SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): March 29, 2006

H&E EQUIPMENT SERVICES, INC.

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-51759 (Commission File Number) **81-0553291** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

11100 Mead Road, Suite 200, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816 (Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(225) 298-5200 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On March 29, 2006, representatives of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. (the "Company" or "we") will make a presentation at the Credit Suisse Global Leveraged Finance Conference using slides containing the information attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1. We are furnishing the text of these slides pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Regulation FD. This information is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, unless we specifically incorporate it by reference in a document filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Text of the Company's presentation dated March 29, 2006.

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SIGNATURES

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

/s/ LESLIE S. MAGEE

- By:
- Leslie S. Magee Chief Financial Officer Its:



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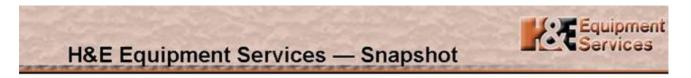


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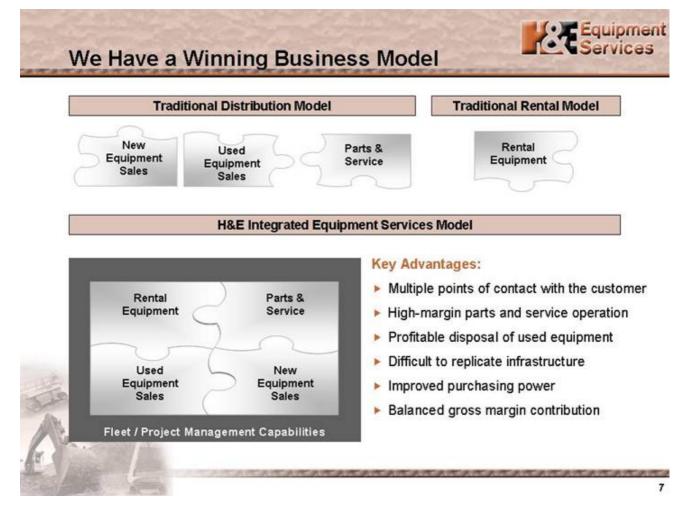
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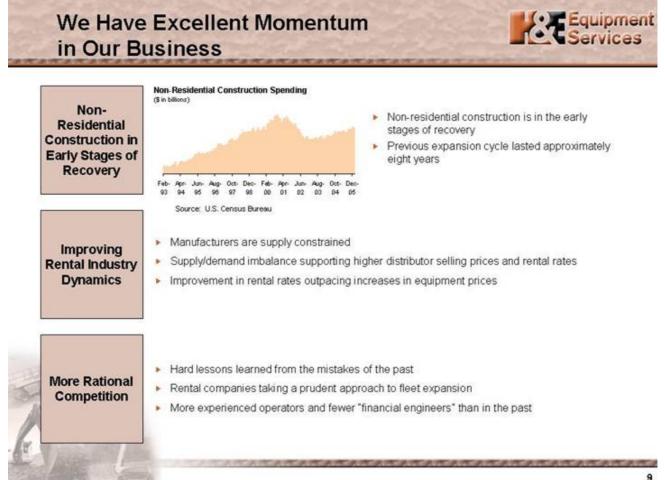
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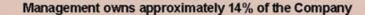
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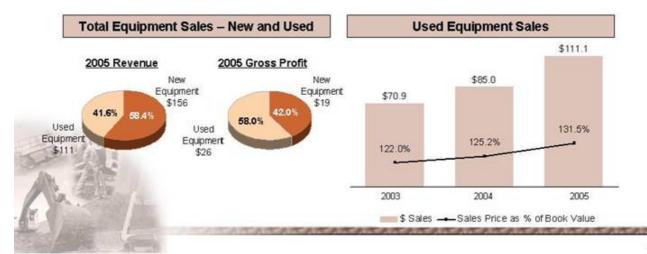


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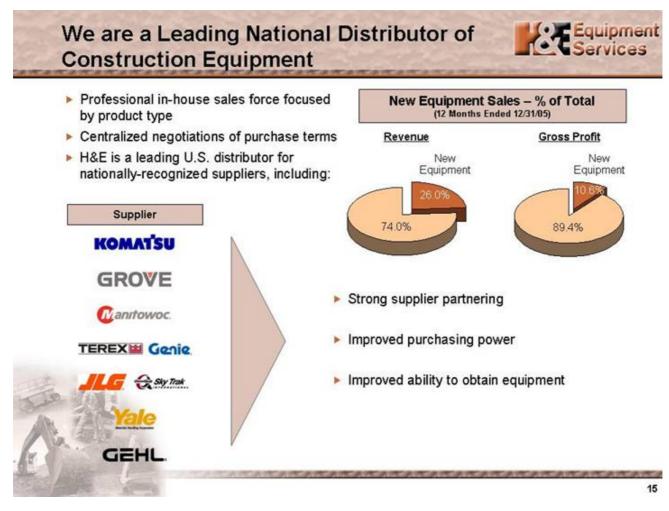
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Parts and Service Gross Profit (% margin) (\$ in millions)

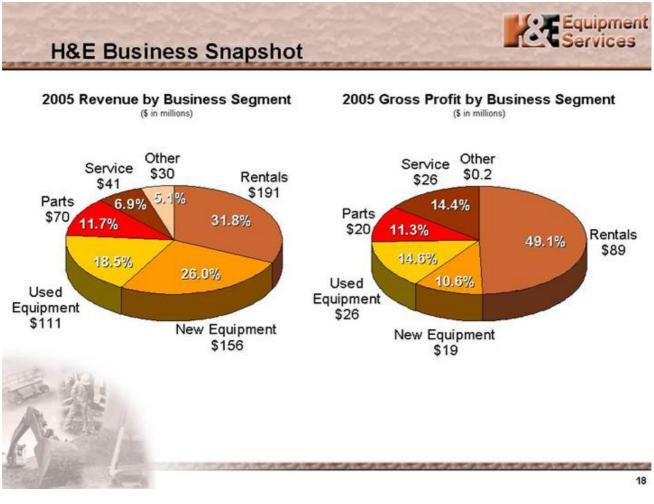
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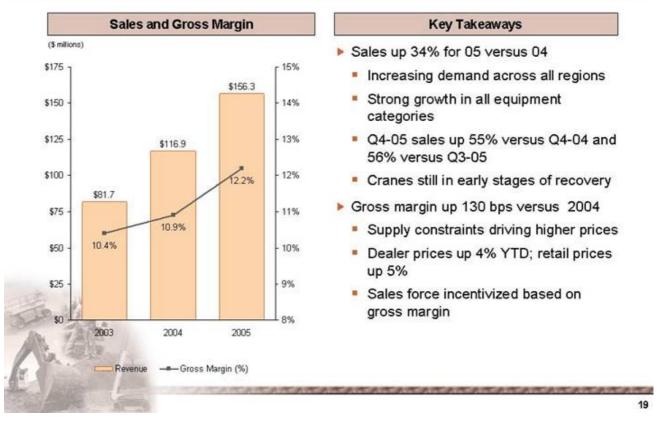






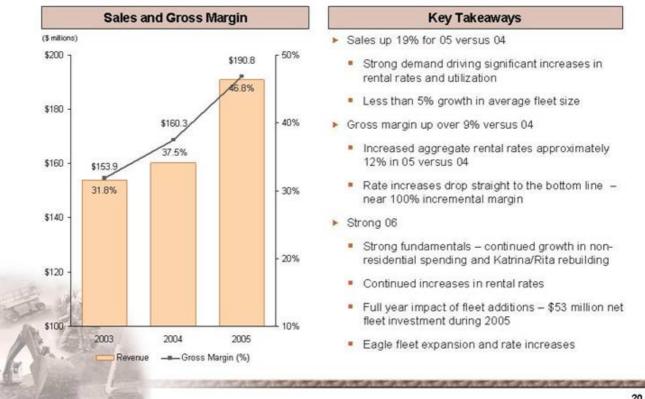
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New Equipment Sales -Segment Financial Summary



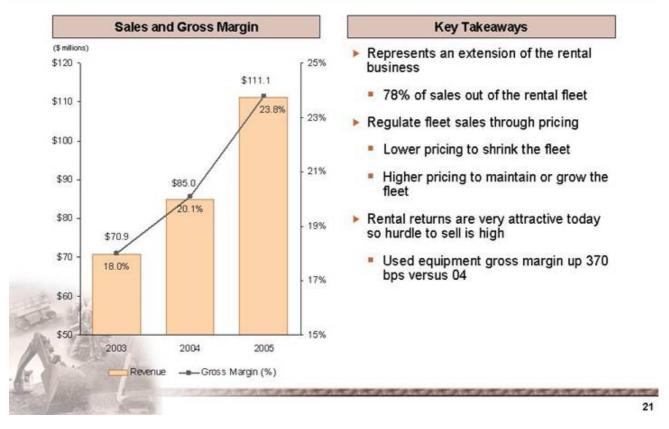
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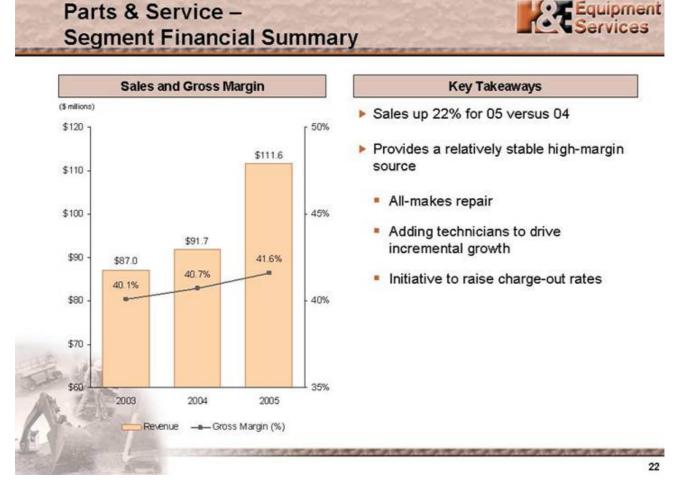


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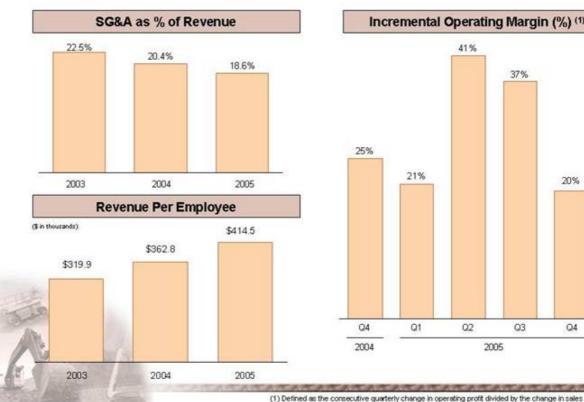
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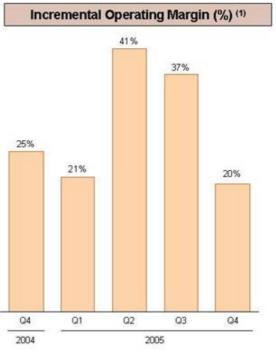


Equipment Services



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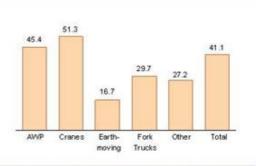
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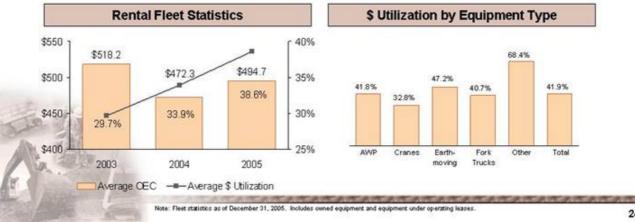
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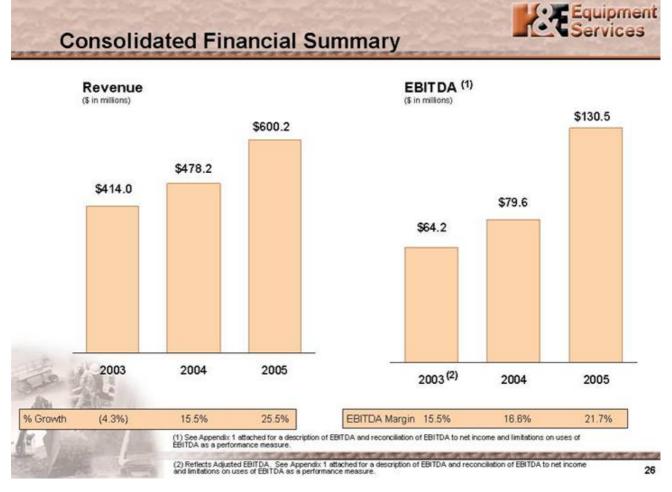
(\$ in millions)

	12/31/2005
Cash	\$5.6
Rental equipment, net	308.0
Total assets	\$530.7
Debt	
Senior Secured Credit Facility	\$106.5
Notes Pavable	0.5
11.125% Senior Secured Notes (callable June 2007)	198.9
12.500% Senior Subordinated Notes (callable June 2007)	44.1
Total Debt o	\$350.0
Total liabilities	535.8
Members' deficit	(5.1)
Total liabilities and members' deficit	\$530.7

Total debt consists of the aggregate amounts outstanding on the senior secured credit facility, senior secured notes, senior subordinated notes, notes payable and capital lease obligations.

The amount of borrowings actually repaid under our senior secured credit facility was \$90.6 million which was the amount owed under the senior secured credit facility at that time. Remaining net proceeds of approximately \$7.1 million were used for general corporate purposes.

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Appendix 1-Definition and Reconciliation of EBITDA

We define EBITDA as net income (loss) from continuing operations before interest expense, income taxes, and depreciation and amortization. We use EBITDA in our business operations to, among other things, evaluate the performance of our business, develop budgets and measure our performance against those budgets. We also believe that analysts and investors use EBITDA as a supplemental measure to evaluate a company's overall operating performance. However, EBITDA has material limitations as an analytical tool and you should not consider it in isolation, or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. We find it a useful tool to assist us in evaluating performance because it eliminates items related to capital structure, taxes and non-cash charges. The items that we have eliminated in determining EBITDA are interest expense, income taxes, depreciation of fixed assets (which includes rental equipment and property and equipment) and amortization of intangible assets. However, some of these eliminated items are significant to our business. For example, (i) interest expense is a necessary element of our costs and ability to generate revenue because rental equipment is the single largest component of our total assets and we recognize a significant amount of depreciation expense over the estimated useful life of this equipment. Any measure that eliminates components of our capital structure and also consider our GAAP results. EBITDA is not a measurement of our financial performance under GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to net interest expense, income taxes, depreciation is a necessary element of our costs and ability to generate revenue because rental equipment is the single largest component of our total assets and we recognize a significant amount of depreciation expense over the estimated useful life of this equipment. Any measure that eliminates components of our capital structure and also consider our GAAP results. EBITDA is not a measurement of our financial performance un

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Net income (loss) \$	(46,051)	\$	(13,737)	\$	28,160	
Interest expense	39,394		39,856		41,822	
Income tax provision (benefit)	(5,694)		-		673	
Depreciation and amortization	59,159		53,526		59,860	
EBITDA \$	46,808	\$	79,645	\$	130,515	
Loss from litigation	17,434				-	
Adjusted EBITDA \$	62,242	\$	79,645	\$	130,515	
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	H&E Integrated	Equipment Services Model			
Rental	Equipment		Parts & Service		
Used Eq	uipment Sales		New Equipment Sales		
	Fleet / Project	Management Capabilities			
Key Advantages:					
• Multiple points of contact with t	he customer				
• High-margin parts and service op	High-margin parts and service operation				
• Profitable disposal of used equip	Profitable disposal of used equipment				
Difficult to replicate infrastructure					
Improved purchasing power	Improved purchasing power				
• Balanced gross margin contribut	ion				
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We are Focused on High Growth Regions in the U.S.

Our markets are benefiting from strong population growth, recovery in the non-residential construction, petrochemical and mining markets as well as the general economic recovery.

- 48 full-service locations
- 5 locations owned, 43 leased

Signify cities served by the acquisition of Eagle High Reach completed February 28, 2006

We Have Excellent Momentum in Our Business

Non- Residential Construction in Early Stages of Recovery		Non-Residential Construction Spending (\$ in billions)	• Non-residential construction is in the early stages of recovery
		[CHART]	Previous expansion cycle lasted approximately eight years
		Source: U.S. Census Bureau	
Improving Rental Industry Dynamics		Manufacturers are supply constrained	
		• Supply/demand imbalance supporting higher distributor selling prices and rental rates	
	5	• Improvement in rental rates outpacing increas	ses in equipment prices
		• Hard lessons learned from the mistakes of the	past
More Rational Competition		• Rental companies taking a prudent approach t	o fleet expansion
		• More experienced operators and fewer "finan	cial engineers" than in the past

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Management owns approximately 14% of the Company

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Used Equipment Sales are an Important Part of our Business

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Total Equipment Sales – New and Used		Used Equipment Sales
<u>2005 Revenue</u>	2005 Gross Profit	
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We are a Leading National Distributor of Construction Equipment

- Professional in-house sales force focused by product type
- Centralized negotiations of purchase terms

• H&E is a leading U.S. distributor for nationally-recognized suppliers, including:

New Equipment Sales – % of Total (12 Months Ended 12/31/05)

Revenue	<u>Gross Profit</u>
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Parts and Service Gross Profit (% margin) (\$ in millions)

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Financial Overview

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H&E Business Snapshot

2005 Revenue by Business Segment (\$ in millions)

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2005 Gross Profit by Business Segment (\$ in millions)

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Key Takeaways

- Sales up 34% for 05 versus 04
 - Increasing demand across all regions
 - Strong growth in all equipment categories
 - Q4-05 sales up 55% versus Q4-04 and 56% versus Q3-05
 - Cranes still in early stages of recovery
- Gross margin up 130 bps versus 2004
 - Supply constraints driving higher prices
 - Dealer prices up 4% YTD; retail prices up 5%
 - Sales force incentivized based on gross margin

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Equipment Rentals – Segment Financial Summary

Sales and Gross Margin

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Key Takeaways

- Sales up 19% for 05 versus 04
 - Strong demand driving significant increases in rental rates and utilization
 - Less than 5% growth in average fleet size
- Gross margin up over 9% versus 04
 - Increased aggregate rental rates approximately 12% in 05 versus 04
 - Rate increases drop straight to the bottom line near 100% incremental margin
- Strong 06
 - Strong fundamentals continued growth in non-residential spending and Katrina/Rita rebuilding
 - Continued increases in rental rates
 - Full year impact of fleet additions \$53 million net fleet investment during 2005
 - Eagle fleet expansion and rate increases

Used Equipment Sales – Segment Financial Summary

Sales and Gross Margin

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Key Takeaways

• Represents an extension of the rental business

- 78% of sales out of the rental fleet
- Regulate fleet sales through pricing
 - Lower pricing to shrink the fleet
 - Higher pricing to maintain or grow the fleet
- Rental returns are very attractive today so hurdle to sell is high
 - Used equipment gross margin up 370 bps versus 04

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Parts & Service – Segment Financial Summary

Sales and Gross Margin

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Key Takeaways

- Sales up 22% for 05 versus 04
- Provides a relatively stable high-margin source
 - All-makes repair
 - Adding technicians to drive incremental growth
 - Initiative to raise charge-out rates

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We Have Significant Operating Leverage in Our Business

SG&A as % of Revenue

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Revenue Per Employee

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Incremental Operating Margin (%) (1)

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(1) Defined as the consecutive quarterly change in operating profit divided by the change in sales

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Rental Capex Summary

(\$ in millions)	 2003	2004		2005	
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Fleet Age by Equipment Type (months)

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\$ Utilization by Equipment Type

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Total Sources	\$ 226.4	Total Uses	\$ 226.4

Selected Balance Sheet Data

(\$ in millions)

	12	12/31/2005	
Cash	\$	5.6	
Rental equipment, net		308.0	
Total assets	\$	530.7	
<u>Debt</u>			
Senior Secured Credit Facility	\$	106.5	
Notes Payable		0.5	
11.125% Senior Secured Notes (callable June 2007)		198.9	
12.500% Senior Subordinated Notes (callable June 2007)		44.1	
Total Debt(1)	\$	350.0	
Total liabilities		535.8	
Members' deficit		(5.1)	
Total liabilities and members' deficit	\$	530.7	

Total debt consists of the aggregate amounts outstanding on the senior secured credit facility, senior secured notes, senior subordinated notes, (1) notes payable and capital lease obligations.

The amount of borrowings actually repaid under our senior secured credit facility was \$96.6 million which was the amount owed under the senior Note: secured credit facility at that time. Remaining net proceeds of approximately \$7.1 million were used for general corporate purposes.

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Revenue

(\$ in millions)

EBITDA Margin

[CHART]			
% Growth	(4.3)%	15.5%	25.5%
EBITDA (1) (\$ in millions)			
[CHART]			

(1) See Appendix 1 attached for a description of EBITDA and reconciliation of EBITDA to net income and limitations on uses of EBITDA as a performance measure.

15.5%

16.6%

21.7%

(2) Reflects Adjusted EBITDA. See Appendix 1 attached for a description of EBITDA and reconciliation of EBITDA to net income and limitations on uses of EBITDA as a performance measure.

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Conclusions

We Have a Winning Business Model	Right Company
We are Focused on High Growth Regions	Right Markets
We Have Significant Growth Opportunities	Right Time
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Appendix 1-Definition and Reconciliation of EBITDA

We define EBITDA as net income (loss) from continuing operations before interest expense, income taxes, and depreciation and amortization. We use EBITDA in our business operations to, among other things, evaluate the performance of our business, develop budgets and measure our performance against those budgets. We also believe that analysts and investors use EBITDA as a supplemental measure to evaluate a company's overall operating performance. However, EBITDA has material limitations as an analytical tool and you should not consider it in isolation, or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. We find it a useful tool to assist us in evaluating performance because it eliminates items related to capital structure, taxes and noncash charges. The items that we have eliminated in determining EBITDA are interest expense, income taxes, depreciation of fixed assets (which includes rental equipment and property and equipment) and amortization of intangible assets. However, some of these eliminated items are significant to our business. For example, (i) interest expense is a necessary element of our costs and ability to generate revenue because we incur a significant amount of interest expense related to our outstanding indebtedness; (ii) payment of income taxes is a necessary element of our costs; and (iii) depreciation is a necessary element of our costs and ability to generate revenue because rental equipment is the single largest component of our total assets and we recognize a significant amount of depreciation expense over the estimated useful life of this equipment. Any measure that eliminates components of our capital structure and costs associated with carrying significant amounts of fixed assets on our balance sheet has material limitations as a performance measure. In light of the foregoing limitations, we do not rely solely on EBITDA as a performance measure and also consider our GAAP results. EBITDA is not a measurement of our financial performance under GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to net income, operating income or any other measures derived in accordance with GAAP. Because EBITDA is not calculated in the same manner by all companies, it may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures used by other companies

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(\$ in millions)	2003 2004			2005		
Net income (loss)	\$ (46,051)	\$	(13,737)	\$	28,160	
Interest expense	39,394		39,856		41,822	
Income tax provision (benefit)	(5,694)				673	
Depreciation and amortization	59,159		53,526		59,860	
EBITDA	\$ 46,808	\$	79,645	\$	130,515	
Loss from litigation	17,434					
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 62,242	\$	79,645	\$	130,515	