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

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 10-Q**

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(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2007

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

Commission File Number 001-05647

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**MATTEL, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

95-1567322

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

333 Continental Blvd.

El Segundo, CA 90245-5012

(Address of principal executive offices)

(310) 252-2000

(Registrant's telephone number)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

NONE

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer

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

Number of shares outstanding of registrant's common stock, \$1.00 par value, as of May 1, 2007:

393,340,306 shares

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	<u>March 31,</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>March 31,</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2006</u>
(Unaudited; in thousands, except share data)			
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and equivalents	\$ 984,197	\$ 603,272	\$ 1,205,552
Accounts receivable, net	730,579	585,039	943,813
Inventories	448,553	410,761	383,149
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	202,033	284,293	317,624
	<u>2,365,362</u>	<u>1,883,365</u>	<u>2,850,138</u>
<b>Total current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment, net	518,828	535,217	536,749
Goodwill	850,046	719,212	845,324
Other noncurrent assets	733,374	727,026	723,673
	<u>\$ 4,467,610</u>	<u>\$ 3,864,820</u>	<u>\$ 4,955,884</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>			
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</u></b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Short-term borrowings	\$	\$ 43,468	\$
Current portion of long-term debt	90,000	100,000	64,286
Accounts payable	259,515	216,668	375,882
Accrued liabilities	473,466	431,428	980,435
Income taxes payable	23,697	108,472	161,917
	<u>846,678</u>	<u>900,036</u>	<u>1,582,520</u>
<b>Total current liabilities</b>			
<b>Noncurrent Liabilities</b>			
Long-term debt	560,000	525,000	635,714
Other	428,251	282,836	304,676
	<u>988,251</u>	<u>807,836</u>	<u>940,390</u>
<b>Total noncurrent liabilities</b>			

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<b>Stockholders Equity</b>			
Common stock \$1.00 par value, 1.0 billion shares authorized; 441.4 million shares issued	441,369	441,369	441,369
Additional paid-in capital	1,613,259	1,588,592	1,613,307
Treasury stock at cost; 46.8 million shares, 51.9 million shares and 57.1 million shares, respectively	(814,975)	(921,312)	(996,981)
Retained earnings	1,664,103	1,339,992	1,652,140
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(271,075)	(291,693)	(276,861)
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Total stockholders equity	2,632,681	2,156,948	2,432,974
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Stockholders Equity</b>	<b>\$ 4,467,610</b>	<b>\$ 3,864,820</b>	<b>\$ 4,955,884</b>
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*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

**Table of Contents****MATTEL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31, 2007</b>	<b>March 31, 2006</b>
	<b>(Unaudited; in thousands, except per share amounts)</b>	
<b>Net Sales</b>	\$ 940,265	\$ 793,347
Cost of sales	521,579	461,389
<b>Gross Profit</b>	418,686	331,958
Advertising and promotion expenses	105,310	88,853
Other selling and administrative expenses	292,745	275,096
<b>Operating Income (Loss)</b>	20,631	(31,991)
Interest expense	14,483	15,203
Interest (income)	(11,960)	(8,820)
Other non-operating expense (income), net	2,470	(1,879)
<b>Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes</b>	15,638	(36,495)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	3,675	(66,665)
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 11,963</b>	<b>\$ 30,170</b>
<b>Net Income Per Common Share Basic</b>	<b>\$ 0.03</b>	<b>\$ 0.08</b>
Weighted average number of common shares	389,883	388,766
<b>Net Income Per Common Share Diluted</b>	<b>\$ 0.03</b>	<b>\$ 0.08</b>
Weighted average number of common and common equivalent shares	396,750	391,287

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	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31, 2007</b>	<b>March 31, 2006</b>
<b>(Unaudited; in thousands)</b>		
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 11,963	\$ 30,170
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows used for operating activities:		
Net (gain) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(129)	674
Depreciation	40,910	41,051
Amortization	2,920	959
Deferred income taxes	(16,429)	(20,621)
Shared-based compensation	3,656	764
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	216,674	184,654
Inventories	(64,046)	(32,972)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	112,731	(5,226)
Accounts payable, accrued liabilities and income taxes payable	(643,675)	(475,876)
Other, net	8,889	(13,658)
Net cash flows used for operating activities	<u>(326,536)</u>	<u>(290,081)</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities:</b>		
Purchases of tools, dies and molds	(13,408)	(13,019)
Purchases of other property, plant and equipment	(10,733)	(15,538)
Proceeds from disposal of other property, plant and equipment	174	283
Net cash flows used for investing activities	<u>(23,967)</u>	<u>(28,274)</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Financing Activities:</b>		
Proceeds from short-term borrowings		10,931
Repayments of short-term borrowings		(85,629)
Repayments of long-term borrowings	(50,000)	
Share repurchases		(13,279)
Proceeds from exercises of stock options	174,836	8,742
Other, net	5,764	939
Net cash flows from (used for) financing activities	<u>130,600</u>	<u>(78,296)</u>
<b>Effect of Currency Exchange Rate Changes on Cash</b>	<u>(1,452)</u>	<u>2,189</u>
<b>Decrease in Cash and Equivalents</b>	<u>(221,355)</u>	<u>(394,462)</u>
<b>Cash and Equivalents at Beginning of Period</b>	<u>1,205,552</u>	<u>997,734</u>
<b>Cash and Equivalents at End of Period</b>	<u>\$ 984,197</u>	<u>\$ 603,272</u>



**Supplemental Cash Flow Information:**

Cash paid during the period for:

Income taxes, gross	\$ 25,220	\$ 91,192
Interest	9,263	10,566

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**MATTEL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(Unaudited)**

**1. Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements and related disclosures have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of only those of a normal recurring nature, considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and interim results of Mattel, Inc. and its subsidiaries ( Mattel ) as of and for the periods presented have been included. Because Mattel s business is seasonal, results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of those that may be expected for a full year.

Certain amounts in the consolidated financial statements for prior years have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

The year-end balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The financial information included herein should be read in conjunction with Mattel s consolidated financial statements and related notes in its 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**2. Change in Accounting Principle**

Effective January 1, 2007, Mattel adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) Interpretation No. ( FIN ) 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*, an interpretation of SFAS No. 109. FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for income taxes by prescribing the minimum recognition threshold an uncertain tax position is required to meet before tax benefits associated with such uncertain tax positions are recognized in the financial statements. FIN 48 also provides guidance on derecognition, measurement, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. FIN 48 excludes income taxes from the scope of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 5, *Accounting for Contingencies*. FIN 48 also requires that amounts recognized in the balance sheet related to uncertain tax positions be classified as a current or noncurrent liability, based upon the expected timing of the payment to a taxing authority.

Prior to January 1, 2007, Mattel recorded reserves related to uncertain tax positions as a current liability, whereas upon adoption of FIN 48, Mattel reclassified tax reserves related to uncertain tax positions for which a cash tax payment is not expected within the next twelve months to noncurrent liabilities. Mattel s adoption of FIN 48 did not require a cumulative effect adjustment to the opening balance of its retained earnings.

**3. Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable are shown net of allowances for doubtful accounts of \$19.4 million, \$20.1 million, and \$19.4 million as of March 31, 2007, March 31, 2006, and December 31, 2006, respectively.

**4. Inventories**

Inventories include the following:

	<u>March 31, 2007</u>	<u>March 31, 2006</u>	<u>December 31, 2006</u>
	(In thousands)		
Raw materials and work in process	\$ 56,294	\$ 38,443	\$ 45,470
Finished goods	392,259	372,318	337,679
	<u>\$ 448,553</u>	<u>\$ 410,761</u>	<u>\$ 383,149</u>

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Property, plant and equipment, net include the following:

	<u>March 31, 2007</u>	<u>March 31, 2006</u>	<u>December 31, 2006</u>
		(In thousands)	
Land	\$ 28,962	\$ 29,264	\$ 39,445
Buildings	239,070	233,141	227,935
Machinery and equipment	759,911	741,264	759,467
Tools, dies and molds	541,071	555,458	537,463
Capital leases	23,271	23,271	23,271
Leasehold improvements	130,974	122,482	128,668
	<u>1,723,259</u>	<u>1,704,880</u>	<u>1,716,249</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation	(1,204,431)	(1,169,663)	(1,179,500)
	<u>\$ 518,828</u>	<u>\$ 535,217</u>	<u>\$ 536,749</u>

**6. Goodwill**

Goodwill is allocated to various reporting units, which are either at the operating segment level or one reporting level below the operating segment, for purposes of evaluating whether goodwill is impaired. Mattel's reporting units are: Mattel Girls Brands US, Mattel Boys Brands US, Fisher-Price Brands US, American Girl Brands and International. Mattel tests its goodwill for impairment annually in the third quarter, or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable, based on the fair value of the cash flows that the reporting units can be expected to generate in the future.

The change in the carrying amount of goodwill by reporting unit for the three months ended March 31, 2007 is shown below. Brand-specific goodwill held by foreign subsidiaries is allocated to the US reporting units selling those brands, thereby causing foreign currency translation impact to the US reporting units.

	<u>December 31, 2006</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Impact of Currency Exchange Rate Changes</u>	<u>March 31, 2007</u>
			(In thousands)	
Mattel Girls Brands US	\$ 38,278	\$	161	\$ 38,439
Mattel Boys Brands US	126,193	2,715	13	128,921
Fisher-Price Brands US	217,291		29	217,320
American Girl Brands	207,571			207,571
International	255,991	1,358	446	257,795
	<u>\$ 845,324</u>	<u>\$ 4,073</u>	<u>\$ 649</u>	<u>\$ 850,046</u>

**7. Other Noncurrent Assets**

Other noncurrent assets include the following:

	<u>March 31, 2007</u>	<u>March 31, 2006</u>	<u>December 31, 2006</u>
	(In thousands)		
Deferred income taxes	\$ 517,715	\$ 514,927	\$ 503,168
Identifiable intangibles, net (net of amortization of \$44.9 million, \$39.4 million and \$42.7 million, respectively)	68,364	19,858	70,593
Other	147,295	192,241	149,912
	<u>\$ 733,374</u>	<u>\$ 727,026</u>	<u>\$ 723,673</u>

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Accrued liabilities include the following:

	<u>March 31, 2007</u>	<u>March 31, 2006</u>	<u>December 31, 2006</u>
	(In thousands)		
Royalties	\$ 60,314	\$ 58,019	\$ 125,581
Advertising and promotion	57,975	37,153	76,799
Receivable collections due bank	19,442	45,252	245,545
Other	335,735	291,004	532,510
	<u>\$ 473,466</u>	<u>\$ 431,428</u>	<u>\$ 980,435</u>

**9. Long-term Debt**

Long-term debt consists of the following:

	<u>March 31, 2007</u>	<u>March 31, 2006</u>	<u>December 31, 2006</u>
	(In thousands)		
Medium-term notes due May 2007 to November 2013	\$ 350,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 350,000
Senior Notes due June 2009 to June 2011	300,000		300,000
MAPS term loan facility		225,000	50,000
	<u>650,000</u>	<u>625,000</u>	<u>700,000</u>
Less: current portion	(90,000)	(100,000)	(64,286)
	<u>\$ 560,000</u>	<u>\$ 525,000</u>	<u>\$ 635,714</u>

In January 2007, Mattel repaid the remaining \$50.0 million of the MAPS term loan facility and, as a result of the repayment, the MAPS term loan facility terminated.

**10. Other Noncurrent Liabilities**

Other noncurrent liabilities include the following:

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	<u>March 31, 2007</u>	<u>March 31, 2006</u>	<u>December 31, 2006</u>
	(In thousands)		
Noncurrent tax liabilities	\$ 129,361	\$ 18,993	\$ 8,735
Benefit plan liabilities	181,725	172,254	176,584
Other	117,165	91,589	119,357
	<u>\$ 428,251</u>	<u>\$ 282,836</u>	<u>\$ 304,676</u>

In connection with the January 1, 2007 adoption of FIN 48, tax reserves for which a cash tax payment is not expected in the next twelve months were reclassified from current income taxes payable to other noncurrent liabilities.

**11. Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

The changes in the components of comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, are as follows:

	<u>For the Three Months Ended</u>	
	<u>March 31, 2007</u>	<u>March 31, 2006</u>
	(In thousands)	
Net income	\$ 11,963	\$ 30,170
Currency translation adjustments	6,395	10,366
Net unrealized gain (loss) on derivative instruments:		
Unrealized holding gains	348	1,724
Reclassification adjustment for realized (gains) losses included in net income	(957)	(755)
	<u>(609)</u>	<u>969</u>
	<u>\$ 17,749</u>	<u>\$ 41,505</u>

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The components of accumulated other comprehensive loss are as follows:

	March 31, 2007	March 31, 2006	December 31, 2006
	_____	_____	_____
	(In thousands)		
Currency translation adjustments	\$ (162,532)	\$ (228,193)	\$ (168,927)
Minimum pension liability adjustments, net of tax		(68,715)	
Net unrealized (loss) gain on derivative instruments, net of tax	(7,150)	5,215	(6,541)
Defined pension plan adjustments, net of tax	(101,393)		(101,393)
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	\$ (271,075)	\$ (291,693)	\$ (276,861)
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*Currency Translation Adjustments*

Mattel's reporting currency is the US dollar. The translation of its results of operations and financial position of subsidiaries with non-US dollar functional currencies subjects Mattel to currency exchange rate fluctuations in its results of operations and financial position. Assets and liabilities of subsidiaries with non-US dollar functional currencies are translated into US dollars at fiscal period-end exchange rates. Income, expense and cash flow items are translated at weighted average exchange rates prevailing during the fiscal period. The resulting currency translation adjustments are recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss within stockholders' equity. Mattel's primary currency translation exposures were related to entities having functional currencies denominated in the Euro, British pound sterling and Mexican peso. For the three months ended March 31, 2007, currency translation adjustments resulted in a net gain of \$6.4 million, with gains from the strengthening of the Euro against the US dollar, partially offset by the weakening of the Mexican peso against the US dollar. For the three months ended March 31, 2006, currency translation adjustments resulted in a net gain of \$10.4 million, with gains from the strengthening of the Euro, and Indonesian rupiah against the US dollar, partially offset by the weakening of the Mexican peso against the US dollar.

**12. Income Taxes**

Effective January 1, 2007, Mattel adopted FIN 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*, an interpretation of SFAS No. 109. FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for income taxes by prescribing the minimum recognition threshold an uncertain tax position is required to meet before tax benefits associated with such uncertain tax position are recognized in the financial statements. Mattel's adoption of FIN 48 did not require a cumulative effect adjustment to the opening balance of its retained earnings. Mattel reclassified tax reserves for which a cash tax payment is not expected in the next twelve months from current to noncurrent liabilities. Mattel classifies interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as a component of income tax expense.

As of January 1, 2007, Mattel had \$122.0 million of liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits, of which \$101.1 million would, if recognized, affect the effective tax rate. As of January 1, 2007, Mattel had \$12.2 million of accrued liabilities for interest and penalties recognized in its consolidated balance sheet related to unrecognized tax benefits, of which \$4.2 million would, if recognized, affect the effective tax rate.

In the normal course of business, Mattel is regularly audited by federal, state and foreign tax authorities. The Internal Revenue Service ( IRS ) has completed audits through the 2003 tax year and is currently auditing the Company's 2004 and 2005 federal income tax returns. The IRS audit plan calls for the completion of the current examination in the first quarter of 2008. At this time, there is insufficient information related to



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current IRS, state and foreign audits to quantify any possible changes in the unrecognized tax benefits that may occur during the next twelve months.

Mattel's federal income tax returns remain subject to examination for the 2004 through 2007 tax years. Mattel files multiple state income tax returns and remains subject to examination in California for the 2003 through 2007 tax years, New York for the 1998 through 2003 tax years, and Wisconsin for the 2004 through 2007 tax years. Mattel files multiple foreign income tax returns and remains subject to examination in major

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foreign jurisdictions, including Hong Kong and the Netherlands for the 2002 through 2007 tax years and in Mexico for the 2001 through 2007 tax years.

During the three months ended March 31, 2006, Mattel settled multiple ongoing audits by foreign tax authorities and, as a result of the settlements, Mattel recognized income tax benefits of \$56.8 million during the first quarter of 2006.

**13. Foreign Currency Transaction Gains and Losses**

Currency exchange rate fluctuations may impact Mattel's results of operations and cash flows. Mattel's currency transaction exposures include gains and losses realized on unhedged inventory purchases and unhedged receivables and payables balances that are denominated in a currency other than the applicable functional currency. Gains and losses on unhedged inventory purchases and other transactions associated with operating activities are recorded in the components of operating income in the consolidated statements of operations. Gains and losses on unhedged intercompany loans and advances are recorded as a component of other non-operating expense (income), net in the consolidated statements of operations in the period in which the currency exchange rate changes. Inventory purchase transactions denominated in the Euro, British pound sterling, Mexican peso, Hong Kong dollar and Indonesian rupiah are the primary transactions that cause foreign currency transaction exposure for Mattel.

Currency transaction (gains) losses included in the consolidated statements of operations are as follows:

	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31, 2007</b>	<b>March 31, 2006</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	(In thousands)	
Operating income (loss)	\$ (6,516)	\$ (3,200)
Other non-operating expense (income), net	1,223	396
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Net transaction (gains)	<u>\$ (5,293)</u>	<u>\$ (2,804)</u>

**14. Other Selling and Administrative Expenses**

Other selling and administrative expenses include the following:

**For the Three Months Ended**

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	<u>March 31, 2007</u>	<u>March 31, 2006</u>
	(In thousands)	
Design and development	\$ 43,934	\$ 39,181
Identifiable intangible asset amortization	2,230	564

### 15. Earnings Per Share

Basic net income per common share is computed by dividing reported net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during each period.

Diluted net income per common share is computed by dividing reported net income by the weighted average number of common shares and other common equivalent shares outstanding during each period. The calculation of common equivalent shares assumes the exercise of dilutive stock options, net of assumed treasury share repurchases at average market prices. Nonqualified stock options totaling 1.5 million and 32.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, were excluded from the calculation of diluted net income per common share because they were anti-dilutive.

### 16. Employee Benefit Plans

Mattel and certain of its subsidiaries have qualified and nonqualified retirement plans covering substantially all employees of these companies, which are more fully described in Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Mattel's 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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A summary of the components of Mattel's net periodic benefit cost for the three months ended March 31 is as follows:

	<b>Defined Benefit Pension Plans</b>		<b>Postretirement Benefit Plans</b>	
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>			
Service cost	\$ 2,986	\$ 2,701	\$ 27	\$ 30
Interest cost	6,277	5,601	688	780
Expected return on plan assets	(6,363)	(6,110)		
Amortization of prior service cost	489	483		
Recognized actuarial loss	2,140	2,787	185	391
	<b>\$ 5,529</b>	<b>\$ 5,462</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>	<b>\$ 1,201</b>

During the three months ended March 31, 2007, Mattel made cash contributions totaling approximately \$3 million to its defined benefit pension and postretirement benefit plans. Mattel expects to make cash contributions totaling approximately \$15 million to its defined benefit pension and postretirement benefit plans during 2007, including approximately \$10 million to cover benefit payments for its unfunded plans. Mattel received a federal subsidy from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services totaling \$0.4 million during the first quarter of 2007 related to the 2006 plan year.

**17. Share-Based Payments**

Mattel has various stock compensation plans, which are more fully described in Note 7 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in its 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Under the Mattel, Inc. 2005 Equity Compensation Plan (the "2005 Plan"), Mattel has the ability to grant nonqualified stock options, incentive stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units ("RSUs"), dividend equivalent rights and shares of common stock to officers, employees, and other persons providing services to Mattel. Stock options expire no later than ten years from the date of grant and generally provide for vesting over a period of three years from the date of grant. Such stock options under the 2005 Plan were granted with exercise prices at or above the fair market value of Mattel's common stock on the applicable measurement dates.

Compensation expense, included within other selling and administrative expense, related to stock options and RSUs is as follows:

	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31, 2007</b>	<b>March 31, 2006</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Stock option compensation expense	\$ 1,210	\$ 615
RSU compensation expense	2,446	149
	<b>\$ 3,656</b>	<b>\$ 764</b>

As of March 31, 2007, total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested share-based payments totaled \$25.8 million and is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.3 years.

Mattel uses treasury shares purchased under its share repurchase program to satisfy stock option exercises. Cash received from stock options exercised during the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006 was \$174.8 million and \$8.7 million, respectively, and the tax benefit recognized as additional paid-in capital for exercises during the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006 was \$4.1 million and \$0.7 million, respectively.

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**18. Contingencies**

*Litigation Related to LeapFrog Enterprises, Inc.*

Fisher-Price, Inc. ( Fisher-Price ), a subsidiary of Mattel, was sued for patent infringement by LeapFrog Enterprises, Inc. in a lawsuit filed in October 2003 in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, and in September 2004, Mattel was joined to the lawsuit as a defendant. The lawsuit alleged that Fisher-Price's PowerTouch system infringed a LeapFrog patent relating to an electronic learning device for teaching phonics. A 10-day trial commenced on May 16, 2005, which resulted in a deadlocked jury. As an alternative to retrying the case, the parties agreed to submit the case for decision, based on the existing trial record, to the presiding judge. The plaintiff in this lawsuit asserted a total damages claim of up to approximately \$90 million, which was reduced to approximately \$58 million pursuant to rulings by the Court, and sought an injunction preventing the further sale of the PowerTouch system; the damages could possibly have been trebled if a willful infringement had been found. On March 30, 2006, the Court issued a Memorandum and Order holding that Mattel and Fisher-Price did not infringe LeapFrog's patent and furthermore holding that LeapFrog's patent claim, which was the basis of LeapFrog's lawsuit, was invalid due to obviousness. On May 1, 2006, LeapFrog filed an appeal of the Court's ruling with the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. On March 7, 2007, oral argument with regard to the appeal took place before a three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals has not yet issued a ruling. Mattel and its subsidiary Fisher-Price continue to believe the action is without merit and intend to continue defending themselves vigorously.

*Litigation Related to Carter Bryant and MGA Entertainment, Inc.*

In April 2004, Mattel filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles County Superior Court against Carter Bryant ( Bryant ), a former Mattel design employee. The suit alleges that Bryant aided and assisted a Mattel competitor, MGA Entertainment, Inc. ( MGA ), during the time he was employed by Mattel, in violation of his contractual and other duties to Mattel. In September 2004, Bryant asserted counterclaims against Mattel, including counterclaims in which Bryant sought, as a putative class action representative, to invalidate Mattel's Confidential Information and Proprietary Inventions Agreements with its employees. In December 2004, MGA intervened as a party-defendant in Mattel's action against Bryant, asserting that its rights to the Bratz property are at stake in the litigation. Mattel's suit was removed to the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Separately, in November 2004, Bryant filed an action against Mattel in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. The action sought a judicial declaration that Bryant's purported conveyance of rights in Bratz was proper and that he did not misappropriate Mattel property in creating Bratz.

In April 2005, MGA filed suit against Mattel in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. MGA's action alleges claims of trade dress infringement, trade dress dilution, false designation of origin, unfair competition and unjust enrichment. The suit alleges, among other things, that certain products, themes, packaging and/or television commercials in various Mattel product lines have infringed upon products, themes, packaging and/or television commercials for various MGA product lines, including Bratz. The complaint also asserts that various alleged Mattel acts with respect to unidentified retailers, distributors and licensees have damaged MGA and that various alleged acts by industry organizations, purportedly induced by Mattel, have damaged MGA. MGA's suit alleges that MGA has been damaged in an amount believed to reach or exceed tens of millions of dollars and further seeks punitive damages, disgorgement of Mattel's profits and injunctive relief.

In June 2006, the three cases were consolidated in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. On July 17, 2006, the Court issued an order dismissing all claims that Bryant had asserted against Mattel, including Bryant's purported counterclaims to invalidate

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Mattel's Confidential Information and Proprietary Inventions Agreements with its employees, and Bryant's claims for declaratory relief. Mattel believes the claims against it are without merit and intends to continue to vigorously defend against them.

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In November 2006, Mattel asked the Court for leave to file an Amended Complaint that included not only additional claims against Bryant, but also included claims for copyright infringement, RICO violations, misappropriation of trade secrets, intentional interference with contract, aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duty and breach of duty of loyalty, and unfair competition, among others, against MGA Entertainment, Inc., Isaac Larian, certain MGA affiliates and an MGA employee. The basis for the Amended Complaint was the MGA defendants' infringement of Mattel's copyrights and their pattern of misappropriation of trade secrets and unfair competition in violation of the applicable statutes. On January 12, 2007, the Court granted Mattel leave to file these claims as counterclaims in the consolidated cases, which Mattel did that same day.

**19. Segment Information**

Mattel's operating segments are separately managed business units and are divided on a geographic basis between domestic and international. On October 10, 2005, Mattel announced the consolidation of its domestic Mattel Girls & Boys Brands and Fisher-Price Brands divisions into one division. The creation of the Mattel Brands division, which resulted in the consolidation of some management and support functions, preserved the natural marketing and design groups that are empowered to create and market toys based on gender and age groups and is expected to more effectively and efficiently leverage Mattel's scale. These changes are consistent with Mattel's ongoing strategy to enhance innovation and improve execution. In connection with this consolidation, Mattel executed an initiative in 2006 to streamline its workforce, primarily in El Segundo, California. The consolidation of these divisions did not change Mattel's operating segments.

Mattel's domestic operating segments include:

*Mattel Girls & Boys Brands* including Barbie® fashion dolls and accessories ( Barbie® ), Polly Pocket!Pixel Chix, Winx Club and Disney Classics (collectively Other Girls Brands ), Hot WheelsMatchbox® and Tyco® R/C vehicles and playsets (collectively Wheels ) and Batman CARS, Superman, Radica®, and games and puzzles (collectively Entertainment ).

*Fisher-Price Brands* including Fisher-Price®, Little People®, BabyGear and View-Master® (collectively Core Fisher-Price® ), Sesame Street®, Dora the Explorer, Go-Diego-Go!, Winnie the Pooh, InteracTV and See N Say® (collectively Fisher-Price® Friends ) and Power Wheels®.

*American Girl Brands* including Just Like Youthe historical collection and Bitty Baby®. American Girl Brands products are sold directly to consumers and its children's publications are also sold to certain retailers.

Additionally, the International segment sells products in all toy categories, except American Girl Brands.



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The tables below present information about revenues, income and assets by segment. Mattel does not include sales adjustments such as trade discounts and other allowances in the calculation of segment revenues (referred to as gross sales). Mattel records these adjustments in its financial accounting systems at the time of sale to each customer, but the adjustments are not allocated to individual products. For this reason, Mattel's chief operating decision maker uses gross sales by segment as one of the metrics to measure segment performance. Such sales adjustments are included in the determination of segment income from operations based on the adjustments recorded in the financial accounting systems. Segment income from operations represents operating income, while consolidated income from operations represents income from operations before income taxes as reported in the consolidated statements of operations. The corporate and other category includes costs not allocated to individual segments, including charges related to incentive compensation, share-based payments, and corporate headquarters functions managed on a worldwide basis and the impact of changes in foreign currency rates on intercompany transactions.

	For the Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2007	March 31, 2006
(In thousands)		
<b>Revenues</b>		
Domestic:		
Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US	\$ 229,792	\$ 229,699
Fisher-Price Brands US	250,035	199,640
American Girl Brands	62,918	61,868
<b>Total Domestic</b>	<b>542,745</b>	<b>491,207</b>
International	482,091	374,245
<b>Gross sales</b>	<b>1,024,836</b>	<b>865,452</b>
Sales adjustments	(84,571)	(72,105)
<b>Net sales</b>	<b>\$ 940,265</b>	<b>\$ 793,347</b>

	For the Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2007	March 31, 2006
(In thousands)		
<b>Segment Income</b>		
Domestic:		
Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US	\$ 9,698	\$ 13,407
Fisher-Price Brands US	22,894	(782)
American Girl Brands	(668)	41
<b>Total Domestic</b>	<b>31,924</b>	<b>12,666</b>
International	38,353	5,440
	70,277	18,106
Corporate and other expense (a)	(49,646)	(50,097)
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>	<b>20,631</b>	<b>(31,991)</b>
Interest expense	14,483	15,203
Interest (income)	(11,960)	(8,820)
Other non-operating expense (income), net	2,470	(1,879)

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Income (Loss) before income taxes	\$ 15,638	\$ (36,495)
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(a) Corporate and other expense includes (i) \$0.5 million and \$13.0 million of charges related to severance for the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and (ii) stock compensation expense of \$3.7 million and \$0.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The 2006 severance charge was related to the January 2006 reduction of over 200 positions, primarily in connection with streamlining of the Mattel Brands organization.

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	<u>March 31, 2007</u>	<u>March 31, 2006</u>	<u>December 31, 2006</u>
	(In thousands)		
<b>Assets</b>			
Domestic:			
Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US	\$ 184,920	\$ 209,829	\$ 296,533
Fisher-Price Brands US	258,968	204,612	217,124
American Girl Brands	66,289	68,900	61,014
	<u>510,177</u>	<u>483,341</u>	<u>574,671</u>
Total Domestic			
International	587,289	444,676	663,393
	<u>1,097,466</u>	<u>928,017</u>	<u>1,238,064</u>
Corporate and other	81,666	67,783	88,898
	<u>\$ 1,179,132</u>	<u>\$ 995,800</u>	<u>\$ 1,326,962</u>
Accounts receivable and inventories			

Mattel sells a broad variety of toy products, which are grouped into three major categories: Mattel Girls & Boys Brands, Fisher-Price Brands and American Girl Brands. The table below presents worldwide revenues by category:

	<u>For the Three Months Ended</u>	
	<u>March 31, 2007</u>	<u>March 31, 2006</u>
	(In thousands)	
<b>Worldwide Revenues</b>		
Mattel Girls & Boys Brands	\$ 567,048	\$ 493,207
Fisher-Price Brands	391,251	307,238
American Girl Brands	62,918	61,868
Other	3,619	3,139
	<u>1,024,836</u>	<u>865,452</u>
Gross sales		
Sales adjustments	(84,571)	(72,105)
	<u>\$ 940,265</u>	<u>\$ 793,347</u>
Net sales		

**20. New Accounting Pronouncements***SFAS No. 157*

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*, which provides guidance for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities. The standard also responds to investors' requests for expanded information about the extent to which companies measure assets and liabilities at fair value, the information used to measure fair value, and the effect of fair value measurements on earnings. SFAS No. 157 applies whenever other standards require (or permit) assets or liabilities to be measured at fair value. The standard does not expand the use of

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fair value in any new circumstances. Under SFAS No. 157, fair value refers to the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants in the market in which the reporting entity transacts. SFAS No. 157 clarifies the principle that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability and establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the information used to develop those assumptions. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets and the lowest priority to unobservable data, for example, the reporting entity's own data. Fair value measurements would be separately disclosed by level within the fair value hierarchy. SFAS No. 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Mattel does not expect the adoption of SFAS No. 157 to have a material impact on its results of operations and financial position.

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*SFAS No. 159*

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*, which provides companies with an option to report selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value. The objective of SFAS No. 159 is to reduce both complexity in accounting for financial instruments and the volatility in earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently. SFAS No. 159 also establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to facilitate comparisons between companies that choose different measurement attributes for similar types of assets and liabilities. SFAS No. 159 is effective for Mattel as of January 1, 2008. Mattel does not expect the adoption of SFAS No. 159 to have a material impact on its results of operations or financial position.

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

**MATTEL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF**

**FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial information and related notes that appear in Part I of this Quarterly Report. Mattel's business is seasonal, and, therefore, results of operations are comparable only with corresponding periods.

**Overview**

Mattel designs, manufactures and markets a broad variety of toy products worldwide through sales to its customers and directly to consumers. Mattel's business is dependent in great part on its ability each year to redesign, restyle and extend existing core products and product lines, to design and develop innovative new products and product lines, and to successfully market those products and product lines. Mattel plans to continue to focus on its portfolio of traditional brands that have historically had worldwide appeal, to create new brands utilizing its knowledge of children's play patterns and to target customer and consumer preferences around the world.

Mattel's portfolio of brands and products are grouped in the following categories:

*Mattel Girls & Boys Brands* including Barbie® fashion dolls and accessories ( Barbie® ), Polly Pocket, Pixel Chix, Winx Club and Disney Classics (collectively Other Girls Brands ), Hot Wheels, Matchbox® and Tyco® R/C vehicles and playsets (collectively Wheels ) and Batman CARS, Superman, Radica®, and games and puzzles (collectively Entertainment ).

*Fisher-Price Brands* including Fisher-Price®, Little People®, BabyGear and View-Master® (collectively Core Fisher-Price® ), Sesame Street®, Dora the Explorer, Go-Diego-Go!, Winnie the Pooh, InteracTV and See 'N Say® (collectively Fisher-Price® Friends ) and Power Wheels®.

*American Girl Brands* including Just Like You, the historical collection and Bitty Baby®. American Girl Brands products are sold directly to consumers and its children's publications are also sold to certain retailers.

On October 10, 2005, Mattel announced the consolidation of its domestic Mattel Girls & Boys Brands and Fisher-Price Brands divisions into one division. The creation of the Mattel Brands division, which resulted in the consolidation of some management and support functions, preserved the natural marketing and design groups that are empowered to create and market toys based on gender and age groups and is expected to more effectively and efficiently leverage Mattel's scale. These changes are consistent with Mattel's ongoing goals to enhance innovation and improve execution. In connection with this consolidation, Mattel executed an initiative in 2006 to streamline its workforce, primarily in El Segundo, California. The consolidation of these divisions did not change Mattel's operating segments.

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Management believes that the business environment for Mattel for the remainder of 2007 will be similar to that of 2006. Mattel expects to continue facing challenges both domestically and internationally as retailers continue to tightly manage inventory. Additionally, Mattel has experienced continued cost pressures in the areas of product costs, including oil-based resin and zinc, and employee-related costs. Management believes that Mattel will continue to encounter a challenging retail environment as well as cost pressures.

Mattel's objective is to continue to create long-term shareholder value by generating strong cash flow and deploying it in a disciplined and opportunistic manner as outlined in Mattel's capital and investment framework. To achieve this objective, management has established three overarching goals.

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The first goal is to enhance innovation in order to reinvigorate the Barbie® brand, while maintaining growth in other core brands by continuing to develop popular toys. Additionally, Mattel plans to pursue additional licensing arrangements and strategic partnerships to extend its portfolio of brands into areas outside of traditional toys.

The second goal is to improve execution in areas including manufacturing, distribution and selling. In 2007, Mattel is continuing to focus on improving the efficiency of its supply chain using Lean supply chain initiatives. The objective of the Lean program is to improve the flow of processes, do more with less, and focus on the value chain from beginning to end.

The third goal is to further capitalize on Mattel's scale advantage. For example, as the world's largest toy company, Mattel believes it can realize cost savings when making purchasing decisions based on a One Mattel philosophy.

**Results of Operations***Consolidated Results*

Net sales for the first quarter of 2007 were \$940.3 million, up 19% compared to \$793.3 million in 2006, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 3 percentage points. Net income for the first quarter of 2007 was \$12.0 million, or \$0.03 per diluted share, as compared to \$30.2 million in the first quarter of 2006, or \$0.08 per diluted share. Net income for the first quarter of 2006 was positively impacted by \$56.8 million of income tax benefits related to audit settlements with foreign tax authorities.

The following table provides a summary of Mattel's consolidated results for the first quarter of 2007 and 2006 (in millions, except percentage and basis point information):

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,					
	2007		2006		Year/Year Change	
	Amount	% of Net Sales	Amount	% of Net Sales	%	Basis Points of Net Sales
Net sales	\$ 940.3	100.0%	\$ 793.3	100.0%	19%	
Gross profit	\$ 418.7	44.5%	\$ 332.0	41.8%	26%	270
Advertising and promotion expenses	105.3	11.2	88.9	11.2	19%	
Other selling and administrative expenses	292.8	31.1	275.1	34.7	6%	(360)
Operating income (loss)	20.6	2.2	(32.0)	4.0		620
Interest expense	14.5	1.5	15.2	1.9	-5%	(40)



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Interest (income)	(12.0)	1.3	(8.8)	1.1	36%	(20)
Other non-operating expense (income), net	2.4		(1.9)			
	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>			
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$ 15.7	1.7%	\$ (36.5)	-4.6%		630
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*Sales*

Net sales for the first quarter of 2007 were \$940.3 million, up 19% compared to \$793.3 million in 2006, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 3 percentage points. Gross sales within the US increased 10%, as compared to 2006, and accounted for 53.0% of consolidated gross sales in 2007, as compared to 56.8% in 2006. In 2007, gross sales in international markets increased 29%, as compared to 2006, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 7 percentage points.

Worldwide gross sales of Mattel Girls & Boys Brands increased 15% in the first quarter of 2007 to \$567.0 million, with favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 4 percentage points. Domestic gross sales

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of Mattel Girls & Boys Brands were flat compared to 2006 and international gross sales increased 28%, with favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 7 percentage points. Worldwide gross sales of Barbie® increased 2% from 2006, with favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 4 percentage points. Domestic gross sales of Barbie® declined 21% in the first quarter of 2007, and international gross sales increased 20%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 7 percentage points. Domestic gross sales of Barbie® were negatively impacted by the strong performance of last year's Mermaidia product compared to the current year's Fairytopia II: Magic of the Rainbow line, and sales declines in My Scene products. In international markets, prior year sales of Barbie® were negatively impacted by the late introduction of Mermaidia products in several markets, while current year growth in sales was led by Barbie® basics, Princesses, and Fairytopia products. Worldwide gross sales of Other Girls products declined 8%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 4 percentage points, with sales declines in Polly Pocket! domestically and Winx Club and Pixel Chix worldwide. Worldwide gross sales of Wheels products increased 15%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 3 percentage points, primarily as a result of strong sales growth in Hot Wheels® internationally and Matchbox® worldwide. Worldwide gross sales of Entertainment products increased 59%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 4 percentage points, primarily driven by continued strong sales of CARS products, growth in the games business and the inclusion of \$19.4 million of Radica® sales.

Worldwide gross sales of Fisher-Price Brands increased 27% in the first quarter of 2007 to \$391.3 million, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 2 percentage points. Worldwide sales of Core Fisher-Price® increased 27%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 2 percentage points, primarily driven by continued strength in sales of BabyGear and infant, preschool, and newborn products. Worldwide gross sales of Fisher-Price® Friends increased 45%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 2 percentage points, primarily driven by continued strength of Nickelodeon® properties, including Go, Diego, Go! and The Backyardigans, and strong sales of T.M.X. Elmo.

American Girl Brands gross sales increased 2% in the first quarter of 2007 to \$62.9 million, as compared to \$61.9 million in the first quarter of 2006, primarily due to sales from the American Girl Place® retail store in Los Angeles, California, which opened in April 2006.

### *Cost of Sales*

Cost of sales increased by \$60.2 million, or 13%, from \$461.4 million in the first quarter of 2006 to \$521.6 million in the first quarter of 2007, as compared to a 19% increase in net sales. On an overall basis, cost of sales increased primarily due to increased sales volume. Within cost of sales, product costs increased by \$54.7 million, or 15%, from \$361.6 million in the first quarter of 2006 to \$416.3 million in first quarter of 2007, which was primarily driven by increased sales volume, partially offset by cost savings realized from supply chain efficiency initiatives. Royalty expense increased by \$3.0 million, or 9%, from \$33.0 million in the first quarter of 2006 to \$36.0 million in first quarter of 2007, and is reflective of higher sales of licensed products in 2007. Freight and logistics expenses increased by \$2.5 million, or 4%, from \$66.8 million in the first quarter of 2006 to \$69.3 million in the first quarter of 2007. The increase in freight and logistics expenses was due to increased sales volume, partially offset by cost savings from supply chain and distribution center efficiency initiatives.

### *Gross Profit*

Gross profit, as a percentage of net sales, was 44.5% in the first quarter of 2007, as compared to 41.8% in the first quarter of 2006. The improvement in gross profit was primarily driven by pricing, savings from supply chain initiatives, and favorable product mix, partially offset by external cost pressures. In 2006, price increases in the US were implemented in April and therefore did not have an impact on the first quarter of 2006.

*Advertising and Promotion Expenses*

Advertising and promotion expenses were 11.2% of net sales in the first quarter of 2007, consistent with last year.

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### *Other Selling and Administrative Expenses*

Other selling and administrative expenses were \$292.8 million, or 31.1% of net sales, in the first quarter of 2007, as compared to \$275.1 million, or 34.7% of net sales, in the first quarter of 2006. In absolute dollars, other selling and administrative expenses increased in 2007 primarily due to the inclusion of Radica® costs, increases in employee related costs and the impact of foreign currency exchange rates. The first quarter of 2006 included a \$13.0 million severance charge related to the streamlining of the Mattel Brands organization.

### *Non-Operating Items*

Interest expense decreased from \$15.2 million in the first quarter of 2006 to \$14.5 million in the first quarter of 2007, due to lower average debt outstanding. Interest income increased from \$8.8 million in the first quarter of 2006 to \$12.0 million in the first quarter of 2007 due to overall higher invested cash balances and higher interest rates. Other non-operating expenses were \$2.4 million in the first quarter of 2007 as compared to other non-operating income of \$1.9 million in the first quarter of 2006.

### *Provision for Income Taxes*

During the three months ended March 31, 2006, Mattel settled multiple ongoing audits by foreign tax authorities and as a result of the settlements, Mattel recognized income tax benefits of \$56.8 million during the first quarter of 2006.

### *Business Segment Results*

Mattel's reportable segments are separately managed business units and are divided on a geographic basis between domestic and international. The Domestic segment is further divided into Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US, Fisher-Price Brands US and American Girl Brands.

#### *Domestic Segment*

Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US gross sales remained flat at \$229.8 million in the first quarter of 2007 compared to \$229.7 million in the first quarter of 2006. Within this segment, gross sales of Barbie® products decreased 21%, primarily driven by lower sales of Barbie®'s Fairytopia and Magic of the Rainbow products compared to last year's Mermaidia and decreased sales of Barbie®'s My Scene products. Other Girls products decreased 25%, primarily driven by decreased sales of Polly Pocket! and Pixel Chix products. Gross sales of Wheels products increased 3%, driven primarily by sales of Matchbox® products. Gross sales of Entertainment products increased 46%, driven by continued strong sales of CARS products, and the inclusion of Radica® sales. Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US segment income declined 28% to \$9.7 million in the first quarter of 2007, largely driven by higher other selling and administrative expenses.

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Fisher-Price Brands US gross sales increased 25% in the first quarter of 2007 compared to the first quarter of 2006, reflecting an increase in sales of Core Fisher-Price® and Fisher-Price® Friends products. Sales increases in Core Fisher-Price® products reflected strong sales of BabyGear and preschool, infant, and newborn products. Sales increases in Fisher-Price® Friends products were driven by several Nickelodeon® properties, including Go, Diego, Go! and The Backyardigans, and strong sales of T.M.X. Elmo. Fisher-Price Brands US segment income increased to \$22.9 million in the first quarter of 2007 from a loss of \$0.8 million in the first quarter of 2006 due primarily to higher sales volume and improved gross profit resulting from price increases and favorable product mix, partially offset by higher external cost pressures.

American Girl Brands gross sales increased 2% in the first quarter of 2007, as compared to the first quarter of 2006, primarily due to sales from the American Girl Place® retail store in Los Angeles, California, which opened in April 2006. American Girl Brands segment income declined from income of \$41 thousand in the first

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quarter of 2006 to a loss of \$668 thousand in the first quarter of 2007, primarily due to higher other selling and administrative costs associated with the expansion of the American Girl Place<sup>®</sup> retail stores.

*International Segment*

The following table provides a summary of percentage changes in gross sales within the International segment for the first quarter of 2007 versus 2006:

Non-US Regions:	% Change in Gross Sales	Impact of Change in Currency Rates  (in % pts)
Total International	29	7
Europe	35	10
Latin America	33	(2)
Asia Pacific	12	4
Other	(7)	(1)

International gross sales increased by 29% in the first quarter of 2007, as compared to the first quarter of 2006, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 7 percentage points. Gross sales of Barbie<sup>®</sup> increased 20% in the first quarter of 2007, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 7 percentage points. Prior year first quarter sales of Barbie<sup>®</sup> were negatively impacted by the late introduction of Mermaidia products in several markets, while current year sales growth was led by Barbie<sup>®</sup> basics, Princesses, and Fairytoria III: Magic of the Rainbow products. Gross sales of Other Girls products increased 3% in the first quarter of 2007, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 6 percentage points, primarily driven by increased sales of Polly Pocket! products partially offset by declines of Winx Club products. Gross sales of Wheels products increased 28%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 6 percentage points, reflecting growth in Hot Wheels<sup>®</sup> and Matchbox<sup>®</sup>. Gross sales of Entertainment products increased 73%, driven by strong sales of CARS products, growth in the games business and the inclusion of Radica<sup>®</sup> sales. Gross sales of Fisher-Price Brands increased 31%, including favorable changes in currency exchange rates of 6 percentage points, driven by strong sales in both Core Fisher-Price<sup>®</sup> and Fisher-Price<sup>®</sup> Friends. International segment income increased from \$5.4 million in the first quarter of 2006 to \$38.4 million in the first quarter of 2007, primarily due to increased sales volume and improved gross profit, as a percentage of net sales, and decreased other selling and administrative costs, as a percentage of net sales.

**Income Taxes**

During the three months ended March 31, 2006, Mattel settled multiple ongoing audits by foreign tax authorities and as a result of the settlements, Mattel recognized income tax benefits of \$56.8 million during the first quarter of 2006.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

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Mattel's primary sources of liquidity are its cash balances and access to short-term borrowing facilities. Cash flows from operations could be negatively impacted by decreased demand for Mattel's products, which could result from factors such as adverse economic conditions and changes in public and consumer preferences, or by increased costs associated with manufacturing and distribution of products or shortages in raw materials or component parts. Additionally, Mattel's ability to issue long-term debt and obtain seasonal financing could be adversely affected by factors such as an inability to meet its debt covenant requirements, which include maintaining consolidated debt-to-capital and interest coverage ratios, or a deterioration of Mattel's credit ratings. Mattel's ability to conduct its operations could be negatively impacted should these or other adverse conditions affect its primary sources of liquidity.

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### *Capital and Investment Framework*

To guide future capital deployment decisions, with a goal of maximizing shareholder value, Mattel's Board of Directors in 2003 established the following capital and investment framework:

To maintain approximately \$800 million to \$1 billion in year-end cash available to fund a substantial portion of seasonal working capital;

To maintain a year-end debt-to-capital ratio of about 25%;

To invest approximately \$180 million to \$200 million in capital expenditures annually to maintain and grow the business;

To make strategic acquisitions consistent with Mattel's vision of providing the world's premier toy brands today and tomorrow; and

To return excess funds to shareholders through dividends and share repurchases.

Over the long-term, assuming cash flows from operating activities remain strong, Mattel plans to use its free cash flows to invest in strategic acquisitions and to return funds to shareholders through cash dividends and, depending on market conditions, share repurchases. However, the ability to implement successfully the capital deployment plan is directly dependent on Mattel's ability to generate strong cash flows from operating activities. There is no assurance that Mattel will continue to generate strong cash flows from operating activities or achieve its targeted goals from investing activities.

### *Operating Activities*

Cash flows used for operating activities were \$326.5 million in the first quarter of 2007, as compared to \$290.1 million used in the first quarter of 2006. The increase in cash flows used for operating activities was primarily due to lower net income and changes in the amount and timing of accrued liabilities and accounts payable payments, partially offset by accounts receivable collections.

### *Investing Activities*

Cash flows used for investing activities in the first quarter of 2007 decreased \$4.3 million to \$24.0 million, as compared to \$28.3 million used in the first quarter of 2006, mainly due to decreased capital expenditures in the first quarter of 2007, primarily due to the construction of the American Girl Place® in Los Angeles, California occurring in the first quarter of 2006. Mattel's spending level for 2007 is expected to be above last year's spending but below the long-term targets of \$180-\$200 million, as set forth in the capital and investment framework.

### *Financing Activities*



Cash flows from financing activities in the first quarter of 2007 were \$130.6 million, as compared to cash flow used for financing activities of \$78.3 million in the first quarter of 2006. The increase in cash flows from financing activities was primarily due to higher proceeds from the exercise of stock options and the absence of share repurchases in the first quarter 2007.

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Mattel maintains and periodically amends or replaces a \$1.3 billion domestic unsecured committed revolving credit facility with a commercial bank group that is used as the primary source of financing for the seasonal working capital requirements of its domestic subsidiaries. The agreement expires on March 23, 2010 and interest is charged at various rates selected by Mattel, ranging from market commercial paper rates to the bank reference rate. The credit facility contains a variety of covenants, including financial covenants that require Mattel to maintain certain consolidated debt-to-capital and interest coverage ratios. Specifically, Mattel is required to meet these financial covenant ratios at the end of each fiscal quarter and fiscal year, using the formulae specified in the credit agreement to calculate the ratios. Mattel was in compliance with such covenants at the end of the first quarter of 2007. As of March 31, 2007, Mattel's consolidated debt-to-capital ratio, as calculated per the terms of the credit agreement, was 0.21 to 1 (compared to a maximum allowed of 0.60 to 1) and Mattel's interest coverage ratio was 12.50 to 1 (compared to a minimum allowed of 3.50 to 1).

The domestic unsecured committed revolving credit facility is a material agreement and failure to comply with the financial covenant ratios may result in an event of default under the terms of the facility. If Mattel defaulted under the terms of the domestic unsecured committed revolving credit facility, its ability to meet its seasonal financing requirements could be adversely affected.

On December 9, 2005, Mattel, Mattel Asia Pacific Sourcing Limited ( MAPS ), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mattel, Bank of America, N.A., as a lender and administrative agent, and other financial institutions executed a credit agreement ( the MAPS facility ) which provided for (i) a term loan facility of \$225.0 million consisting of a term loan advanced to MAPS in the original principal amount of \$225.0 million, with \$50.0 million of such amount to be repaid on each of December 15, 2006 and December 15, 2007, and the remaining aggregate principal amount of \$125.0 million to be repaid on December 9, 2008, and (ii) a revolving loan facility consisting of revolving loans advanced to MAPS in the maximum aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding of \$100.0 million, with a maturity date of December 9, 2008. Interest was charged at various rates selected by Mattel based on Eurodollar rates or bank reference rates. On December 15, 2006, in addition to the required payment of \$50.0 million, MAPS prepaid an incremental \$125.0 million of the MAPS term loan facility. The remaining \$50.0 million principal amount, consisting of \$14.3 million due on December 15, 2007 and \$35.7 million due on December 9, 2008, was prepaid on January 16, 2007. As a result of such pre-payments, the MAPS term loan facility terminated in accordance with its terms, but the MAPS revolving loan facility remained in effect. On March 26, 2007, Mattel terminated the MAPS revolving loan facility. Mattel did not incur any early termination penalties in connection with the termination of the MAPS revolving loan facility.

To finance seasonal working capital requirements of certain foreign subsidiaries, Mattel avails itself of individual short-term credit lines with a number of banks. Mattel expects to extend the majority of these credit lines throughout 2007.

In June 2006, Mattel issued \$100.0 million of unsecured floating rate senior notes ( Floating Rate Senior Notes ) due June 15, 2009 and \$200.0 million of unsecured 6.125% senior notes ( 6.125% Senior Notes ) due June 15, 2011 (collectively Senior Notes ). Interest on the Floating Rate Senior Notes is based on the three-month US Dollar London Interbank Offered Rate ( LIBOR ) plus 40 basis points with interest payable quarterly beginning September 15, 2006. Interest on the 6.125% Senior Notes is payable semi-annually beginning December 15, 2006. The 6.125% Senior Notes may be redeemed at any time at the option of Mattel at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) the principal amount of the notes being redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date, or (ii) a make whole amount based on the yield of a comparable US Treasury security plus 20 basis points.

In June 2006, Mattel entered into two interest rate swap agreements on the \$100.0 million Floating Rate Senior Notes, each in a notional amount of \$50.0 million, for the purpose of hedging the variability of cash flows in the interest payments due to fluctuations of the LIBOR benchmark interest rate. These cash flow hedges are



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accounted for under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, whereby the hedges are reported in Mattel's consolidated balance sheets at fair value, with changes in the fair value of the hedges reflected in accumulated other comprehensive loss. Under the terms of the agreements, Mattel receives quarterly interest payments from the swap counterparties based on the three-month LIBOR plus 40 basis points and makes semi-annual interest payments to the swap counterparties based on a fixed rate of 5.87125%. The three-month LIBOR rate used to determine interest payments under the interest rate swap agreements resets every three months, matching the variable interest on the Floating Rate Senior Notes. The agreements expire in June 2009, which corresponds with the maturity of the Floating Rate Senior Notes.

In March 2006, a major credit rating agency reduced Mattel's long-term credit rating to BBB-, but changed the outlook from negative to stable. In May 2006, another major credit rating agency reduced Mattel's long-term credit rating to BBB. Management does not expect these actions to have a significant impact on Mattel's ability to obtain financing or to have a significant negative impact on Mattel's liquidity or results of operations.

Mattel believes its cash on hand, amounts available under its domestic unsecured committed revolving credit facility, and its foreign credit lines will be adequate to meet its seasonal financing requirements in 2007.

Mattel has a \$300.0 million domestic receivables sales facility that is a sub-facility of Mattel's domestic unsecured committed revolving credit facility. The outstanding amount of receivables sold under the domestic receivables facility may not exceed \$300.0 million at any given time, and the amount available to be borrowed under the credit facility is reduced to the extent of any such outstanding receivables sold. Under the domestic receivables facility, certain trade receivables are sold to a group of banks, which currently include, among others, Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, Citicorp USA, Inc. and Barclays Bank PLC, as co-syndication agents, and Societe Generale and BNP Paribas, as co-documentation agents. Pursuant to the domestic receivables facility, Mattel Sales Corp. and Fisher-Price, Inc. (which are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Mattel) can sell eligible trade receivables from Wal-Mart and Target to Mattel Factoring, Inc. ( Mattel Factoring ), a Delaware corporation and wholly-owned, consolidated subsidiary of Mattel. Mattel Factoring is a special purpose entity whose activities are limited to purchasing and selling receivables under this facility. Pursuant to the terms of the domestic receivables facility and simultaneous with each receivables purchase, Mattel Factoring sells those receivables to the bank group. Mattel records the transaction, reflecting cash proceeds and sale of accounts receivable in its consolidated balance sheet, at the time of the sale of the receivables to the bank group.

Sales of receivables pursuant to the domestic receivables sale facility occur periodically, generally quarterly. The receivables are sold by Mattel Sales Corp. and Fisher-Price, Inc. to Mattel Factoring for a purchase price equal to the nominal amount of the receivables sold. Mattel Factoring then sells such receivables to the bank group at a slight discount, and Mattel acts as a servicer for such receivables. Mattel has designated Mattel Sales Corp. and Fisher-Price, Inc. as sub-servicers, as permitted by the facility. Mattel's appointment as a servicer is subject to termination events that are customary for such transactions. The domestic receivables sales facility is also subject to conditions to funding, representations and warranties, undertakings and early termination events that are customary for transactions of this nature. Mattel retains a servicing interest in the receivables sold under this facility.

Until the Master Agreement was terminated on February 9, 2007, Mattel International Holdings B.V., a company incorporated in the Netherlands (the Depositor ), Mattel France, a company incorporated in France ( Mattel France ), and Mattel GmbH, a company incorporated in Germany ( Mattel Germany ), each of which is a subsidiary of Mattel, and Societe Generale Bank Nederland N.V. ( SGBN ), were parties to a Master Agreement for the Transfer of Receivables that established a Euro 150 million European trade receivables facility (the European trade receivables facility ), pursuant to which Mattel France and Mattel Germany sold trade receivables to SGBN. The European trade receivables facility was subject to conditions to funding, representations and warranties, undertakings and early termination events that were customary for transactions of this nature.



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Sales of receivables pursuant to the European trade receivables facility occurred monthly, with the last such sale occurring on January 10, 2007. The receivables were sold by Mattel France and Mattel Germany directly to SGBN for a purchase price equal to the nominal amount of the receivables sold. As a result, no Mattel subsidiary was used as a special purpose entity in connection with these transactions. A portion of the purchase price was funded by SGBN and a portion by a deposit provided by the Depositor. In connection with the termination of the Master Agreement, there was no deposit at March 31, 2007.

As with the domestic receivables facility, each sale of accounts receivable was recorded in Mattel's consolidated balance sheet at the time of such sale. Under the European trade receivables facility, the outstanding amount of receivables sold could not exceed Euro 60 million from February 1 through July 31 of each year and could not exceed Euro 150 million at all other times.

Each of Mattel France and Mattel Germany was appointed to service the receivables sold by it to SGBN. No servicing fees were paid by SGBN for such services. The appointment of each of Mattel France and Mattel Germany to act as servicer was subject to termination events that were customary for transactions of this nature.

Mattel France and Mattel Germany were obligated to pay certain fees to the Depositor in consideration of the Depositor providing the deposit to SGBN. Through the termination date, fees paid in 2007 by Mattel France and Mattel Germany to the Depositor were, on average, approximately 0.1% of the aggregate notional amount of sold receivables outstanding during such period.

In November 2006, the commitment termination date for the European trade receivables facility was extended until February 28, 2007. However, effective on February 9, 2007, the Depositor, Mattel France and Mattel Germany terminated the European trade receivable facility with SGBN. The Company determined the facility was no longer necessary based on projected international cash flows and seasonal financing needs.

The outstanding amounts of accounts receivable that have been sold under these facilities and other factoring arrangements, net of collections from customers, have been excluded from Mattel's consolidated balance sheets and are summarized as follows:

	<u>March 31, 2007</u>	<u>March 31, 2006</u>	<u>December 31, 2006</u>
		(In millions)	
Receivables sold pursuant to the:			
Domestic receivables facility	\$ 40.6	\$ 44.7	\$ 255.9
European receivables facility		44.6	103.9
Other factoring arrangements		6.6	52.5
	<u>\$ 40.6</u>	<u>\$ 95.9</u>	<u>\$ 412.3</u>

*Financial Position*

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Mattel's cash and equivalents at March 31, 2007 decreased \$221.4 million to \$984.2 million, as compared to year-end 2006, primarily due to seasonal increases in inventory, the \$50.0 million repayment of the MAPS term loan facility, and the timing of accrued liabilities and accounts payable payments, partially offset by accounts receivable collections and proceeds from stock option exercises.

The current portion of long-term debt decreased \$10.0 million to \$90.0 million at March 31, 2007, as compared to \$100.0 million at March 31, 2006, primarily due to the \$50.0 million repayment of the MAPS term loan facility and the \$50.0 million repayment of Medium-term notes in 2006, partially offset by the reclassification of \$90.0 million of Medium-term notes to current. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities decreased by \$623.3 million from year-end 2006 to \$733.0 million at March 31, 2007, mainly due to the timing of payments of various accrued liability balances, including incentive compensation, royalties, and advertising obligations, and a decrease in amounts due bank related to the European receivables facility. The current portion

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of income taxes payable decreased from \$161.9 million to \$23.7 million due to the reclassification of tax reserves for which a cash tax payment is not expected to be made in the next twelve months to other noncurrent liabilities in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. ( FIN ) 48.

A summary of Mattel's capitalization is as follows:

	<u>March 31, 2007</u>		<u>March 31, 2006</u>		<u>December 31, 2006</u>	
	<b>(In millions, except percentage information)</b>					
Medium-term notes	\$ 260.0	7%	\$ 350.0	12%	\$ 300.0	9%
Senior Notes	300.0	8			300.0	9
MAPS term loan			175.0	6	35.7	1
<b>Total noncurrent long-term debt</b>	<b>560.0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>525.0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>635.7</b>	<b>19</b>
Other noncurrent liabilities	428.3	12	282.8	9	304.7	9
Stockholders' equity	2,632.7	73	2,156.9	73	2,433.0	72
	<b>\$ 3,621.0</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 2,964.7</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 3,373.4</b>	<b>100%</b>

Total noncurrent long-term debt increased by \$35.0 million at March 31, 2007, as compared to March 31, 2006, due to Senior Notes borrowings of \$300.0 million in the second quarter of 2006, partially offset by the \$175.0 million repayment of the MAPS term loan facility and the reclassification of \$90.0 million of Medium-term notes to current. Mattel expects to satisfy its future long-term capital needs through the generation of corporate earnings and issuance of long-term debt instruments, as needed. Stockholders' equity of \$2.6 billion increased \$475.8 million from March 31, 2006, primarily as a result of net income from operations and proceeds from the exercise of stock options, partially offset by share repurchases and the payment of the annual dividend in the fourth quarter of 2006.

Mattel's debt-to-capital ratio, including short-term borrowings and current portion of long-term debt, decreased from 23.7% at March 31, 2006 to 19.8% at March 31, 2007. Mattel's objective is to continue to maintain a year-end debt-to-capital ratio of approximately 25%.

*Commitments*

In connection with the January 1, 2007 adoption of FIN 48, liabilities for uncertain tax positions totaling approximately \$121 million for which a cash tax payment is not expected to be made in the next twelve months were reclassified from income taxes payable (within current liabilities) to other noncurrent liabilities. Due to the uncertainty about the periods in which examinations will be completed and limited information related to current audits, Mattel is not able to make reasonably reliable estimates of the periods in which cash settlements will occur with taxing authorities for the noncurrent liabilities.

**Litigation**



See Part II, Item 1 Legal Proceedings.

### **Application of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Mattel's critical accounting policies and estimates are included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 and have not changed during the first quarter of 2007.

### **New Accounting Pronouncements**

*SFAS No. 157*

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*, which provides guidance for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities. The standard also responds to investors' requests for

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expanded information about the extent to which companies measure assets and liabilities at fair value, the information used to measure fair value, and the effect of fair value measurements on earnings. SFAS No. 157 applies whenever other standards require (or permit) assets or liabilities to be measured at fair value. The standard does not expand the use of fair value in any new circumstances. Under SFAS No. 157, fair value refers to the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants in the market in which the reporting entity transacts. SFAS No. 157 clarifies the principle that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability and establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the information used to develop those assumptions. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets and the lowest priority to unobservable data, for example, the reporting entity's own data. Fair value measurements would be separately disclosed by level within the fair value hierarchy. SFAS No. 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Mattel does not expect the adoption of SFAS No. 157 to have a material impact on its results of operations and financial position.

*SFAS No. 159*

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*, which provides companies with an option to report selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value. The objective of SFAS No. 159 is to reduce both complexity in accounting for financial instruments and the volatility in earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently. SFAS No. 159 also establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to facilitate comparisons between companies that choose different measurement attributes for similar types of assets and liabilities. SFAS No. 159 is effective for Mattel as of January 1, 2008. Mattel does not expect the adoption of SFAS No. 159 to have a material impact on its results of operations or financial position.

**Non-GAAP Financial Measure**

In this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, Mattel includes a non-GAAP financial measure, gross sales, which it uses to analyze its continuing operations and to monitor, assess and identify meaningful trends in its operating and financial performance. Net sales, as reported in the consolidated statements of operations, include the impact of sales adjustments, such as trade discounts and other allowances. Gross sales represent sales to customers, excluding the impact of sales adjustments. Consistent with its segment reporting, Mattel presents changes in gross sales as a metric for comparing its aggregate, business unit, brand and geographic results to highlight significant trends in Mattel's business. Changes in gross sales are discussed because, while Mattel records the detail of such sales adjustments in its financial accounting systems at the time of sale, such sales adjustments are generally not associated with individual products, making net sales less meaningful. A reconciliation of gross sales to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, net sales, is as follows:

	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31, 2007</b>	<b>March 31, 2006</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>		
Domestic:		
Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US	\$ 229,792	\$ 229,699
Fisher-Price Brands US	250,035	199,640
American Girl Brands	62,918	61,868
<b>Total Domestic</b>	<b>542,745</b>	<b>491,207</b>
International	482,091	374,245

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Gross sales	1,024,836	865,452
Sales adjustments	(84,571)	(72,105)
Net sales	\$ 940,265	\$ 793,347

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**Table of Contents****Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.***Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk*

Currency exchange rate fluctuations may impact Mattel's results of operations and cash flows. Inventory purchase transactions denominated in the Euro, British pound sterling, Canadian dollar, Mexican peso, Hong Kong dollar and Indonesian rupiah were the primary transactions that caused currency transaction exposure for Mattel. Mattel seeks to mitigate its exposure to market risk by monitoring its currency transaction exposure for the year and partially hedging such exposure using foreign currency forward exchange and option contracts primarily to hedge its purchase and sale of inventory, and other intercompany transactions denominated in foreign currencies. These contracts generally have maturity dates of up to 18 months. For those intercompany receivables and payables that are not hedged, the transaction gains or losses are recorded in the consolidated statement of operations in the period in which the exchange rate changes as part of operating income or other non-operating (income), net based on the nature of the underlying transaction. Transaction gains or losses on intercompany inventory transactions are recorded in the consolidated statement of operations in the period in which the inventory is sold to customers. In addition, Mattel manages its exposure to currency exchange rate fluctuations through the selection of currencies used for international borrowings. Mattel does not trade in financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Mattel's financial position is also impacted by currency exchange rate fluctuations on translation of its net investment in subsidiaries with non-US dollar functional currencies. Assets and liabilities of subsidiaries with non-US dollar functional currencies are translated into US dollars at fiscal year-end exchange rates. Income, expense and cash flow items are translated at weighted average exchange rates prevailing during the fiscal year. The resulting currency translation adjustments are recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss within stockholders' equity. Mattel's primary currency translation exposures during 2007 were related to its net investment in entities having functional currencies denominated in the Euro, British pound sterling, Indonesian rupiah and Mexican peso.

*Interest Rate Risk*

In December 2005, Mattel, Mattel Asia Pacific Sourcing Limited (MAPS), Bank of America, N.A., and other financial institutions executed the MAPS facility which provides for (i) a term loan facility of \$225.0 million consisting of a term loan advanced to MAPS in the original principal amount of \$225.0 million, with \$50.0 million of such amount to be repaid on each of December 15, 2006 and December 15, 2007, and the remaining aggregate principal amount of \$125.0 million to be repaid on December 9, 2008, and (ii) a revolving loan facility consisting of revolving loans advanced to MAPS in the maximum aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding of \$100.0 million, with a maturity date of December 9, 2008. Interest was charged at varying rates selected by Mattel based on Eurodollar rates or bank reference rates. On December 15, 2006, in addition to the required payment of \$50.0 million, MAPS prepaid an incremental \$125.0 million of the MAPS term loan facility. The remaining \$50.0 million principal amount, consisting of \$14.3 million due on December 15, 2007 and \$35.7 million due on December 9, 2008, was prepaid on January 16, 2007. As a result of such pre-payments, the MAPS term loan facility terminated in accordance with its terms, but the MAPS revolving loan facility remained in effect. On March 26, 2007, Mattel terminated the MAPS revolving loan facility. Mattel did not incur any early termination penalties in connection with the termination of the MAPS revolving loan facility.

In June 2006, Mattel issued \$100.0 million of unsecured Floating Rate Senior Notes due June 15, 2009. Interest on the Floating Rate Senior Notes is based on the three-month US Dollar LIBOR plus 40 basis points with interest payable quarterly beginning September 15, 2006.

In June 2006, Mattel entered into two interest rate swap agreements on the \$100.0 million Floating Rate Senior Notes, each in a notional amount of \$50.0 million, for the purpose of hedging the variability of cash flows in the interest payments due to fluctuations of the LIBOR benchmark interest rate. These cash flow hedges are accounted for under SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*,

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hedges are reported in Mattel's consolidated balance sheets at fair value, with changes in the fair value of the hedges reflected in accumulated other comprehensive loss. Under the terms of the agreements, Mattel receives quarterly interest payments from the swap counterparties based on the three-month LIBOR plus 40 basis points and makes semi-annual interest payments to the swap counterparties based on a fixed rate of 5.87125%. The three-month LIBOR rate used to determine interest payments under the interest rate swap agreements resets every three months, matching the variable interest on the Floating Rate Senior Notes. The agreements expire in June 2009, which corresponds with the maturity of the Floating Rate Senior Notes.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures.**

*Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures*

As of March 31, 2007, Mattel's disclosure controls and procedures were evaluated to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by Mattel in the reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is accumulated and communicated to management, as appropriate, in a timely manner that would alert them to material information relating to Mattel that would be required to be included in Mattel's periodic reports and to provide reasonable assurance that such information was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms. Based on this evaluation, Robert A. Eckert, Mattel's principal executive officer, and Kevin M. Farr, Mattel's principal financial officer, concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2007.

*Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*

Mattel made no changes to its internal control over financial reporting or in other factors that materially affected, or were reasonably likely to have materially affected, its internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended March 31, 2007.

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**PART II OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings.**

*Litigation Related to LeapFrog Enterprises, Inc.*

Fisher-Price, Inc. (Fisher-Price), a subsidiary of Mattel, was sued for patent infringement by LeapFrog Enterprises, Inc. in a lawsuit filed in October 2003 in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, and in September 2004, Mattel was joined to the lawsuit as a defendant. The lawsuit alleged that Fisher-Price's PowerTouch system infringed a LeapFrog patent relating to an electronic learning device for teaching phonics. A 10-day trial commenced on May 16, 2005, which resulted in a deadlocked jury. As an alternative to retrying the case, the parties agreed to submit the case for decision, based on the existing trial record, to the presiding judge. The plaintiff in this lawsuit asserted a total damages claim of up to approximately \$90 million, which was reduced to approximately \$58 million pursuant to rulings by the Court, and sought an injunction preventing the further sale of the PowerTouch system; the damages could possibly have been trebled if a willful infringement had been found. On March 30, 2006, the Court issued a Memorandum and Order holding that Mattel and Fisher-Price did not infringe LeapFrog's patent and furthermore holding that LeapFrog's patent claim, which was the basis of LeapFrog's lawsuit, was invalid due to obviousness. On May 1, 2006, LeapFrog filed an appeal of the Court's ruling with the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. On March 7, 2007, oral argument with regard to the appeal took place before a three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals has not yet issued a ruling. Mattel and its subsidiary Fisher-Price continue to believe the action is without merit and intend to continue defending themselves vigorously.

*Litigation Related to Carter Bryant and MGA Entertainment, Inc.*

In April 2004, Mattel filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles County Superior Court against Carter Bryant (Bryant), a former Mattel design employee. The suit alleges that Bryant aided and assisted a Mattel competitor, MGA Entertainment, Inc. (MGA), during the time he was employed by Mattel, in violation of his contractual and other duties to Mattel. In September 2004, Bryant asserted counterclaims against Mattel, including counterclaims in which Bryant sought, as a putative class action representative, to invalidate Mattel's Confidential Information and Proprietary Inventions Agreements with its employees. In December 2004, MGA intervened as a party-defendant in Mattel's action against Bryant, asserting that its rights to the Bratz property are at stake in the litigation. Mattel's suit was removed to the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Separately, in November 2004, Bryant filed an action against Mattel in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. The action sought a judicial declaration that Bryant's purported conveyance of rights in Bratz was proper and that he did not misappropriate Mattel property in creating Bratz.

In April 2005, MGA filed suit against Mattel in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. MGA's action alleges claims of trade dress infringement, trade dress dilution, false designation of origin, unfair competition and unjust enrichment. The suit alleges, among other things, that certain products, themes, packaging and/or television commercials in various Mattel product lines have infringed upon products, themes, packaging and/or television commercials for various MGA product lines, including Bratz. The complaint also asserts that various alleged Mattel acts with respect to unidentified retailers, distributors and licensees have damaged MGA and that various alleged acts by industry organizations, purportedly induced by Mattel, have damaged MGA. MGA's suit alleges that MGA has been damaged in an amount believed to reach or exceed tens of millions of dollars and further seeks punitive damages, disgorgement of Mattel's profits and injunctive relief.

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In June 2006, the three cases were consolidated in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. On July 17, 2006, the Court issued an order dismissing all claims that Bryant had asserted against



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Mattel, including Bryant's purported counterclaims to invalidate Mattel's Confidential Information and Proprietary Inventions Agreements with its employees, and Bryant's claims for declaratory relief. Mattel believes the claims against it are without merit and intends to continue to vigorously defend against them.

In November 2006, Mattel asked the Court for leave to file an Amended Complaint that included not only additional claims against Bryant, but also included claims for copyright infringement, RICO violations, misappropriation of trade secrets, intentional interference with contract, aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duty and breach of duty of loyalty, and unfair competition, among others, against MGA Entertainment, Inc., Isaac Larian, certain MGA affiliates and an MGA employee. The basis for the Amended Complaint was the MGA defendants' infringement of Mattel's copyrights and their pattern of misappropriation of trade secrets and unfair competition in violation of the applicable statutes. On January 12, 2007, the Court granted Mattel leave to file these claims as counterclaims in the consolidated cases, which Mattel did that same day.

### **Item 1A. Risk Factors.**

#### **Factors That May Affect Future Results**

##### **(Cautionary Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995)**

Certain written and oral statements made or incorporated by reference from time to time by Mattel or its representatives in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, other filings or reports filed with the SEC, press releases, conferences, or otherwise, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and may include, but are not limited to, statements about: sales and inventory levels; brand and customer management programs; increased competition; initiatives to promote revenue growth; globalization initiatives; restructuring and financial realignment plans; special charges and other non-recurring charges; initiatives aimed at anticipated cost savings; initiatives to invigorate the Barbie® brand, enhance innovation, improve the execution of the core business, leverage scale, extend brands, catch new trends, create new brands and enter new categories, develop people, improve productivity, simplify processes, maintain customer service levels and improve supply chain; integration of Radica Games Limited; operating efficiencies; capital and investment framework (including statements about free cash flow, seasonal working capital, debt-to-total capital ratios, capital expenditures, strategic acquisitions, dividends and share repurchases); cost pressures and increases; advertising and promotion spending; profitability; price increases, retail store openings and the impact of recent organizational changes. Mattel is including this Cautionary Statement to make applicable and take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 for any such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include any statement that may predict, forecast, indicate, or imply future results, performance, or achievements. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of terminology such as believe, anticipate, expect, estimate, may, will, should, project, continue, plans, or other similar words or phrases. Except for historical matters, the matters discussed in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and other statements or filings made by Mattel from time-to-time may be forward-looking statements. Management cautions you that forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. In addition to the important factors detailed herein and from time-to-time in other reports filed by Mattel with the SEC, including Forms 8-K, 10-Q and 10-K, the following important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from past results or those suggested by any forward-looking statements.

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**If Mattel does not successfully satisfy consumer preferences, enhance existing products, develop and introduce new products and achieve consumer acceptance of those products, Mattel's results of operations may be adversely affected.**

Mattel's business and operating results depend largely upon the appeal of its toy products. Consumer preferences, particularly among end users of Mattel's products—children—are continuously changing. Significant, sudden shifts in demand are caused by hit toys and trends, which are often unpredictable. Mattel offers a diverse range of products for children of all ages and families that includes, among others, toys for infants and preschoolers, girls' toys, boys' toys, youth electronics, hand-held and other games, puzzles, educational toys, media-driven products and fashion-related toys. Mattel competes domestically and internationally with a wide range of large and small manufacturers, marketers and sellers of toys, video games, consumer electronics and other play products, as well as retailers, which means that Mattel's market position is always at risk. Mattel's ability to maintain its current product sales, and increase its product sales or establish product sales with new, innovative toys, will depend on Mattel's ability to satisfy play preferences, enhance existing products, develop and introduce new products, and achieve market acceptance of these products. Competition is intensifying due to recent trends towards shorter life cycles for individual toy products, the phenomenon of children outgrowing toys at younger ages and an increasing use of more sophisticated technology in toys. If Mattel does not successfully meet the challenges outlined above in a timely and cost-effective manner, demand for its products could decrease and Mattel's revenues, profitability and results of operations may be adversely affected.

**Mattel's business is susceptible to changes in popular culture, media, fashion, and technology. Misperceptions of trends in popular culture, media and movies, fashion, or technology can negatively affect Mattel's sales.**

Successful movies and characters in children's literature affect play preferences, and many toys depend on media-based intellectual property licenses. Media-based licenses can cause a line of toys to gain immediate success among children, parents, or families. Trends in media, movies, and children's characters change swiftly and contribute to the transience and uncertainty of play preferences. Mattel responds to such trends and developments by modifying, refreshing, extending, and expanding its product offerings on an annual basis. If Mattel does not accurately anticipate trends in popular culture, movies, media, fashion, or technology, its products may not be accepted by children, parents, or families and could negatively affect Mattel's sales.

**Mattel's business is seasonal and therefore its operating results will depend, in large part, on sales during the relatively brief traditional holiday season. Improved inventory management by retailers resulting in shorter lead times for production and possible shipping disruptions during peak demand times may affect Mattel's ability to deliver its products in time to meet retailer demands.**

Mattel's business is subject to risks associated with the underproduction of popular toys and the overproduction of toys that do not match consumer demand. Sales of toy products at retail are seasonal, with a majority of retail sales occurring during the period from September through December. As a result, Mattel's operating results will depend, in large part, on sales during the relatively brief traditional holiday season. Retailers are attempting to manage their inventories better, requiring Mattel to ship products closer to the time the retailers expect to sell the products to consumers. This in turn results in shorter lead times for production. Management believes that the increase in last minute shopping during the holiday season and the popularity of gift cards (which often result in purchases after the holiday season) may negatively impact customer re-orders during the holiday season. Shipping disruptions limiting the availability of ships or containers in Asia during peak demand times may affect Mattel's ability to deliver its products in time to meet retailer demand. These factors may decrease sales or increase the risk that Mattel may not be able to meet demand for certain products at peak demand times, or that Mattel's own inventory levels may be adversely impacted by the need to pre-build products before orders are placed.

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### **Uncertainty and adverse changes in the general economic conditions of markets in which Mattel participates may negatively affect Mattel's business.**

Current and future conditions in the economy have an inherent degree of uncertainty. As a result, it is difficult to estimate the level of growth or contraction for the economy as a whole. It is even more difficult to estimate growth or contraction in various parts, sectors and regions of the economy, including the many different markets in which Mattel participates. Because all components of Mattel's budgeting and forecasting are dependent upon estimates of growth or contraction in the markets it serves and demand for its products, the prevailing economic uncertainties render estimates of future income and expenditures very difficult to make. Adverse changes may occur as a result of soft global or regional economic conditions, rising oil prices, wavering consumer confidence, unemployment, declines in stock markets or other factors affecting economic conditions generally. These changes may negatively affect the sales of Mattel's products, increase exposure to losses from bad debts, or increase costs associated with manufacturing and distributing products.

### **The concentration of Mattel's business with a small retail customer base that makes no binding long-term commitments means that economic difficulties or changes in the purchasing policies of its major customers could have a significant impact on Mattel's business and operating results.**

A small number of customers account for a large share of Mattel's net sales. In 2006, Mattel's three largest customers, Wal-Mart, Toys 'R Us and Target, in the aggregate, accounted for approximately 43% of net sales, and its ten largest customers, in the aggregate, accounted for approximately 52% of net sales. The concentration of Mattel's business with a relatively small number of customers may expose Mattel to a material adverse effect if one or more of Mattel's large customers were to significantly reduce purchases for any reason, favor competitors or new entrants, or increase their direct competition with Mattel by expanding their private-label business. Customers make no binding long-term commitments to Mattel regarding purchase volumes and make all purchases by delivering one-time purchase orders. Any customer could reduce its overall purchases of Mattel's products, reduce the number and variety of Mattel's products that it carries and the shelf space allotted for Mattel's products, or otherwise seek to materially change the terms of the business relationship at any time. Any such change could significantly harm Mattel's business and operating results.

### **The production and sale of private-label toys by Mattel's retail customers may result in lower purchases of Mattel-branded products by those retail customers.**

In recent years, consumer goods companies generally, including those in the toy business, have experienced the phenomenon of retail customers developing their own private-label products that directly compete with the products of traditional manufacturers. Some retail chains that are customers of Mattel sell private-label toys designed, manufactured and branded by the retailers themselves. These toys may be sold at prices lower than comparable toys sold by Mattel, and may result in lower purchases of Mattel-branded products by these retailers. In some cases, retailers who sell these private-label toys are larger than Mattel and may have substantially more resources than Mattel.

### **Liquidity problems or bankruptcy of Mattel's key customers could increase Mattel's exposure to losses from bad debts and could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.**

Many of Mattel's key customers are mass-market retailers. The mass-market retail channel in the US has experienced significant shifts in market share among competitors in recent years, causing some large retailers to experience liquidity problems. From 2001 through early 2004, four large customers of Mattel filed for bankruptcy. In addition, Mattel's sales to customers are typically made on credit without collateral. There is a risk that customers will not pay, or that payment may be delayed, because of bankruptcy or other factors beyond the control of Mattel, which

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could increase Mattel's exposure to losses from bad debts. In addition, if these or other customers were to cease doing business as a result of bankruptcy, or significantly reduce the number of stores operated, it could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.

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**A reduction or interruption in the delivery of raw materials, parts and components from its suppliers or a significant increase in the price of supplies could negatively impact the gross profit margins realized by Mattel on the sale of its products or result in lower sales.**

Mattel's ability to meet customer demand depends, in part, on its ability to obtain timely and adequate delivery of materials, parts and components from its suppliers and internal manufacturing capacity. Mattel has experienced shortages in the past, including raw materials and components. Although Mattel works closely with suppliers to avoid these types of shortages, there can be no assurance that Mattel will not encounter these problems in the future. A reduction or interruption in supplies or a significant increase in the price of one or more supplies, such as fuel and resin (which is an oil-based product) expenses, could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business. Cost increases, whether resulting from shortages of materials or otherwise, including but not limited to rising costs of materials, transportation, services and labor (including but not limited to wages, expenses related to employee health plans and insurance), could impact the profit margins realized by Mattel on the sale of its products. Because of market conditions, timing of pricing decisions and other factors, there can be no assurance that Mattel will be able to offset any of these increased costs by adjusting the prices of its products. Increases in prices of Mattel's products could result in lower sales.

**Unfavorable resolution of pending and future litigation matters and disputes could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's financial condition.**

Mattel is involved in a number of litigation matters. An unfavorable resolution of pending litigation could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's financial condition. Litigation may result in substantial costs and expenses and significantly divert the attention of Mattel's management regardless of the outcome. There can be no assurance that Mattel will be able to achieve a favorable settlement of pending litigation or obtain a favorable resolution of litigation if it is not settled. In addition, current and future litigation, governmental proceedings, labor disputes or environmental matters could lead to increased costs or interruptions of the normal business operations of Mattel.

**Recalls, post-manufacture repairs of Mattel products, product liability claims, absence or cost of insurance, and associated administrative costs could harm Mattel's reputation, increase costs or reduce sales.**

Mattel is subject to regulation by the Consumer Product Safety Commission and similar state and international regulatory authorities, and its products could be subject to involuntary recalls and other actions by these authorities. Concerns about product safety may lead Mattel to voluntarily recall selected products. Mattel has experienced, and in the future may experience, defects or errors in products after their production and sale to customers. These defects or errors could result in the rejection of Mattel's products by customers, damage to its reputation, lost sales, diverted development resources and increased customer service and support costs, any of which could harm Mattel's business. Individuals could sustain injuries from Mattel's products, and Mattel may be subject to claims or lawsuits resulting from these injuries. There is a risk that these claims or liabilities may exceed, or fall outside the scope of, Mattel's insurance coverage. Moreover, Mattel may be unable to obtain adequate liability insurance in the future. Recalls, post-manufacture repairs of Mattel products, absence or cost of insurance, and administrative costs associated with recalls could harm Mattel's reputation, increase costs or reduce sales.

**Failure by Mattel to protect its proprietary intellectual property and information could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.**

The value of Mattel's business depends to a large degree on its ability to protect its intellectual property and information, including its trademarks, trade names, copyrights, patents and trade secrets in the US and around the world, as well as its customer, employee and consumer data. Any failure by Mattel to protect its proprietary intellectual property and information, including any successful challenge to Mattel's

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ownership of its intellectual property or material infringements of its intellectual property, could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.

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### **Political developments, including trade relations, and the threat or occurrence of war or terrorist activities could materially impact Mattel, its personnel and facilities, its customers and suppliers, retail and financial markets, and general economic conditions.**

Mattel's business is worldwide in scope, including operations in 43 countries and territories. The deterioration of the political situation in a country in which Mattel has significant sales or operations, or the breakdown of trade relations between the US and a foreign country in which Mattel has significant manufacturing facilities or other operations, could adversely affect Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations. For example, a change in trade status for China could result in a substantial increase in the import duty of toys manufactured in China and imported into the US. In addition, the occurrence of war or hostilities between countries or threat of terrorist activities, and the responses to and results of these activities, could materially impact Mattel, its personnel and facilities, its customers and suppliers, retail and financial markets, and general economic conditions.

### **Disruptions in Mattel's manufacturing operations due to political instability, civil unrest, SARS, avian flu or other diseases could negatively impact Mattel's business, financial position and results of operations.**

Mattel owns, operates and manages manufacturing facilities and utilizes third-party manufacturers throughout Asia, primarily in China, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. The risk of political instability and civil unrest exists in certain of these countries, which could temporarily or permanently damage Mattel's manufacturing operations located there. In the past, outbreaks of SARS have been significantly concentrated in Asia, particularly in Hong Kong, and in the Guangdong province of China, where many of Mattel's manufacturing facilities and third-party manufacturers are located. The design, development and manufacture of Mattel's products could suffer if a significant number of Mattel's employees or the employees of its third-party manufacturers or their suppliers contract SARS, avian flu or other communicable diseases, or otherwise are unable to fulfill their responsibilities. Mattel has developed contingency plans designed to help mitigate the impact of disruptions in its manufacturing operations. Mattel's business, financial position and results of operations could be negatively impacted by a significant disruption to its manufacturing operations or suppliers.

### **Earthquakes or other catastrophic events out of our control may damage Mattel's facilities or those of its contractors and harm Mattel's results of operations.**

Mattel has significant operations, including its corporate headquarters, near major earthquake faults in Southern California. Southern California has experienced earthquakes, wildfires and other natural disasters in recent years. A catastrophic event where Mattel has important operations, such as an earthquake, tsunami, flood, typhoon, fire or other natural or manmade disaster, could disrupt Mattel's operations or those of its contractors and impair production or distribution of its products, damage inventory, interrupt critical functions or otherwise affect business negatively, harming Mattel's results of operations.

### **Significant changes in currency exchange rates could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business and results of operations.**

Mattel's net investment in its foreign subsidiaries and its results of operations and cash flows are subject to changes in currency exchange rates and regulations. Mattel seeks to mitigate the exposure of its results of operations to fluctuations in currency exchange rates by partially hedging this exposure using foreign currency forward exchange and option contracts. These contracts are primarily used to hedge Mattel's purchase and sale of inventory, and other intercompany transactions denominated in foreign currencies. Government action may restrict Mattel's ability to transfer capital across borders and may also impact the fluctuation of currencies in the countries where Mattel conducts business or has invested capital. Significant changes in currency exchange rates, reductions in Mattel's ability to transfer its capital across borders, and changes in government-fixed currency exchange rates, including the Chinese yuan, could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business and results of

operations.



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### **Increases in interest rates, reduction of Mattel's credit ratings or the inability of Mattel to meet the debt covenant coverage requirements in its credit facilities could negatively impact Mattel's ability to conduct its operations.**

Increases in interest rates, both domestically and internationally, could negatively affect Mattel's cost of financing both its operations and investments. Any reduction in Mattel's credit ratings could increase the cost of obtaining financing. Additionally, Mattel's ability to issue long-term debt and obtain seasonal financing could be adversely affected by factors such as an inability to meet its debt covenant requirements, which include maintaining consolidated debt-to-capital and interest coverage ratios. Mattel's ability to conduct its operations could be negatively impacted should these or other adverse conditions affect its primary sources of liquidity.

### **Mattel's failure to successfully market or advertise its products could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.**

Mattel's products are marketed worldwide through a diverse spectrum of advertising and promotional programs. Mattel's ability to sell products is dependent in part upon the success of these programs. If Mattel does not successfully market its products or if media or other advertising or promotional costs increase, these factors could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.

### **Failure to successfully implement new initiatives could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.**

Mattel has announced initiatives to improve the execution of its core business, globalize and extend Mattel's brands, catch new trends, create new brands and offer new innovative toys, develop people, improve productivity, simplify processes, maintain customer service levels, as well as new initiatives designed to drive sales growth, manage costs and improve its supply chain. These initiatives involve investment of capital and complex decision making as well as extensive and intensive execution, and the success of these initiatives is not assured. Failure to successfully implement any of these initiatives could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.

### **Mattel depends on key personnel and may not be able to hire, retain and integrate sufficient qualified personnel to maintain and expand its business.**

Mattel's future success depends partly on the continued contribution of key executives, designers, technical, sales, marketing, manufacturing and administrative personnel. The loss of services of any of Mattel's key personnel could harm Mattel's business. Recruiting and retaining skilled personnel is costly and highly competitive. If Mattel fails to retain, hire, train and integrate qualified employees and contractors, Mattel will not be able to maintain and expand Mattel's business.

### **Mattel is subject to various laws and government regulations, violation of which could subject it to sanctions. In addition, changes in such laws or regulations may lead to increased costs, changes in Mattel's effective tax rate, or the interruption of normal business operations that would negatively impact Mattel's financial condition and results of operations.**

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Mattel operates in a highly regulated environment in the US and international markets. US federal, state and local governmental entities and foreign governments regulate many aspects of Mattel's business, including its products and the importation and exportation of its products. These regulations may include accounting standards, taxation requirements (including changes in applicable income tax rates, new tax laws and revised tax law interpretations), trade restrictions, regulations regarding financial matters, environmental regulations, advertising directed toward children, safety and other administrative and regulatory restrictions. While Mattel takes all the steps it believes are necessary to comply with these laws and regulations, there can be no assurance that Mattel will be in compliance in the future. Failure to comply could result in monetary liabilities and other

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sanctions which could have a negative impact on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, changes in laws or regulations may lead to increased costs, changes in Mattel's effective tax rate, or the interruption of normal business operations that would negatively impact its financial condition and results of operations.

**Mattel may engage in acquisitions, mergers or dispositions, which may affect the profit, revenues, profit margins, debt-to-capital ratio, capital expenditures or other aspects of Mattel's business. In addition, Mattel has certain anti-takeover provisions in its by-laws that may make it more difficult for a third party to acquire Mattel without its consent, which may adversely affect Mattel's stock price.**

Mattel may engage in acquisitions, mergers or dispositions, which may affect the profit, revenues, profit margins, debt-to-capital ratio, capital expenditures, or other aspects of Mattel's business. There can be no assurance that Mattel will be able to identify suitable acquisition targets or merger partners or that, if identified, it will be able to acquire these targets on acceptable terms or agree to terms with merger partners. There can also be no assurance that Mattel will be successful in integrating any acquired company into its overall operations, or that any such acquired company will operate profitably or will not otherwise adversely impact Mattel's results of operations. Further, Mattel cannot be certain that key talented individuals at these acquired companies will continue to work for Mattel after the acquisition or that they will continue to develop popular and profitable products or services. In addition, Mattel has certain anti-takeover provisions in its bylaws that may make it more difficult for a third party to acquire Mattel without its consent, which may adversely affect Mattel's stock price.

If any of the risks and uncertainties described in the cautionary factors listed above actually occurs, Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. The factors listed above are not exhaustive. Other sections of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q include additional factors that could materially and adversely impact Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations. Moreover, Mattel operates in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for management to predict the impact of all of these factors on Mattel's business, financial condition or results of operations or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. Given these risks and uncertainties, investors should not rely on forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results. Any or all of the forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and any other public statement made by Mattel or its representatives may turn out to be wrong. Mattel expressly disclaims any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new developments or otherwise.

## **Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.**

### *Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities*

During the first quarter of 2007, Mattel did not sell any unregistered securities.

### *Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities*

During the first quarter of 2007, Mattel did not repurchase any shares of its common stock in the open market. At March 31, 2007, share repurchase authorizations of \$57.3 million had not been executed.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.**

None.

**Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

None.

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**Item 5. Other Information.**

None.

**Item 6. Exhibits.**

Exhibit No.	Exhibit Description
11.0*	Computation of Income per Common and Common Equivalent Share
12.0*	Computation of Earnings to Fixed Charges
31.0*	Certification of Principal Executive Officer dated May 3, 2007 pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
31.1*	Certification of Principal Financial Officer dated May 3, 2007 pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.0**	Certification of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer dated May 3, 2007 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 <sup>1</sup>

\* *Filed herewith.*

\*\* *Furnished herewith.*

(1) *This exhibit should not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.*

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

MATTEL, INC.

*Registrant*

By:

H. Scott Topham

Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller  
(Duly authorized officer and

chief accounting officer)

Date: As of May 3, 2007