

United Stationers Inc. and Subsidiaries
Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Adjusted Operating Income and Earnings Per Share
(in millions, except per share data)

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,			
	2009		2008	
	Amount	% to Net Sales	Amount	% to Net Sales
Sales	\$ 1,159.2	100.00%	\$ 1,251.3	100.00%
Gross profit	\$ 163.4	14.10%	\$ 182.0	14.54%
Operating Expenses	\$ 122.2	10.54%	\$ 138.8	11.09%
Asset impairment charge	--	--	(6.7)	-0.54%
Gain on the sale of the former corporate headquarters	--	--	4.7	0.38%
Adjusted operating expenses	\$ 122.2	10.54%	\$ 136.8	10.93%
Operating income	\$ 41.2	3.56%	\$ 43.2	3.45%
Operating expense items noted above	--	--	2.0	0.16%
Adjusted operating income	\$ 41.2	3.56%	\$ 45.2	3.61%
Net income per share -- diluted	\$ 0.88		\$ 0.91	
Per share operating expense items noted above	--		0.05	
Adjusted net income per share -- diluted	\$ 0.88		\$ 0.96	
Weighted average number of common shares -- diluted	24.0		23.7	

Note: Adjusted Operating Income and Earnings Per Share exclude the effects of a gain on the sale of the company's former headquarters and the asset impairment charge related to capitalized software development costs. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles require that the effects of these items be included in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. The company believes that excluding these items is an appropriate comparison of its ongoing operating results to last year and that it is helpful to provide readers of its financial statements with a reconciliation of these items to its Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income reported in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

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Adjusted Operating Income and Earnings Per Share
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	For the Six Months Ended June 30,			
	2009		2008	
	Amount	% to Net Sales	Amount	% to Net Sales
Sales	\$ 2,280.5	100.00%	\$ 2,503.8	100.00%
Gross profit	\$ 327.7	14.37%	\$ 366.3	14.63%
Operating expenses	\$ 257.6	11.30%	\$ 278.7	11.13%
Severance charge related to workforce reduction	(3.4)	-0.15%	--	--
Asset impairment charge	--	--	(6.7)	-0.27%
Gain on sale of the former corporate headquarters	--	--	4.7	0.19%
Adjusted operating expenses	<u>\$ 254.2</u>	<u>11.15%</u>	<u>\$ 276.7</u>	<u>11.05%</u>
Operating income	\$ 70.1	3.07%	\$ 87.6	3.50%
Operating expense items noted above	3.4	0.15%	2.0	0.08%
Adjusted operating income	<u>\$ 73.5</u>	<u>3.22%</u>	<u>\$ 89.6</u>	<u>3.58%</u>
Net income per share - diluted	\$ 1.45		\$ 1.79	
Per share operating expense items noted above	0.09		0.05	
Adjusted net income per share - diluted	<u>\$ 1.54</u>		<u>\$ 1.84</u>	
Weighted average number of common shares - diluted	23.8		24.0	

Note: Adjusted Operating Income and Earnings Per Share exclude the effects of a gain on the sale of the company's former headquarters, the asset impairment charge related to capitalized software development costs and a restructuring charge. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles require that the effects of these items be included in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. The company believes that excluding these items is an appropriate comparison of its ongoing operating results to last year and that it is helpful to provide readers of its financial statements with a reconciliation of these items to its Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income reported in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.