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QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 29, 2009

OR

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

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

Commission file number: 000-49850

**BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

95-4388794

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

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

2525 East El Segundo Boulevard  
El Segundo, California

90245

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (310) 536-0611

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

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer   
Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

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

There were 21,512,291 shares of common stock, with a par value of \$0.01 per share outstanding at April 27, 2009.

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**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Financial Statements****BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS CORPORATION**  
**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

(In thousands, except share amounts)

	<u>March 29,</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>December 28,</u> <u>2008</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,607	\$ 9,058
Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$288 and \$305, respectively	8,930	16,611
Merchandise inventories, net	222,302	232,962
Prepaid expenses	6,978	8,201
Deferred income taxes	7,741	8,333
Total current assets	<u>250,558</u>	<u>275,165</u>
Property and equipment, net	91,246	94,241
Deferred income taxes	13,144	13,363
Other assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$306 and \$293, respectively	1,100	1,155
Goodwill	4,433	4,433
Total assets	<u>\$ 360,481</u>	<u>\$ 388,357</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 86,054	\$ 88,079
Accrued expenses	47,545	55,862
Current portion of capital lease obligations	2,303	1,942
Total current liabilities	<u>135,902</u>	<u>145,883</u>
Deferred rent, less current portion	24,465	24,960
Capital lease obligations, less current portion	3,340	2,948
Long-term debt	76,547	96,499
Other long-term liabilities	6,328	6,267
Total liabilities	<u>246,582</u>	<u>276,557</u>
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, authorized 50,000,000 shares; issued 22,995,586 and 23,004,087 shares, respectively; outstanding 21,512,291 and 21,520,792 shares, respectively	230	230
Additional paid-in capital	93,119	92,704
Retained earnings	41,916	40,232
Less: Treasury stock, at cost; 1,483,295 and 1,483,295 shares, respectively	<u>(21,366)</u>	<u>(21,366)</u>
Total stockholders' equity	<u>113,899</u>	<u>111,800</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 360,481</u>	<u>\$ 388,357</u>

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(In thousands, except per share data)

	<b>13 Weeks Ended</b>	
	<b>March 29, 2009</b>	<b>March 30, 2008</b>
Net sales	\$ 210,291	\$ 212,866
Cost of sales	<u>143,219</u>	<u>141,283</u>
Gross profit	67,072	71,583
Selling and administrative expense	<u>61,838</u>	<u>63,230</u>
Operating income	5,234	8,353
Interest expense	<u>713</u>	<u>1,589</u>
Income before income taxes	4,521	6,764
Income taxes	<u>1,761</u>	<u>2,644</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 2,760</u>	<u>\$ 4,120</u>
Earnings per share:		
Basic	<u>\$ 0.13</u>	<u>\$ 0.19</u>
Diluted	<u>\$ 0.13</u>	<u>\$ 0.19</u>
Dividends per share	<u>\$ 0.05</u>	<u>\$ 0.09</u>
Weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding:		
Basic	<u>21,414</u>	<u>21,886</u>
Diluted	<u>21,424</u>	<u>21,926</u>

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS CORPORATION**  
**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(In thousands)

	<b>13 Weeks Ended</b>	
	<b>March 29, 2009</b>	<b>March 30, 2008</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 2,760	\$ 4,120
<b>Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>		
Depreciation and amortization	4,952	4,857
Share-based compensation	481	471
Tax deficiency from exercise of stock options	-	(11)
Amortization of deferred finance charges	13	13
Deferred income taxes	811	250
Loss on disposal of equipment	-	50
<b>Changes in operating assets and liabilities:</b>		
Accounts receivable, net	7,681	4,157
Merchandise inventories, net	10,660	19,450
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,265	107
Accounts payable	6,405	(2,222)
Accrued expenses and other long-term liabilities	(8,448)	(11,225)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>26,580</u>	<u>20,017</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Purchases of property and equipment	(1,133)	(4,873)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment	-	30
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(1,133)</u>	<u>(4,843)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Net principal payments under revolving credit facility and book overdraft	(28,165)	(12,142)
Principal payments under capital lease obligations	(608)	(496)
Tax withholding payments for share-based compensation	(47)	-
Purchases of treasury stock	-	(2,803)
Dividends paid	(1,078)	(1,973)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(29,898)</u>	<u>(17,414)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(4,451)	(2,240)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	9,058	9,741
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 4,607</u>	<u>\$ 7,501</u>
<b>Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing and financing activities:</b>		
Property and equipment acquired under capital leases	<u>\$ 1,341</u>	<u>\$ 39</u>
Property and equipment purchases accrued	<u>\$ 117</u>	<u>\$ 1,423</u>
Stock awards vested and issued to employees	<u>\$ 146</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:</b>		
Interest paid	<u>\$ 793</u>	<u>\$ 1,962</u>
Income taxes paid	<u>\$ 25</u>	<u>\$ 1,215</u>

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(1) Description of Business**

*Business*

Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation (the “Company”) is a leading sporting goods retailer in the western United States, operating 381 stores in 11 states at March 29, 2009. The Company provides a full-line product offering in a traditional sporting goods store format that averages approximately 11,000 square feet. The Company’s product mix includes athletic shoes, apparel and accessories, as well as a broad selection of outdoor and athletic equipment for team sports, fitness, camping, hunting, fishing, tennis, golf, snowboarding and in-line skating. The Company is a holding company that operates as one business segment through Big 5 Corp., its wholly-owned subsidiary, and Big 5 Services Corp., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Big 5 Corp. Big 5 Services Corp. provides a centralized operation for the issuance and administration of gift cards.

The accompanying interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“GAAP”) for interim financial information and are presented in accordance with the requirements of Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, these interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all of the information and notes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. These interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2008 included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K. In the opinion of management, the interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included herein contain all adjustments, including normal recurring adjustments, considered necessary to present fairly the Company’s financial position, the results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented.

The operating results and cash flows of the interim periods presented herein are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for any other interim period or the full year.

**(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Consolidation*

The accompanying interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation, Big 5 Corp. and Big 5 Services Corp. Intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

*Reporting Period*

The Company follows the concept of a 52-53 week fiscal year, which ends on the Sunday nearest December 31. Fiscal year 2009 is comprised of 53 weeks and ends on January 3, 2010. Fiscal year 2008 was comprised of 52 weeks and ended on December 28, 2008. The first three

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quarters in fiscal 2009 are each comprised of 13 weeks, and the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009 is comprised of 14 weeks. The four quarters in fiscal 2008 were each comprised of 13 weeks.

*Use of Estimates*

Management has made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period to prepare these interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the carrying amount of property and equipment, and goodwill; valuation allowances for receivables, sales returns, inventories and deferred income tax assets; estimates related to gift card breakage; estimates related to the valuation of stock options; and obligations related to asset retirements, litigation, self-insurance liabilities and employee benefits. Actual results could differ significantly from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions.

*Revenue Recognition*

The Company earns revenue by selling merchandise primarily through its retail stores. Revenue is recognized when merchandise is purchased by and delivered to the customer and is shown net of estimated returns during the relevant period. The allowance for sales returns is estimated based upon historical experience.

Cash received from the sale of gift cards is recorded as a liability, and revenue is recognized upon the redemption of the gift card or when it is determined that the likelihood of redemption is remote (“gift card breakage”) and no liability to relevant jurisdictions exists. The Company determines the gift card breakage rate based upon historical redemption patterns and recognizes gift card breakage on a straight-line basis over the estimated gift card redemption period (20 quarters as of the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2009). The Company recognized approximately \$117,000 and \$123,000 in gift card breakage revenue for the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009 and March 30, 2008, respectively.

The Company records sales tax collected from its customers on a net basis, and therefore excludes it from revenues as defined in Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Emerging Issues Task Force (“EITF”) 06-3, *How Taxes Collected from Customers and Remitted to Governmental Authorities Should Be Presented in the Income Statement (That Is, Gross versus Net Presentation)*.

Included in revenue are sales of returned merchandise to vendors specializing in the resale of defective or used products, which have historically accounted for less than 1% of net sales.

*Valuation of Merchandise Inventories*

The Company’s merchandise inventories are made up of finished goods and are valued at the lower of cost or market using the weighted-average cost method that approximates the first-in, first-out (“FIFO”) method. Average cost includes the direct purchase price of merchandise inventory, net



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of vendor allowances and cash discounts, and allocated overhead costs associated with the Company's distribution center.

Management regularly reviews inventories and records valuation reserves for merchandise damage and defective returns, merchandise items with slow-moving or obsolescence exposure and merchandise that has a carrying value that exceeds market value. Because of its merchandise mix, the Company has not historically experienced significant occurrences of obsolescence.

Inventory shrinkage is accrued as a percentage of merchandise sales based on historical inventory shrinkage trends. The Company performs physical inventories of its stores at least once per year and cycle counts inventories at its distribution center throughout the year. The reserve for inventory shrinkage represents an estimate for inventory shrinkage for each store since the last physical inventory date through the reporting date.

These reserves are estimates, which could vary significantly, either favorably or unfavorably, from actual results if future economic conditions, consumer demand and competitive environments differ from expectations.

*Leases and Deferred Rent*

The Company leases all but one of its store locations. The Company accounts for its leases under the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 13, *Accounting for Leases*, and subsequent amendments, which require that leases be evaluated and classified as operating or capital leases for financial reporting purposes.

Certain leases may provide for payments based on future sales volumes at the leased location, which are not measurable at the inception of the lease. In accordance with SFAS No. 29, *Determining Contingent Rentals—an amendment of FASB Statement No. 13*, these contingent rents are expensed as they accrue.

Deferred rent represents the difference between rent paid and the amounts expensed for operating leases. Certain leases have scheduled rent increases, and certain leases include an initial period of free or reduced rent as an inducement to enter into the lease agreement ("rent holidays"). The Company recognizes rental expense for rent increases and rent holidays on a straight-line basis over the terms of the underlying leases, without regard to when rent payments are made. The calculation of straight-line rent is based on the "reasonably assured" lease term as defined in SFAS No. 98, *Accounting for Leases: Sale-Leaseback Transactions Involving Real Estate, Sales-Type Leases of Real Estate, Definition of the Lease Term, and Initial Direct Costs of Direct Financing Leases—an amendment of FASB Statements No. 13, 66, and 91 and a rescission of FASB Statement No. 26 and Technical Bulletin No. 79-11*. This amended definition of the lease term may exceed the initial non-cancelable lease term.

Landlord allowances for tenant improvements are recorded as deferred rent and amortized on a straight-line basis over the lease term as a component of rent expense, in accordance with FASB Technical Bulletin No. 88-1, *Issues Relating to Accounting for Leases*.

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*Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements*

In May 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 162, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*. SFAS No. 162 identifies the sources of accounting principles and the framework for selecting the principles used in the preparation of financial statements of nongovernmental entities that are presented in conformity with GAAP in the United States. SFAS No. 162 became effective November 15, 2008. The adoption of SFAS No. 162 did not have a material impact on the Company's interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**(3) Fair Value Measurements**

The carrying value of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses approximate the fair values of these instruments due to their short-term nature. The carrying amount for borrowings under the Company's financing agreement approximates fair value because of the variable market interest rate charged to the Company for these borrowings.

The Company adopted SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*, for financial assets and financial liabilities in the first quarter of fiscal 2008, which did not have a material impact on the Company's interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

The Company adopted SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*, for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities measured on a nonrecurring basis in the first quarter of fiscal 2009, and such adoption did not have a material impact on the Company's interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**(4) Accrued Expenses**

Accrued expenses consist of the following:

	<b>March 29, 2009</b>	<b>December 28, 2008</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Payroll and related expenses	\$ 16,748	\$ 18,156
Occupancy costs	6,651	6,956
Sales tax	6,552	8,721
Advertising	4,270	6,002
Other	13,324	16,027
Accrued expenses	<u>\$ 47,545</u>	<u>\$ 55,862</u>

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**(5) Income Taxes**

The Company accounts for its income taxes in accordance with SFAS No. 109, *Accounting for Income Taxes*, and FASB Interpretation No. 48 (“FIN 48”), *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes—an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109*.

The Company accounts for income taxes under the asset and liability method whereby deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between financial statement carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be realized or settled. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. The realizability of deferred tax assets is assessed throughout the year and a valuation allowance is recorded if necessary to reduce net deferred tax assets to the amount more likely than not to be realized.

The Company files a consolidated federal income tax return and files tax returns in various state and local jurisdictions. The Company believes that the statutes of limitations for its consolidated federal income tax returns are open for years after 2004 and state and local income tax returns are open for years after 2003. The Company is not currently under examination by the Internal Revenue Service or any other taxing authority.

At March 29, 2009 and December 28, 2008, the Company had no unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would affect the Company’s effective income tax rate over the next 12 months. The Company’s policy is to recognize interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits in interest expense and penalties in operating expenses. At March 29, 2009 and December 28, 2008, the Company had no accrued interest or penalties.

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**(6) Share-based Compensation**

The Company accounts for its share-based compensation in accordance with SFAS No. 123(R), *Share-Based Payment*. The Company recognized approximately \$0.5 million and \$0.5 million in share-based compensation expense, including stock options and nonvested stock awards, for the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009 and March 30, 2008, respectively.

**Stock Options**

In the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009, the Company granted 548,700 stock options to certain employees, as defined by SFAS No. 123(R), under the Company's 2007 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Stock options granted by the Company generally vest and become exercisable at the rate of 25% per year with a maximum life of ten years. The exercise price of the stock options is equal to the market price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. The weighted-average grant-date fair value per option for stock options granted in the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009 and March 30, 2008 was \$1.82 and \$2.87, respectively.

The fair value of each stock option on the date of grant is estimated using the Black-Scholes method based on the following weighted-average assumptions:

	<b>13 Weeks Ended</b>	
	<b>March 29, 2009</b>	<b>March 30, 2008</b>
Risk-free interest rate	2.3%	2.8%
Expected term	6.50 years	6.18 years
Expected volatility	55.2%	45.9%
Expected dividend yield	4.13%	4.00%

The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant for periods corresponding with the expected term of the stock option; the expected term represents the weighted-average period of time that stock options granted are expected to be outstanding giving consideration to vesting schedules and historical participant exercise behavior; the expected volatility is based upon historical volatility of the Company's common stock; and the expected dividend yield is based upon the Company's current dividend rate and future expectations.

As of March 29, 2009, there was \$3.1 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested stock options granted. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3.2 years.

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**Nonvested Stock Awards**

The Company had no grants of nonvested stock awards in the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009. The grant-date fair value per share of the Company's nonvested stock awards granted in the 13 weeks ended March 30, 2008 was \$7.91.

The following table illustrates the Company's nonvested stock awards activity for the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009:

	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Weighted- Average Grant-Date Fair Value</u>
Balance at December 28, 2008	109,100	\$ 7.92
Granted	—	—
Vested	24,075	7.91
Forfeited	800	7.91
Balance at March 29, 2009	<u>84,225</u>	<u>\$ 7.93</u>

The weighted-average grant-date fair value of nonvested stock awards is the quoted market value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant, as shown in the table above.

Nonvested stock awards granted by the Company vest from the date of grant in four equal annual installments of 25% per year.

As of March 29, 2009, there was \$0.6 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested stock awards. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3.0 years.

To satisfy employee minimum statutory tax withholding requirements for nonvested stock awards that vest, the Company withholds common shares, unless an employee elects to pay cash. In the first quarter of fiscal 2009, the Company withheld 7,701 common shares with a total value of \$47,000. This amount is presented as a cash outflow from financing activities in the accompanying interim unaudited condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

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**(7) Earnings Per Share**

The Company calculates earnings per share in accordance with SFAS No. 128, *Earnings per Share*, which requires a dual presentation of basic and diluted earnings per share. Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding, which is reduced by shares repurchased and held in treasury, during the period. Diluted earnings per share is calculated by using the weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding adjusted to include the potentially dilutive effect of outstanding stock options and nonvested stock awards.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted net income per common share:

	<b>13 Weeks Ended</b>	
	<b>March 29, 2009</b>	<b>March 30, 2008</b>
	<small>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</small>	
Net income	\$ 2,760	\$ 4,120
Weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding:		
Basic	21,414	21,886
Dilutive effect of common stock equivalents arising from stock options and nonvested stock awards	10	40
Diluted	21,424	21,926
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.19
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.19

The computation of diluted earnings per share for the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009 and March 30, 2008 does not include stock options of 1,574,651 and 1,036,148, respectively, that were outstanding and antidilutive (i.e., including such stock options would result in higher earnings per share), since the exercise prices of these stock options exceeded the average market price of the Company's common shares. Additionally, the computation of diluted earnings per share for the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009 does not include 382 nonvested stock awards that were outstanding and antidilutive. No nonvested stock awards were antidilutive for the 13 weeks ended March 30, 2008.

The Company did not repurchase any of its common stock in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 and repurchased 279,768 shares of its common stock for \$2.8 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2008. Since the inception of its initial share repurchase program in May 2006, the Company has repurchased a total of 1,369,085 shares for \$20.8 million. As of March 29, 2009, a total of \$14.2 million remained available for share repurchases under the Company's current share repurchase program.

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**(8) Commitments and Contingencies**

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The Company is secondarily liable for the performance of a lease that has been assigned to a third party. This secondary obligation includes the payment of lease costs over the remaining lease term, which expires in January 2011, for which the Company was responsible as the original lessee. The undiscounted secondary obligation of the remaining lease costs approximates \$0.3 million at March 29, 2009. Since there is no reason to believe that the third party will default, no provision has been made in the consolidated financial statements for amounts that would be payable by the Company.

The Company is involved in various other claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

**BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS CORPORATION**  
**NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(continued)**

**(9) Subsequent Event**

In the second quarter of fiscal 2009, the Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.05 per share of outstanding common stock, which will be paid on June 15, 2009 to stockholders of record as of June 1, 2009.



**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders  
Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation  
El Segundo, California

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation and subsidiaries (the "Corporation") as of March 29, 2009 and the related condensed consolidated statements of operations and cash flows for the 13 week periods ended March 29, 2009 and March 30, 2008. These interim financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's management.

We conducted our review in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our reviews we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to such condensed consolidated interim financial statements for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheet of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation and subsidiaries as of December 28, 2008, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended (not presented herein); and in our report dated February 27, 2009, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 28, 2008 is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Los Angeles, California  
May 1, 2009

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

This discussion and analysis of the Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation ("we", "our", "us") financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included herein and our consolidated financial statements and related notes, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2008.

### **Overview**

We are a leading sporting goods retailer in the western United States, operating 381 stores in 11 states under the name "Big 5 Sporting Goods" at March 29, 2009. We provide a full-line product offering in a traditional sporting goods store format that averages approximately 11,000 square feet. Our product mix includes athletic shoes, apparel and accessories, as well as a broad selection of outdoor and athletic equipment for team sports, fitness, camping, hunting, fishing, tennis, golf, snowboarding and in-line skating.

### **Executive Summary**

The combination of deteriorating macroeconomic conditions and continued uncertainty in the financial sector resulted in a difficult environment for retailers. Our results for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 and the first quarter of fiscal 2008 reflect this economic downturn. The U.S. economy is in a recession, and if measures implemented, or to be implemented, by the federal and state governments fail to stimulate an economic recovery, a prolonged economic downturn could occur.

- Net income for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 declined 33.0% to \$2.8 million, or \$0.13 per diluted share, compared to \$4.1 million, or \$0.19 per diluted share, for the first quarter of fiscal 2008. The decline was driven primarily by lower sales levels, including a reduction in same store sales of 4.4%, and lower merchandise margins.
- Net sales for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 decreased 1.2% to \$210.3 million compared to \$212.9 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2008. The decrease in net sales was primarily attributable to a decrease of \$9.3 million in same store sales and \$0.8 million in closed store sales, offset by an increase of \$7.5 million in new store sales.
- Gross profit as a percentage of net sales for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 decreased by 174 basis points to 31.9%, primarily reflecting lower merchandise margins and higher store occupancy costs compared to the first quarter of fiscal 2008. The increase in store occupancy costs was primarily due to new store openings.
- Selling and administrative expense for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 declined 2.2% to \$61.8 million, or 29.4% of net sales, compared to \$63.2 million, or 29.7% of net

sales, for the first quarter of fiscal 2008. The decrease was due mainly to lower advertising expense.

- Operating income for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 declined 37.3% to \$5.2 million, or 2.5% of net sales, compared to \$8.4 million, or 3.9% of net sales, for the first quarter of fiscal 2008. Operating income was adversely impacted by the decline in net sales and gross profit margin. The decrease as a percentage of net sales was primarily due to a reduced gross profit margin partially offset by lower selling and administrative expense as a percentage of net sales.

## Results of Operations

The results of the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results for the entire fiscal year.

*13 Weeks Ended March 29, 2009 Compared to 13 Weeks Ended March 30, 2008*

The following table sets forth selected items from our interim unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations by dollar and as a percentage of our net sales for the periods indicated:

	13 Weeks Ended			
	March 29, 2009		March 30, 2008	
	(In thousands, except percentages)			
Net sales	\$ 210,291	100.0%	\$ 212,866	100.0%
Cost of sales (1)	143,219	68.1	141,283	66.4
Gross profit	67,072	31.9	71,583	33.6
Selling and administrative expense (2)	61,838	29.4	63,230	29.7
Operating income	5,234	2.5	8,353	3.9
Interest expense	713	0.3	1,589	0.8
Income before income taxes	4,521	2.2	6,764	3.1
Income taxes	1,761	0.9	2,644	1.2
Net income	<u>\$ 2,760</u>	<u>1.3%</u>	<u>\$ 4,120</u>	<u>1.9%</u>

(1) Cost of sales includes the cost of merchandise, net of discounts or allowances earned, freight, inventory shrinkage, buying, distribution center costs and store occupancy costs. Store occupancy costs include rent, amortization of leasehold improvements, common area maintenance, property taxes and insurance.

(2) Selling and administrative expense includes store-related expense, other than store occupancy costs, as well as advertising, depreciation and amortization and expense associated with operating our corporate headquarters.

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*Net Sales.* Net sales decreased by \$2.6 million, or 1.2%, to \$210.3 million in the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009 from \$212.9 million in the same period last year. The decrease in net sales was primarily attributable to the following:

- Net sales for the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009 continued to be impacted by the challenging consumer environment experienced during fiscal 2008, which resulted in lower customer traffic into our retail stores.
- Same store sales and closed store sales decreased by \$9.3 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, partially offset by an increase of \$7.5 million in new store sales which reflected the opening of 18 new stores, net of relocations, since December 30, 2007. Same store sales decreased 4.4% in the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009 versus the 13 weeks ended March 30, 2008.
- Net sales in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 reflected a benefit over the prior year from the shift in the timing of the Easter holiday, during which our stores are closed, out of the first fiscal quarter and into the second fiscal quarter.

Store count at March 29, 2009 was 381 versus 364 at March 30, 2008. We opened no new stores in the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009, and opened one new store in the 13 weeks ended March 30, 2008. We expect new store openings in fiscal 2009 to be substantially lower than fiscal 2008 due to the continued challenging consumer environment.

*Gross Profit.* Gross profit decreased by \$4.5 million, or 6.3%, to \$67.1 million, or 31.9% of net sales, in the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009 from \$71.6 million, or 33.6% of net sales, in the 13 weeks ended March 30, 2008. The decrease in gross profit was primarily attributable to the following:

- Net sales decreased by \$2.6 million in the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009 compared to the same period last year.
- Merchandise margins, which exclude buying, occupancy and distribution costs, decreased 88 basis points versus the same period in the prior year, primarily due to shifts in product sales mix, slightly more aggressive promotional pricing to drive sales and reduce merchandise inventory and product cost inflation. In fiscal 2009, we continue to experience inflation in the purchase cost of our products which could impact future margins.
- Store occupancy costs increased by \$1.4 million, or 75 basis points, year-over-year due mainly to new store openings.

*Selling and Administrative Expense.* Selling and administrative expense decreased by \$1.4 million to \$61.8 million, or 29.4% of net sales, in the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009 from \$63.2 million, or 29.7% of net sales, in the same period last year. The decrease in selling and administrative expense compared to the same period last year was primarily attributable to a decline in advertising expense of \$1.2 million and a decline in administrative expense in various categories of \$0.9 million. These decreases were partially offset by an increase in store-related expense, excluding occupancy, of \$0.6 million, or 53 basis points as a percentage of net sales, due primarily to higher labor and operating costs to support the increase in store count.

*Interest Expense.* Interest expense decreased by \$0.9 million, or 55.1%, to \$0.7 million in the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009 from \$1.6 million in the same period last year. This decrease was due to a reduction of average debt levels of approximately \$11.2 million to \$94.5 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 from \$105.7 million in the same period last year, combined with a reduction of average interest rates of approximately 340 basis points to 2.4% in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 from 5.8% in the same period last year.

*Income Taxes.* The provision for income taxes was \$1.8 million for the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009 and \$2.6 million for the 13 weeks ended March 30, 2008, reflecting our lower pre-tax income. Our effective tax rate was 39.0% for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 compared with 39.1% for the first quarter of fiscal 2008.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our principal liquidity requirements are for working capital, capital expenditures and cash dividends. We fund our liquidity requirements primarily through cash on hand, cash flow from operations and borrowings from our revolving credit facility. We believe our cash on hand, future funds from operations and borrowings from our revolving credit facility will be sufficient to fund our cash requirements for at least the next twelve months. There is no assurance, however, that we will be able to generate sufficient cash flow or that we will be able to maintain our ability to borrow under our revolving credit facility.

We ended the first quarter of fiscal 2009 with \$4.6 million of cash and cash equivalents compared with \$7.5 million at the end of the same period in fiscal 2008. Our cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities for the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009 and March 30, 2008 were as follows:

	<b>13 Weeks Ended</b>	
	<b>March 29, 2009</b>	<b>March 30, 2008</b>
(Dollars in thousands)		
Net cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities	\$ 26,580	\$ 20,017
Investing activities	(1,133)	(4,843)
Financing activities	(29,898)	(17,414)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ (4,451)</u>	<u>\$ (2,240)</u>

*Operating Activities.* Net cash provided by operating activities for the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009 and March 30, 2008 was \$26.6 million and \$20.0 million, respectively. The increase in cash provided by operating activities for the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009 compared to the same period last year primarily reflects an increased collection of accounts receivable, primarily credit card receivables, and a reduction in accrued expenses mainly related to employee compensation and benefit plans and advertising. A lower cash flow benefit from reducing merchandise inventory this year was offset by an increased cash flow benefit from higher accounts payable.

*Investing Activities.* Net cash used in investing activities for the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009 and March 30, 2008 was \$1.1 million and \$4.8 million, respectively. Capital expenditures, excluding non-cash property and equipment acquisitions, represented substantially all of the net cash used in investing activities for both periods. This decrease was primarily attributable to a reduction in expansion activity and a corresponding reduction in new store opening expenditures. Due to the current challenging operating and economic environment, we currently expect to substantially reduce our capital expenditures, particularly expansion investments, in fiscal 2009 in comparison to previous years.

*Financing Activities.* Net cash used in financing activities for the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009 and March 30, 2008 was \$29.9 million and \$17.4 million, respectively. For the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009, cash was used primarily to pay down borrowings under our revolving credit facility and pay dividends. For the 13 weeks ended March 30, 2008, cash

was used primarily to pay down borrowings under our revolving credit facility, repurchase stock and pay dividends.

As of March 29, 2009, we had revolving credit borrowings of \$76.5 million and letter of credit commitments of \$3.8 million outstanding under our financing agreement. These balances compare to revolving credit borrowings of \$96.5 million and letter of credit commitments of \$3.0 million outstanding as of December 28, 2008 and revolving credit borrowings of \$97.3 million and letter of credit commitments of \$1.1 million outstanding as of March 30, 2008.

Quarterly dividend payments of \$0.09 per share were paid in fiscal 2008. In the first quarter of fiscal 2009, our Board of Directors determined to reduce our quarterly cash dividend to \$0.05 per share of outstanding common stock, and the dividend was paid on March 20, 2009 to stockholders of record as of March 6, 2009. The dividend was reduced in an effort to conserve our capital to maintain a healthy financial condition during the current economic downturn.

Periodically, we repurchase our common stock in the open market pursuant to programs approved by our Board of Directors. Depending on business conditions, we may repurchase our common stock for a variety of reasons, including the current market price of our stock, to offset dilution related to equity-based compensation plans and to optimize our capital structure.

In light of the current economic climate, we did not repurchase any shares of our common stock during the first quarter of fiscal 2009 and repurchased 279,768 shares of our common stock for \$2.8 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2008. Since the inception of our initial share repurchase program in May 2006 through March 29, 2009, we have repurchased a total of 1,369,085 shares for \$20.8 million, leaving a total of \$14.2 million available for share repurchases under our current share repurchase program. However, due to the current economic environment, we do not expect to resume share repurchases in fiscal 2009.

*Financing Agreement.* Our financing agreement with The CIT Group/Business Credit, Inc. and a syndicate of other lenders, as amended, provides for a line of credit up to \$175.0 million. The initial termination date of the revolving credit facility is March 20, 2011 (subject to annual extensions thereafter). The revolving credit facility may be terminated by the lenders by giving at least 90 days prior written notice before any anniversary date, commencing with its anniversary date on March 20, 2011. We may terminate the revolving credit facility by giving at least 30 days prior written notice, provided that if we terminate prior to March 20, 2011, we must pay an early termination fee. Unless it is terminated, the revolving credit facility will continue on an annual basis from anniversary date to anniversary date beginning on March 21, 2011.

Under the revolving credit facility, our maximum eligible borrowing capacity is limited to 73.66% of the aggregate value of eligible inventory during October, November and December and 67.24% during the remainder of the year. An annual fee of 0.325%, payable monthly, is assessed on the unused portion of the revolving credit facility. As of March 29, 2009 and December 28, 2008, our total remaining borrowing capacity under the revolving

credit facility, after subtracting letters of credit, was \$64.9 million and \$69.1 million, respectively.

The revolving credit facility bears interest at various rates based on our overall borrowings, with a floor of LIBOR plus 1.00% or the JP Morgan Chase Bank prime lending rate and a ceiling of LIBOR plus 1.50% or the JP Morgan Chase Bank prime lending rate. Additionally, if our earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (“EBITDA”) for the prior four quarters, in the aggregate, falls below \$50 million, the interest rate under the revolving credit facility is increased to LIBOR plus 1.75% or the JP Morgan Chase Bank prime lending rate plus 0.25%.

Our financing agreement is secured by a first priority security interest in substantially all of our assets. Our financing agreement contains various financial and other covenants, including covenants that require us to maintain a fixed-charge coverage ratio of not less than 1.0 to 1.0 in certain circumstances, restrict our ability to incur indebtedness or to create various liens and restrict the amount of capital expenditures that we may incur. Our financing agreement also restricts our ability to engage in mergers or acquisitions, sell assets, repurchase our stock or pay dividends. We may repurchase our stock or declare a dividend only if, among other things, no default or event of default exists on the stock repurchase date or dividend declaration date, as applicable, and a default is not expected to result from the repurchase of stock or payment of the dividend. The requirements are described in more detail in the financing agreement and the amendments thereto, which have been filed as exhibits to our previous filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). We were in compliance with all financial covenants under our financing agreement as of March 29, 2009, and we expect to be in compliance during the remainder of fiscal 2009. If we fail to make any required payment under our financing agreement or if we otherwise default under this instrument, the lenders may (i) require us to agree to less favorable interest rates and other terms under the agreement in exchange for a waiver of any such default or (ii) accelerate our debt under this agreement. This acceleration could also result in the acceleration of other indebtedness that we may have outstanding at that time.

*Future Capital Requirements.* We had cash on hand of \$4.6 million at March 29, 2009. We expect capital expenditures for the last three quarters of fiscal 2009, excluding non-cash property and equipment acquisitions, to range from approximately \$6.0 million to \$8.0 million, primarily to fund the opening of new stores, store-related remodeling, distribution center equipment and computer hardware and software purchases. In light of the current economic environment, we expect to slow our store expansion efforts substantially in fiscal 2009 in comparison to previous years. Additionally, for the same reasons, in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 our Board of Directors determined to reduce our quarterly cash dividend to \$0.05 per share of outstanding common stock, for an annual rate of \$0.20 per share, and this was continued for the second quarter of fiscal 2009. Also, although a total of \$14.2 million remained available for share repurchases under our share repurchase program at March 29, 2009, we do not expect to resume share repurchases in fiscal 2009. These measures are intended to preserve our capital to maintain a healthy financial condition during the current economic downturn. In the second quarter of fiscal 2009, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.05 per share of outstanding common stock, which will be paid on June 15, 2009 to stockholders of record as of June 1, 2009.



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We believe we will be able to fund our cash requirements, for at least the next twelve months, from cash on hand, operating cash flows and borrowings from our revolving credit facility. However, our ability to satisfy such cash requirements depends upon our future performance, which in turn is subject to general economic conditions and regional risks, and to financial, business and other factors affecting our operations, including factors beyond our control. See Part II, Item 1A, *Risk Factors*, included in this report and Part I, Item 1A, *Risk Factors*, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2008.

If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow from operations to meet our obligations and commitments, we will be required to refinance or restructure our indebtedness or raise additional debt or equity capital, which would likely result in increased interest expense. Additionally, we may be required to sell material assets or operations, suspend or further reduce dividend payments or delay or forego expansion opportunities. We might not be able to implement successful alternative strategies on satisfactory terms, if at all.

*Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Contractual Obligations.* Our material off-balance sheet contractual commitments are operating lease obligations and letters of credit. We excluded these items from the balance sheet in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (“GAAP”).

Operating lease commitments consist principally of leases for our retail store facilities, distribution center and corporate office. These leases frequently include options which permit us to extend the terms beyond the initial fixed lease term. With respect to most of those leases, we intend to renegotiate those leases as they expire.

Issued and outstanding letters of credit were \$3.8 million at March 29, 2009, and were related primarily to importing of merchandise and funding insurance program liabilities.

We also have capital lease obligations which consist principally of leases for our distribution center delivery trailers and management information systems hardware. Included in our other liabilities is a contractual obligation to the surviving spouse of Robert W. Miller, our co-founder, and asset retirement obligations related to the removal of leasehold improvements from our stores upon termination of our store leases.

Included in the Liquidity and Capital Resources section of Part II, Item 7, *Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2008, is a discussion of our future obligations and commitments as of December 28, 2008. In the first 13 weeks of fiscal 2009, our revolving credit borrowings declined by 20.7% from the end of fiscal 2008, as a result of our positive operating cash flow. We entered into new operating lease agreements in relation to our business operations, but do not believe that these operating leases would materially change our contractual obligations or commitments presented as of December 28, 2008.

In the ordinary course of business, we enter into arrangements with vendors to purchase merchandise in advance of expected delivery. Because most of these purchase

orders do not contain any termination payments or other penalties if cancelled, they are not included as outstanding contractual obligations.

### **Critical Accounting Estimates**

As discussed in Part II, Item 7, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2008, we consider our estimates on inventory valuation, impairment of long-lived assets and self-insurance reserves to be the most critical in understanding the judgments that are involved in preparing our consolidated financial statements. There have been no significant changes to these estimates in the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2009.

### **Seasonality and Impact of Inflation**

We experience seasonal fluctuations in our net sales and operating results and typically generate higher sales in the fourth quarter, which includes the holiday selling season as well as the winter sports selling season. As a result, we incur significant additional expense in the fourth quarter due to normally higher purchase volumes and increased staffing. Seasonality influences our buying patterns which directly impacts our merchandise and accounts payable levels and cash flows. We purchase merchandise for seasonal activities in advance of a season. If we miscalculate the demand for our products generally or for our product mix during the fourth quarter, our net sales can decline, resulting in excess inventory, which can harm our financial performance.

In fiscal 2009, we continue to experience inflation in the purchase cost of our products. If we are unable to adjust our selling prices, our merchandise margins will decline, which could adversely impact our operating results. We do not believe that inflation had a material impact on our operating results for fiscal 2008.

### **Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

See Note 2 to interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in Part I, Item 1, *Financial Statements*, of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

## Forward-Looking Statements

This document includes certain “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements relate to, among other things, our financial condition, our results of operations, our growth strategy and the business of our company generally. In some cases, you can identify such statements by terminology such as “may”, “could”, “project”, “estimate”, “potential”, “continue”, “should”, “expects”, “plans”, “anticipates”, “believes”, “intends” or other such terminology. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results in future periods to differ materially from forecasted results. These risks and uncertainties include, among other things, continued or worsening weakness in the consumer spending environment and the U.S. financial and credit markets, the competitive environment in the sporting goods industry in general and in our specific market areas, inflation, product availability and growth opportunities, seasonal fluctuations, weather conditions, changes in cost of goods, operating expense fluctuations, disruption in product flow, changes in interest rates, credit availability, higher costs associated with current and new sources of credit resulting from uncertainty in financial markets and economic conditions in general. Those and other risks and uncertainties are more fully described in Part II, Item 1A, *Risk Factors*, in this report and in Part I, Item 1A, *Risk Factors*, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and other filings with the SEC. We caution that the risk factors set forth in this report are not exclusive. In addition, we conduct our business in a highly competitive and rapidly changing environment. Accordingly, new risk factors may arise. It is not possible for management to predict all such risk factors, nor to assess the impact of all such risk factors on our business or the extent to which any individual risk factor, or combination of factors, may cause results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. We undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statement that may be made from time to time by us or on our behalf.

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

We are subject to risks resulting from interest rate fluctuations since interest on our borrowings under our revolving credit facility is based on variable rates. If the LIBOR or JP Morgan Chase Bank prime rate were to change 1.0% as compared to the rate at March 29, 2009, our interest expense would change approximately \$0.8 million on an annual basis based on the outstanding balance of our borrowings under our revolving credit facility at March 29, 2009. We do not hold any derivative instruments and do not engage in foreign currency transactions or hedging activities.

### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

#### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

We conducted an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) and Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”), of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”)) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on such evaluation, our CEO and CFO have concluded that, as of the end of such period, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in recording, processing, summarizing and reporting, on a timely basis, information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act and are effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our CEO and CFO, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

#### **Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

During the fiscal quarter ended March 29, 2009, no changes occurred with respect to our internal control over financial reporting that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, internal control over financial reporting.

## **PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

On January 17, 2008, the Company was served with a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Adi Zimerman v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation, et al.*, Case No. BC383834, alleging violations of the California Civil Code. On May 31, 2008, the Company was served with a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of San Diego, entitled *Michele Gonzalez v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation, et al.*, Case No. 37-2008-00083307-CU-BT-CTL, alleging violations of the California Civil Code and California Business and Professions Code and invasion of privacy. Each complaint was brought as a purported class action on behalf of persons who made purchases at the Company's stores in California using credit cards and were requested to provide their zip codes. Each plaintiff alleges or alleged, among other things, that customers making purchases with credit cards at the Company's stores in California were improperly requested to provide their zip code at the time of such purchases. Each plaintiff seeks or sought, on behalf of the class members, statutory penalties, injunctive relief to require the Company to discontinue the allegedly improper conduct and attorneys' fees and costs, of unspecified amounts. The plaintiff in the Gonzalez case also sought, on behalf of the class members, unspecified amounts of general damages, special damages, exemplary or punitive damages and disgorgement of profits. On October 7, 2008, the California Superior Court in the County of San Diego dismissed the Gonzalez case with prejudice. On February 20, 2009, the same court denied plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration of such dismissal. The period for appealing such dismissal has expired and the dismissal of the Gonzalez case is final. On December 9, 2008, the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles dismissed the Zimerman case with prejudice. On February 3, 2009, the plaintiff in the Zimerman case filed a Notice of Appeal of the dismissal. The Company believes that the Zimerman complaint is without merit and intends to defend the suit vigorously. The Company is not able to evaluate the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome in the Zimerman case or to estimate a range of potential loss in the event of an unfavorable outcome at the present time. If the Zimerman case is resolved unfavorably to the Company, this litigation could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, and any required change in the Company's business practices, as well as the costs of defending this litigation, could have a negative impact on the Company's results of operations.

The Company is involved in various other claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these matters is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

There have been no material changes to the risk factors identified in Part I, Item 1A, *Risk Factors*, of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2008.

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

The Company made no stock repurchases under previously announced share repurchase plans during the fiscal quarter ended March 29, 2009. As discussed in Note 6 to the interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in this report, in the first quarter of fiscal 2009, the Company withheld shares to satisfy minimum statutory tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of certain nonvested stock awards issued to employees. This withholding of shares is shown in the tabular summary below:

**ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES (1)**

<i>Fiscal Period</i>	<i>Total Number of Shares Purchased</i>	<i>Average Price Paid per Share</i>	<i>Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs</i>	<i>Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (4)</i>
December 29 – January 25	—	—	—	\$ 14,207,000
January 26 – February 22	—	—	—	\$ 14,207,000
February 23 – March 29	7,701 (2)	\$ 6.08 (3)	—	\$ 14,207,000
Total	<u>7,701</u>	\$ 6.08	<u>—</u>	\$ 14,207,000

(1) The Company's dividends and stock repurchases are generally funded by distributions from its subsidiary, Big 5 Corp. Generally, as long as there is no default or event of default under the Company's financing agreement, Big 5 Corp. may make distributions to the Company of up to \$15.0 million per year (and up to \$5.0 million per quarter) for any purpose (including dividends or stock repurchases) and may make additional distributions for the purpose of paying Company dividends or repurchasing Company common stock if Big 5 Corp. will have post-dividend liquidity (as defined in the financing agreement) of at least \$30 million.

(2) This amount reflects the number of shares of Company common stock withheld by the Company to satisfy minimum statutory tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of certain nonvested stock awards issued to employees.

(3) The price shown reflects the closing market value of the Company's common stock on the date the shares were withheld, as discussed in footnote 2 to this table, which coincided with the date of vesting of certain nonvested stock awards issued to employees.

(4) This amount reflects the dollar value of shares remaining available to repurchase under previously announced plans. There were no stock repurchases under previously announced plans during the first quarter of fiscal 2009.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

None.

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

None.

**Item 5. Other Information**

None.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

(a) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description of Document</b>
10.1	Amendment No. 1 to Second Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated as of March 5, 2009, by and between Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation, Big 5 Corp. and Steven G. Miller (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation on March 6, 2009).
10.2	Base Salary and Bonus Information for Certain Executive Officers (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation on March 6, 2009).
10.3	Second Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2008, by and between Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation, Big 5 Corp. and Steven G. Miller (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation on January 6, 2009).
15.1	Independent Auditors' Awareness Letter Regarding Unaudited Interim Financial Statements.
31.1	Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer.
31.2	Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer.
32.1	Section 1350 Certification of Chief Executive Officer.
32.2	Section 1350 Certification of Chief Financial Officer.





May 1, 2009

Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation  
El Segundo, California

We have reviewed, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the unaudited interim financial information of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation and subsidiaries for the periods ended March 29, 2009, and March 30, 2008, as indicated in our report dated May 1, 2009; because we did not perform an audit, we expressed no opinion on that information.

We are aware that our report referred to above, which is included in your Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 29, 2009, is incorporated by reference in Registration Statement Nos. 333-149730 and 333-104898 on Form S-8.

We also are aware that the aforementioned report, pursuant to Rule 436(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, is not considered a part of the Registration Statement prepared or certified by an accountant or a report prepared or certified by an accountant within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of that Act.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Los Angeles, California

## CERTIFICATIONS

I, Steven G. Miller, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 1, 2009

/s/ Steven G. Miller  
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Steven G. Miller  
President and Chief Executive Officer

## CERTIFICATIONS

I, Barry D. Emerson, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 1, 2009

/s/ Barry D. Emerson

Barry D. Emerson  
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and  
Treasurer

**CERTIFICATION  
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF  
THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation (the "Company") for the period ending March 29, 2009 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Steven G. Miller, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Steven G. Miller

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Steven G. Miller

President and Chief Executive Officer

May 1, 2009

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation and will be retained by Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

**CERTIFICATION  
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF  
THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation (the "Company") for the period ending March 29, 2009 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Barry D. Emerson, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Barry D. Emerson

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Barry D. Emerson

Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

May 1, 2009

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation and will be retained by Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.