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Interest income ADJUSTED EBITDA

The common definition of EBITDA is "Earnings Before Interest Expense, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization." In evaluating financial performance, we use earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization and minority interest ("Adjusted EBITDA"). EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are not measures of financial performance or liquidity under generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered in isolation or as a substitution for net income, cash flow from operations or other income or cash flow data prepared in accordance with GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA, as presented, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. Adjusted EBITDA is presented as we understand certain investors use it as one measure of our historical ability to service debt. Also adjusted EBITDA is used in our debt covenants. The following is a reconciliation of EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA to cash flow from operations.

Amounts in thousands Three Months Ended September 30,	•	2005	•	2004
Cash flow from operating activities	\$	50,265	\$	63,895
Income tax expense		22,344		16,498
Deferred income tax (expense) benefit		789		(798)
Interest expense		4,773		3,547
Minority interest in earnings, net of distributions		(97)		-
Other		(278)		(412)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities,				
net of business acquisitions		15,418		(9,896)
EBITDA		93,214		72,834
Minority interest		4,202		-
Interest income		(389)		(189)
ADJUSTED EBITDA	\$	97,027	\$	72,645
Nine Months Ended September 30,		2005		2004
Nine Months Ended September 30, Cash flow from operating activities	\$		\$	2004 152,812
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Cash flow from operating activities	\$	2005 186,337	\$	152,812
Cash flow from operating activities Income tax expense	\$	2005 186,337 63,656	\$	152,812 48,144
Cash flow from operating activities Income tax expense Deferred income tax (expense) benefit	\$	2005 186,337 63,656 1,934	\$	152,812 48,144 1,652
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Cash flow from operating activities Income tax expense Deferred income tax (expense) benefit Interest expense Minority interest in earnings, net of distributions Other Changes in operating assets and liabilities,	\$	2005 186,337 63,656 1,934 10,917 (3,505) (1,138) 5,975	\$	152,812 48,144 1,652 6,613 - (1,092)
Cash flow from operating activities Income tax expense Deferred income tax (expense) benefit Interest expense Minority interest in earnings, net of distributions Other Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of business acquisitions	\$	2005 186,337 63,656 1,934 10,917 (3,505) (1,138)	\$	152,812 48,144 1,652 6,613 - (1,092) 1,702

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