112,000 (2009 \$6,211,000; 2008 \$3,449,000).

## (b) Contingencies:

The Company is subject to legal and other claims that arise in the ordinary course of its business. The Company does not believe that the results of these claims will have a material effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

In the normal course of its business, the Company will in certain situations guarantee to a consignor a minimum level of proceeds in connection with the sale at auction of that consignor's equipment. At December 31, 2010, outstanding guarantees under contract for industrial equipment to be sold prior to the end of the second quarter of 2011 totaled \$7,860,000 (2009 \$13,553,000 sold prior to the end of the second quarter of 2010). The Company also had guarantees under contract totaling \$21,008,000 relating to agricultural auctions to be held prior to the end of the second quarter of 2011 (2009 \$8,070,000 to be sold prior to the end of the third quarter of 2010). All amounts are undiscounted and do not reflect estimated proceeds from sale at auction. No liability has been recorded with respect to these guarantee contracts.

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**11. Capital risk management:**

The Company's objectives when managing its capital are to maintain a financial position suitable for providing financial capacity and flexibility to meet its growth strategies, to provide an adequate return to shareholders, and to return excess cash through the payment of dividends. The Company's invested capital is defined as the sum of shareholders' equity and long-term debt.

The Company executes a planning and budgeting process to determine the funds required to ensure the Company has appropriate liquidity to meet its operating and growth objectives. The Company ensures that there are sufficient credit facilities to meet its current and future business requirements, taking into account its anticipated cash flows from operations and its holding of cash and cash equivalents.

The Company complies with covenant criteria established by its lenders. These include tangible net worth and leverage ratio measurements. As at December 31, 2010 and 2009, the Company is in compliance with these covenants.

The Company is not subject to any statutory capital requirements, and has not made any changes with respect to its overall capital management strategy during the year ended December 31, 2010.

**12. Financial instruments:**

(a) Fair value:

Carrying amounts of certain of the Company's financial instruments, including accounts receivable, auction proceeds payable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and short-term debt approximate their fair values due to their short terms to maturity. Based on lending rates currently available to the issuer of the note receivable for notes with similar terms, the carrying amount of its note receivable approximates fair value as at December 31, 2010. The carrying amounts of the Company's other non-current receivables carrying values approximate their fair values. Based on borrowing rates currently available to the Company for loans with similar terms, the fair value of its long-term debt as at December 31, 2010 was approximately \$141,622,000 (2009 \$138,429,000). The other non-current liability is a payable whose carrying value approximates fair value.

(b) Financial risk management:

The Company is exposed to a variety of financial risks by virtue of its activities, including foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the oversight of the Company's risk management.

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**12. Financial instruments (continued):**

(b) Financial risk management (continued):

*Foreign exchange risk*

The Company operates internationally and is exposed to currency risk, primarily relating to the Canadian and U.S. dollars, and the Euro, arising from sales, purchases and loans that are denominated in currencies other than the respective functional currencies of the Company's international operations. The Company also has various investments in non-U.S. dollar self-sustaining operations. Upon translation of those operations' net assets into U.S. dollars, the Company is exposed to foreign exchange risk. The Company does not have a formal program to manage this exposure at this time. Refer to further discussion in the section entitled Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure about Market Risk contained in the Company's Management Discussion and Analysis.

For the year ended December 31, 2010, the currently quantifiable effect, with other variables unchanged, of a 1% strengthening (weakening) of the U.S. dollar against the Canadian dollar and Euro on the Company's financial statements is as follows:

- decrease (increase) net earnings by approximately \$142,000 due to the translation of the foreign operations' statements of operations into the Company's reporting currency, the U.S. dollar;
- decrease (increase) net earnings by approximately \$101,000 due to the revaluation of significant foreign currency denominated monetary items; and
- decrease (increase) other comprehensive income by approximately \$3,097,000

*Interest rate risk*

The Company's interest rate risk mainly arises from the interest rate impact on the Company's cash and cash equivalents and floating rate debt. Cash and cash equivalents earn interest based on market interest rates. As at December 31, 2010, the Company is not exposed to significant interest rate risk on its cash and cash equivalents. The Company's interest rate management policy is generally to borrow at fixed rates. However, floating rate funding has been used if the terms of borrowings are favorable. The Company will consider utilizing derivative instruments such as interest rate swaps to minimize its exposure to interest rate risk. As at December 31, 2010, approximately 23% (December 31, 2009 - 22%) of the Company's borrowings are at floating rates of interest. The weighted average interest rate paid by the Company on its outstanding floating rate borrowings during the year was 1.44% (2009 - 2.12%). For the year ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, with other variables unchanged, a 100 basis points or 1% increase (decrease) in interest rates would decrease (increase) net earnings by approximately \$210,000 (2009 - \$176,000).

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**12. Financial instruments (continued):**

(b) Financial risk management (continued):

*Credit risk*

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company arising from the non-performance by counterparties of contractual financial obligations. The Company is not exposed to significant credit risk on accounts receivable because it does not extend credit to buyers at its auctions, and it has a large diversified customer base. In addition, assets purchased at the Company's auctions are not normally released to the buyers until the Company receives payment in full. The Company's maximum exposure to credit risk on accounts receivable at the reporting date is the carrying value of its accounts receivable, less those receivables relating to assets that have not been released to the buyers.

The Company's credit risk exposure on liquid financial assets, being cash and cash equivalents, is limited since it maintains its cash and cash equivalents in a range of large financial institutions around the world.

The Company limited its credit risk on its note receivable by performing credit verification procedures prior to the issuance of the note receivable. In addition, the note receivable is secured by a property the Company is leasing and a neighbouring property, and is monitored on an ongoing basis. To date, the counterparty has not failed to meet its financial obligations to the Company.

*Liquidity risk*

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company manages its liquidity risk by maintaining adequate cash and cash equivalent balances, generally by releasing payments to consignors only after receivables from buyers have been collected. The Company also utilizes its established lines of credit (notes 5 and 6) for short-term borrowings on an as-needed basis. The Company continuously monitors and reviews both actual and forecast cash flows to ensure there is sufficient working capital to satisfy its operating requirements.

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**13. United States generally accepted accounting principles:**

The consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP, which differ, in certain respects, from accounting practices generally accepted in the United States ( US GAAP ) and from requirements promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The amounts in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income that differ from those reported under Canadian GAAP are as follows:

	2010	2009	2008
Net earnings under Canadian GAAP	\$ 65,913	\$ 93,452	\$ 101,400
Cumulative translation adjustment on settlement of intercompany loans			(14,884)
Net earnings under US GAAP	\$ 65,913	\$ 93,452	\$ 86,516
Other comprehensive income (loss) under Canadian GAAP	4,520	18,363	(41,780)
Cumulative translation adjustment			14,884
Other comprehensive income (loss) under US GAAP	\$ 4,520	\$ 18,363	\$ (26,896)
Comprehensive income under US GAAP	\$ 70,433	\$ 111,815	\$ 59,620
Earnings per share in accordance with US GAAP:			
Basic	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.83
Diluted	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.82

The amounts in the consolidated balance sheets that differ from those reported under Canadian GAAP are as follows:

	2010		2009	
	Canadian GAAP	US GAAP	Canadian GAAP	US GAAP
Retained earnings	\$ 433,973	\$ 419,089	\$ 411,326	\$ 396,442
Accumulated other comprehensive income	21,479	36,363	16,959	31,843

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**13. United States generally accepted accounting principles (continued):**

The Company had a number of outstanding intercompany loan balances where settlement was not planned or anticipated in the foreseeable future, which were considered part of net investments in foreign operations. As such, foreign exchange gains or losses arising from these intercompany loans were reported in the cumulative translation adjustment account. In 2008, a number of the intercompany loans were settled or planned to be settled, which resulted in the reclassification to net earnings of foreign currency translation gains of \$14,884,000, net of tax of \$139,000. Under US GAAP, the reclassification of the pro rata portion of foreign exchange gains or losses in accumulated other comprehensive income to net earnings only occurs when the reduction in the net investment is the result of a complete sale, or complete or substantially complete liquidation, which has not occurred in this case.



**Table of Contents****SUPPLEMENTAL QUARTERLY DATA***(Unaudited; tabular dollar amounts expressed in thousands of United States dollars, except per share data)*

	Gross Auction Proceeds	Auction Revenues	Net Earnings	Net Earnings Per Share		Closing Stock Price
				Basic	Diluted	
2010						
1st quarter	\$ 776,659 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 83,544 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 12,800 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0.12 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0.12 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 21.53
2nd quarter	951,634	103,300	26,118	0.25	0.25	18.22
3rd quarter	750,912	82,229	13,478	0.13	0.13	20.77
4th quarter	798,566	88,296	13,517	0.12	0.13	23.05
	\$ 3,277,771	\$ 357,369	\$ 65,913	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.62	

	Gross Auction Proceeds	Auction Revenues	Net Earnings	Net Earnings Per Share		Closing Stock Price
				Basic	Diluted	
2009						
1st quarter	\$ 798,291	\$ 83,675	\$ 19,879 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0.19 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0.19 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 18.59
2nd quarter	1,109,331	120,459	38,847	0.37	0.37	23.45
3rd quarter	693,288	75,934	12,892	0.12	0.12	24.54
4th quarter	891,111	97,143	21,834 <sup>(3)</sup>	0.21 <sup>(3)</sup>	0.21 <sup>(3)</sup>	22.43
	\$ 3,492,021	\$ 377,211	\$ 93,452 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0.89 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0.88 <sup>(3)</sup>	

	Gross Auction Proceeds	Auction Revenues	Net Earnings	Net Earnings Per Share		Closing Stock Price
				Basic	Diluted	
2008						
1st quarter	\$ 781,969	\$ 81,394	\$ 16,407 <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0.16 <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0.16 <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 27.37
2nd quarter	1,163,546	115,822	45,919 <sup>(4)</sup>	0.44 <sup>(4)</sup>	0.43 <sup>(4)</sup>	27.13
3rd quarter	767,718	75,909	11,934 <sup>(4)</sup>	0.11 <sup>(4)</sup>	0.11 <sup>(4)</sup>	23.36
4th quarter	853,927	81,693	27,140 <sup>(4)</sup>	0.26 <sup>(4)</sup>	0.26 <sup>(4)</sup>	21.42
	\$ 3,567,160	\$ 354,818	\$ 101,400 <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0.97 <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0.96 <sup>(4)</sup>	

	Gross Auction Proceeds	Auction Revenues	Net Earnings	Net Earnings Per Share		Closing Stock Price
				Basic	Diluted	
2007						
1st quarter	\$ 700,368	\$ 68,549	\$ 17,559 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 0.17 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 0.17 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 19.51
2nd quarter	945,256	94,054	26,555 <sup>(5)</sup>	0.25 <sup>(5)</sup>	0.25 <sup>(5)</sup>	20.87
3rd quarter	667,553	67,174	14,903 <sup>(5)</sup>	0.14 <sup>(5)</sup>	0.14 <sup>(5)</sup>	21.70
4th quarter	873,306	82,129	16,966 <sup>(5)</sup>	0.16 <sup>(5)</sup>	0.16 <sup>(5)</sup>	27.57
	\$ 3,186,483	\$ 311,906	\$ 75,983 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 0.73 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 0.72 <sup>(5)</sup>	

2006	Gross Auction Proceeds	Auction Revenues	Net Earnings	Net Earnings Per Share		Closing Stock Price
				Basic	Diluted	
1st quarter	\$ 571,528	\$ 55,920	\$ 13,198 <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 0.13 <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 0.13 <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 16.50
2nd quarter	830,493	78,126	24,526 <sup>(6)</sup>	0.24 <sup>(6)</sup>	0.23 <sup>(6)</sup>	17.73
3rd quarter	580,271	54,526	9,704 <sup>(6)</sup>	0.09 <sup>(6)</sup>	0.09 <sup>(6)</sup>	17.87
4th quarter	738,731	69,285	9,790 <sup>(6)</sup>	0.09 <sup>(6)</sup>	0.09 <sup>(6)</sup>	17.85
	\$ 2,721,023	\$ 257,857	\$ 57,218 <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 0.55 <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 0.55 <sup>(6)</sup>	

- (1) Figures have been reclassified to conform with presentation adopted in 2008.
- (2) Net earnings in the first quarter of 2010 include \$46.8 million of gross auction proceeds, \$0.9 million of auction revenues and \$0.2 million of direct expenses generated from the auction of Apoise (\$0.01 per share, basic and diluted).
- (3) Net earnings in the first quarter of 2009 included the impact of foreign exchange on U.S. dollar denominated bank debt held by a Canadian subsidiary, which was assigned in January 2009 to an affiliate whose functional currency is the U.S. dollar to eliminate the impact of currency fluctuations on this debt in future periods. The foreign exchange impact of this bank debt in the first quarter of 2009 was a \$0.8 million gain (\$0.7 million after tax). Excluding the impact of this item, net earnings for the first quarter of 2009 would have been \$19.2 million (\$0.18 per share, basic and diluted).

Additionally, net earnings in the fourth quarter of 2009 included a gain of \$1.1 million (\$0.7 million after tax) recorded on the sale of excess property. Excluding the impact of this item, net earnings for the fourth quarter of 2009 would have been \$21.1 million (\$0.20 per share, basic and diluted).

- (4) Net earnings in the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2008 included the foreign exchange impact of the U.S. dollar denominated bank debt held by a Canadian subsidiary. The foreign exchange impact of this bank debt in the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2008 was a \$1.0 million (\$0.8 million after tax) loss, \$0.2 million (\$0.2 million after tax) gain, \$1.3 million (\$1.1 million after tax) loss, and \$3.8 million (\$3.2 million after tax) loss, respectively.

In addition, net earnings in the first, second and fourth quarters of 2008 included the reclassification of foreign currency translation gains relating to the settlement of foreign currency denominated intercompany loans. The foreign exchange impact of this reclassification in the first, second and fourth quarters of 2008 was \$2.1 million (\$2.0 million after tax), \$0.7 million (\$0.5 million after tax) and \$12.3 million (\$11.1 million after tax), respectively.

Finally, net earnings in the second quarter of 2008 included a gain of \$8.3 million (\$7.3 million after tax) recorded on the sale of excess property.

Excluding the impact of all items above, net earnings for the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2008 would have been \$15.3 million (\$0.15 per basic share and \$0.14 per diluted share), \$37.9 million (\$0.36 per share, basic and diluted), \$13.0 million (\$0.12 per share, basic and diluted) and \$19.2 million (\$0.18 per share, basic and diluted), respectively. Net earnings for the full year 2008 would have been \$85.5 million (\$0.82 per basic share and \$0.81 per diluted share).

- (5) Net earnings in 2007 included the foreign exchange impact of the U.S. dollar denominated bank debt held by a Canadian subsidiary. The foreign exchange impact of this bank debt in the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2007 was a gain of \$0.3 million (\$0.3 million after tax), \$2.4 million (\$2.1 million after tax), \$2.0 million (\$1.7 million after tax) and less than \$0.1 million (less than \$0.1 million after tax), respectively. Excluding the impact of these items, net earnings for the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2007 would have been \$17.3 million (\$0.17 per basic share and \$0.16 per diluted share), \$24.5 million (\$0.23 per share, basic and diluted), \$13.2 million (\$0.13 per basic share and \$0.12 per diluted share) and \$16.9 million (\$0.16 per share, basic and diluted), respectively. Net earnings for the full year 2007 would have been \$71.9 million (\$0.69 per basic share and \$0.68 per diluted share).
- (6) Net earnings in 2006 included the foreign exchange impact of the U.S. dollar denominated bank debt held by a Canadian subsidiary. The foreign exchange impact of this bank debt in the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2006 was a \$0.1 million (\$0.1 million after tax) loss, \$1.4 million (\$1.2 million after tax) gain, less than \$0.1 million (less than \$0.1 million after tax) loss, and \$1.3 million (\$1.1 million after tax) loss, respectively.

In addition, net earnings in the second and fourth quarters of 2006 included a gain of \$1.8 million (\$1.1 million after tax) recorded on the sale of excess property and a write-down of \$0.2 million (\$0.1 million after tax) on land held for resale, respectively.

Excluding the impact of all items above, net earnings for the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2006 would have been \$13.3 million (\$0.13 per share, basic and diluted), \$22.2 million (\$0.21 per share, basic and diluted), \$9.7 million (\$0.09 per share, basic and diluted) and \$11.0 million (\$0.11 per share, basic and diluted), respectively. Net earnings for the full year 2006 would have been \$56.3 million (\$0.54 per share, basic and diluted).

- (7) The Company's common shares split on a three-for one basis on April 24, 2008. All per share amounts in this table have been adjusted on a retroactive basis for the stock split. As well, the closing stock prices presented in this table have been adjusted for ease of comparison.

**Table of Contents****SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA***(Tabular dollar amounts expressed in thousands of United States dollars, except per share and operating data)*

Years ended December 31,	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
<b>Gross auction proceeds (unaudited)</b>	\$ 3,277,771	\$ 3,492,021	\$ 3,567,160	\$ 3,186,483	\$ 2,721,023
<b>Statement of operations data:</b>					
Auction revenues <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 357,369	\$ 377,211	\$ 354,818	\$ 311,906	\$ 257,857
Direct expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	(47,021)	(49,890)	(49,750)	(46,481)	(40,457)
	310,348	327,321	305,068	265,425	217,400
Depreciation and amortization	(37,813)	(31,761)	(24,764)	(19,417)	(15,017)
General and administrative <sup>(1)</sup>	(180,532)	(168,312)	(164,556)	(144,816)	(117,714)
Earnings from operations	92,003	127,248	115,748	101,192	84,669
Interest expense	(5,216)	(544)	(859)	(1,206)	(1,172)
Interest income <sup>(1)</sup>	2,035	2,400	4,994	7,393	6,664
Foreign exchange gain (loss) <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	(49)	(1,085)	11,656	2,802	(451)
Gain (loss) on disposition of capital assets <sup>(3)</sup>	250	647	6,370	243	1,277
Other income (loss)	1,823	2,857	1,375	1,471	1,079
Earnings before income taxes	90,846	131,523	139,284	111,895	92,066
Income taxes	(24,933)	(38,071)	(37,884)	(35,912)	(34,848)
Net earnings <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	\$ 65,913	\$ 93,452	\$ 101,400	\$ 75,983	\$ 57,218
Net earnings per share-diluted <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.96	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.55
<b>Balance sheet data (end of year):</b>					
Working capital (including cash)	\$ 45,333	\$ 30,510	\$ 47,109	\$ 58,207	\$ 94,369
Total assets	870,818	857,821	689,488	672,887	554,227
Long-term debt	135,886	130,394	67,411	44,844	43,081
Total shareholders equity	578,127	544,411	465,162	435,116	368,637
<b>Selected operating data (unaudited):</b>					
Auction revenues as percentage of gross auction proceeds	10.90%	10.80%	9.95%	9.79%	9.48%

Number of consignors at industrial auctions	40,323	37,041	36,595	34,931	32,075
Number of bidders at industrial auctions	339,555	335,900	277,560	254,259	241,132
Number of buyers at industrial auctions	95,346	97,833	84,005	80,340	73,967
Number of permanent auction sites (end of year)	35	32	30	28	26

- (1) Figures have been reclassified to conform with presentation adopted in 2008.
- (2) Net earnings for year ended December 31, 2009 included the impact of foreign exchange on U.S. dollar denominated bank debt held by a Canadian subsidiary, which was assigned in January 2009 to an affiliate whose functional currency is the U.S. dollar to eliminate the impact of currency fluctuations on this debt in future periods. The foreign exchange impact of this bank debt in the first quarter of 2009 was a \$0.8 million gain (\$0.7 million, or less than \$0.01 per diluted share, after tax). The equivalent amount in 2008, 2007 and 2006 was a foreign exchange loss of \$5.8 million (\$5.0 million after tax, or \$0.05 per diluted share), a foreign exchange gain of \$4.8 million (\$4.1 million after tax, or \$0.04 per diluted share), and a foreign exchange loss of less than \$0.1 million (less than \$0.1 million after tax, or less than \$0.1 per diluted share), respectively. Net earnings for the year ended December 31, 2008 also included the reclassification of \$15.0 million (\$13.6 million after tax, or \$0.13 per diluted share) of foreign currency translation gains relating to the settlement of foreign currency denominated intercompany loans.

The Company does not expect such foreign exchange gains or losses relating to financial transactions to recur in future periods.

- (3) Net earnings for 2009, 2008 and 2006 included net gains on sales of excess properties of \$1.1 million (\$0.7 million after tax, or \$0.01 per diluted share), \$8.3 million (\$7.3 million after tax, or \$0.07 per diluted share) and \$1.6 million (\$1.0 million after tax, \$0.01 per diluted share), respectively.
- (4) Share and per share amounts have been adjusted on a retroactive basis to reflect the three-for-one stock split that occurred on April 24, 2008.

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### **Annual Meeting**

The annual and special meeting of the Company's shareholders will be held at 11am on Thursday April 28, 2011 at the Company's head office located at 9500 Glenlyon Parkway, Burnaby, BC, V5J 0C6.

### **Stock Exchanges**

Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and the Toronto Stock Exchange and on both exchanges, trades under the symbol **RBA**.

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**Dividends**

All dividends paid by Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers are eligible dividends, unless indicated otherwise in the Company's quarterly reports or by press release.