

Financial Highlights

CONSOLIDATED INFORMATION – CONTINUING OPERATIONS^(1,2)

Years ended December 31⁽³⁾

(\$ millions except where otherwise indicated)

	2009	2008
Operating Results		
Sales	31,820	32,088
EBITDA ⁽⁴⁾	1,654	1,808
Operating income	1,009	1,198
Interest expense and other financing charges	363	360
Net earnings from continuing operations	127	647
Cash Flow		
Cash flows from operating activities of continuing operations	1,987	956
Capital investment	1,107	807
Per Common Share (\$)		
Basic net earnings from continuing operations	0.64	4.65
Basic net earnings	7.68	6.10
Financial Ratios		
EBITDA margin ⁽⁴⁾	5.2%	5.6%
Operating margin	3.2%	3.7%
Return on average net assets ⁽⁴⁾	9.3%	11.2%
Return on average common shareholders' equity	1.5%	13.4%
Net debt ⁽⁴⁾	299	3,251
Net debt ⁽⁴⁾ to EBITDA ⁽⁴⁾	0.18x	1.80x
Net debt ⁽⁴⁾ to equity ⁽⁴⁾	0.04	0.53
Reportable Operating Segments		
Weston Foods		
Sales	1,686	2,197
Operating income	123	154
Operating margin	7.3%	7.0%
Return on average net assets ⁽⁴⁾	19.2%	22.6%
Loblaws		
Sales	30,735	30,802
Operating income	1,197	1,044
Operating margin	3.9%	3.4%
Return on average net assets ⁽⁴⁾	11.8%	10.4%

(1) For financial definitions and ratios refer to the Glossary beginning on page 114.

(2) Certain 2008 information has been restated to conform with the new Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") Handbook Section 3064, "Goodwill and Intangible Assets". See note 2 to the consolidated financial statements.

(3) 2008 was a 53-week year.

(4) See non-GAAP financial measures beginning on page 51.