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Form 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended December 31, 2006

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: 0-19599

WORLD ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter.)

South Carolina 57-0425114  
(State or other (I.R.S.  
jurisdiction of Employer  
incorporation Identification  
or Number)  
organization)

108 Frederick Street  
Greenville, South Carolina 29607  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
(Zip Code)

(864) 298-9800  
(registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 shorter period than the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

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

Large Accelerated Filer  Accelerated Filer

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Non-accelerated  
filer

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

The number of outstanding shares of the issuer's no par value common stock as of February 7, 2007 was 17,598,666.

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**WORLD ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION  
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**WORLD ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION  
AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(Unaudited)**

|   | December 31,<br>2006 | March 31,<br>2006 |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                      |                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 7,121,417         | 4,033,888         |
| Gross loans receivable  | 560,741,539          | 416,301,892       |
| Less:   |                      |                   |
| Unearned interest and fees  | (144,521,603)        | (103,556,110)     |
| Allowance for loan losses   | (30,715,136)         | (22,717,192)      |
| Loans receivable, net   | 385,504,800          | 290,028,590       |
| Property and equipment, net   | 13,880,208           | 11,039,619        |
| Deferred tax benefit  | 11,847,382           | 3,898,000         |
| Other assets, net   | 11,480,160           | 6,922,292         |
| Goodwill  | 5,021,315            | 4,715,110         |
| Intangible assets, net  | 11,624,127           | 12,146,008        |
| Total assets  | \$ 446,479,409       | 332,783,507       |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>   |                      |                   |
| Liabilities:  |                      |                   |
| Senior notes payable  | 126,300,000          | 99,800,000        |
| Convertible senior subordinated notes payable   | 110,000,000          | -                 |
| Other notes payable   | 600,000              | 800,000           |
| Income taxes payable  | -                    | 6,778,276         |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses   | 15,468,602           | 14,975,112        |
| Total liabilities   | 252,368,602          | 122,353,388       |
| Shareholders' equity:   |                      |                   |
| Common stock, no par value  |                      |                   |
| Authorized 95,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding<br>17,571,666 and 18,336,604 shares at December 31, 2006<br>and March 31, 2006, respectively | -                    | -                 |
| Additional paid-in capital  | 878,241              | 1,209,358         |
| Retained earnings   | 193,246,823          | 209,270,853       |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss  | (14,257)             | (50,092)          |
| Total shareholders' equity  | 194,110,807          | 210,430,119       |
| Commitments and contingencies   |                      |                   |
|   | \$ 446,479,409       | 332,783,507       |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**WORLD ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION  
AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
(Unaudited)**

|  | Three months ended December 31, |                   | Nine months ended December 31, |                    |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
|  | 2006                            | 2005              | 2006                           | 2005               |
| <b>Revenues:</b>                                   |                                 |                   |                                |                    |
| Interest and fee income                            | \$ 63,509,413                   | 52,379,939        | 176,795,459                    | 145,722,506        |
| Insurance and other income                         | 10,593,333                      | 8,939,317         | 28,352,370                     | 24,108,640         |
| <b>Total revenues</b>                              | <b>74,102,746</b>               | <b>61,319,256</b> | <b>205,147,829</b>             | <b>169,831,146</b> |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                                   |                                 |                   |                                |                    |
| Provision for loan losses                          | 18,365,040                      | 16,726,019        | 43,345,287                     | 39,397,341         |
| <b>General and administrative expenses:</b>        |                                 |                   |                                |                    |
| Personnel  | 25,777,752                      | 20,284,746        | 73,044,091                     | 59,499,939         |
| Occupancy and equipment                            | 4,439,229                       | 3,640,512         | 12,769,189                     | 10,404,947         |
| Data processing                                    | 571,233                         | 511,794           | 1,620,976                      | 1,524,407          |
| Advertising  | 4,734,272                       | 3,964,060         | 8,417,723                      | 7,262,437          |
| Amortization of intangible assets                  | 683,437                         | 708,639           | 2,219,354                      | 2,124,551          |
| Other  | 5,253,576                       | 4,305,436         | 13,524,267                     | 11,969,816         |
|  | 41,459,499                      | 33,415,187        | 111,595,600                    | 92,786,097         |
| Interest expense                                   | 2,822,951                       | 2,141,875         | 6,993,730                      | 5,070,006          |
| <b>Total expenses</b>                              | <b>62,647,490</b>               | <b>52,283,081</b> | <b>161,934,617</b>             | <b>137,253,444</b> |
| <b>Income before income taxes</b>                  | <b>11,455,256</b>               | <b>9,036,175</b>  | <b>43,213,212</b>              | <b>32,577,702</b>  |
| <b>Income taxes</b>                                | <b>4,444,007</b>                | <b>3,350,000</b>  | <b>16,354,457</b>              | <b>12,150,000</b>  |
| <b>Net income</b>                                  | <b>\$ 7,011,249</b>             | <b>5,686,175</b>  | <b>26,858,755</b>              | <b>20,427,702</b>  |
| <b>Net income per common share:</b>                |                                 |                   |                                |                    |
| Basic  | \$ .40                          | .31               | 1.48                           | 1.10               |
| Diluted  | \$ .39                          | .30               | 1.45                           | 1.07               |
| <b>Weighted average common shares outstanding:</b> |                                 |                   |                                |                    |
| Basic  | 17,572,202                      | 18,299,647        | 18,169,659                     | 18,546,562         |
| Diluted  | 17,950,091                      | 18,896,334        | 18,547,439                     | 19,173,596         |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**WORLD ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION  
AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
(Unaudited)**

|  | Additional<br>Paid-in<br>Capital | Retained<br>Earnings | Accumulated<br>Other<br>Comprehensive<br>Loss, Net | Total<br>Shareholders'<br>Equity | Total<br>Comprehensive<br>Income |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Balances at March 31, 2005   | \$ 11,964,056                    | 177,747,137          | -  | 189,711,193                      |                                  |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock<br>Options (190,397 shares),<br>including tax benefits of<br>\$1,205,288 | 3,045,527                        | -                    | -  | 3,045,527                        |                                  |
| Common stock repurchases<br>(800,400 shares)   | (13,800,225)                     | (6,991,249)          |  | (20,791,474)                     |                                  |
| Other comprehensive loss   |                                  |                      | (50,092)   | (50,092)                         | (50,092)                         |
| Net income   | -                                | 38,514,965           | -  | 38,514,965                       | 38,514,965                       |
| Total comprehensive income   | -                                | -                    | -  | -                                | 38,464,873                       |
| Balances at March 31, 2006   | \$ 1,209,358                     | 209,270,853          | (50,092)   | 210,430,119                      |                                  |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock<br>options 298,520 shares),<br>including tax benefits of<br>\$2,492,660  | 5,595,827                        | -                    | -  | 5,595,827                        |                                  |
| Common stock repurchases<br>1,096,900 shares)  | (6,698,538)                      | (42,882,785)         | -  | (49,581,323)                     |                                  |
| Issuance of restricted common<br>stock under stock option<br>plan (33,442 shares)                        | 285,607                          | -                    | -  | 285,607                          |                                  |
| Stock option expense   | 2,239,369                        | -                    | -  | 2,239,369                        |                                  |
| Tax benefit from Convertible<br>note   | 6,700,000                        | -                    | -  | 6,700,000                        |                                  |
| Proceeds from sale of warrants<br>associated with convertible<br>notes                                   | 16,155,823                       | -                    | -  | 16,155,823                       |                                  |
| Purchase of call option<br>associated<br>with convertible notes  | (24,609,205)                     | -                    | -  | (24,609,205)                     |                                  |
| Other comprehensive income   | -                                | -                    | 35,835   | 35,835                           | 35,835                           |
| Net income   | -                                | 26,858,755           | -  | 26,858,755                       | 26,858,755                       |
| Total comprehensive income   | -                                | -                    | -  | -                                | 26,894,590                       |
| Balances at December 31, 2006  | \$ 878,241                       | 193,246,823          | (14,257)   | 194,110,807                      |                                  |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.



**WORLD ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION  
AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(Unaudited)**

|   | Nine months ended December 31, |               |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------|
|   | 2006                           | 2005          |
| Cash flows from operating activities:   |                                |               |
| Net income  | \$ 26,858,755                  | 20,427,702    |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |                                |               |
| Provision for loan losses   | 43,345,287                     | 39,397,341    |
| Amortization of intangible assets   | 2,219,354                      | 2,124,551     |
| Amortization of loan costs and discounts  | 189,069                        | 25,000        |
| Depreciation  | 2,088,592                      | 1,665,743     |
| Compensation related to stock option and restricted stock plans                   | 2,524,976                      | -             |
| Tax benefit from exercise of stock options  | -                              | 1,087,360     |
| Change in accounts:   |                                |               |
| Deferred tax assets   | (1,249,382)                    | 7,275,000     |
| Other assets, net   | (1,097,219)                    | 419,097       |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses   | (1,028,571)                    | (7,061,274)   |
| Income taxes payable  | (6,778,276)                    | (1,624,069)   |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | 67,072,585                     | 63,736,451    |
| Cash flows from investing activities:   |                                |               |
| Increase in loans, net  | (122,858,663)                  | (107,863,062) |
| Net assets acquired from office acquisitions, primarily loans                     | (16,101,334)                   | (6,240,243)   |
| Purchases of premises and equipment   | (4,790,681)                    | (2,693,080)   |
| Purchases of intangible assets  | (2,003,678)                    | (2,149,241)   |
| Net cash used in investing activities   | (145,754,356)                  | (118,945,626) |
| Cash flows from financing activities:   |                                |               |
| Net change in bank overdraft  | 1,522,061                      | 162,166       |
| Proceeds from senior notes payable, net   | 26,500,000                     | 76,500,000    |
| Proceeds from senior subordinated notes   | 110,000,000                    | -             |
| Repayment of other notes payable  | (200,000)                      | (200,000)     |
| Repurchase of common stock  | (49,581,323)                   | (20,791,474)  |
| Proceeds from sale of warrants associated with convertible notes                  | 16,155,823                     | -             |
| Purchase of call option associated with convertible notes                         | (24,609,205)                   | -             |
| Loan cost associated with convertible notes                                       | (3,613,883)                    | -             |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options   | 3,103,167                      | 1,660,125     |
| Tax benefit from exercise of stock options  | 2,492,660                      | -             |
| Net cash provided by financing activities   | 81,769,300                     | 57,330,817    |
| Increase in cash  | 3,087,529                      | 2,121,642     |
| Cash, beginning of period   | 4,033,888                      | 3,046,677     |
| Cash, end of period   | \$ 7,121,417                   | 5,168,319     |
| Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:                                 |                                |               |
| Cash paid for interest  | \$ 6,997,336                   | 4,637,177     |



|                            |            |           |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Cash paid for income taxes | 23,153,254 | 5,411,845 |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------|

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**WORLD ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2006 and 2005**  
**(Unaudited)**

The Company is a small-loan consumer finance company headquartered in Greenville, South Carolina, that offers short-term small loans, medium-term larger loans, related credit insurance products and ancillary products and services to individuals who have limited access to other sources of consumer credit. It also offers income tax return preparation services and access to refund anticipation loans (through a third party bank) to its customer base and to others.

The Company also markets computer software and related services to financial services companies through its ParaData Financial Systems ("ParaData") subsidiary.

As of December 31, 2006, the Company operated 719 offices in South Carolina, Georgia, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Tennessee, Missouri, Illinois, New Mexico, Kentucky, and Alabama. The Company also operated 12 offices in Mexico. The Company is subject to numerous lending regulations that vary by state.

**NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The consolidated financial statements of the Company at December 31, 2006, and for the three and nine months then ended were prepared in accordance with the instructions for Form 10-Q and are unaudited; however, in the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting only of items of a normal recurring nature) necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position at December 31, 2006, and the results of operations and cash flows for the period then ended, have been included. The results for the period ended December 31, 2006 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year or any other interim period.

Certain reclassification entries have been made for fiscal 2006 to conform with fiscal 2007 presentation. These reclassifications had no impact on shareholders' equity and comprehensive income or net income.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

These consolidated financial statements do not include all disclosures required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and related notes for the year ended March 31, 2006, included in the Company's 2006 Annual Report to Shareholders.

**NOTE 2 - COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

The Company applies the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board's (FASB) Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 130 "*Reporting Comprehensive Income*." The following summarizes accumulated other comprehensive (loss) as of December 31, 2006:

|                                | Three months<br>ended December 31, |         | Nine months<br>ended December 31, |      |   |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|------|---|
|                                | 2006                               | 2005    | 2006                              | 2005 |   |
| Balance at beginning of period | (95,283)                           | (5,285) | (50,092)                          | -    | - |

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|   |             |          |          |          |
|---|-------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Unrealized loss from hedged transaction                               | -           | (5,263)  | -        | (5,263)  |
| Unrealized income (loss) from foreign exchange translation adjustment | 81,026      | (2,109)  | 35,835   | (7,394)  |
| Balance at end of period  | \$ (14,257) | (12,657) | (14,257) | (12,657) |

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NOTE 3 - ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES

The following is a summary of the changes in the allowance for loan losses for the periods indicated:

|   | Three months<br>ended December 31, |              | Nine months<br>ended December 31, |              |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
|   | 2006                               | 2005         | 2006                              | 2005         |
| Balance at beginning of period                              | \$ 26,548,792                      | 22,223,421   | 22,717,192                        | 20,672,740   |
| Provision for loan losses                                   | 18,365,040                         | 16,726,019   | 43,345,287                        | 39,397,341   |
| Loan losses   | (16,299,895)                       | (14,829,426) | (40,337,397)                      | (37,936,388) |
| Recoveries  | 1,303,498                          | 1,068,420    | 3,979,740                         | 3,158,091    |
| Allowance on acquired loans, net<br>of specific charge-offs | 797,701                            | 282,324      | 1,010,314                         | 178,975      |
| Balance at end of period                                    | \$ 30,715,136                      | 25,470,759   | 30,715,136                        | 25,470,759   |

Effective April 1, 2005, the Company adopted Statement of Position No. 03-3 ("SOP 03-3"), "*Accounting for Certain Loans or Debt Securities Acquired in a Transfer*," which prohibits carry over or creation of valuation allowances in the initial accounting of all loans acquired in a transfer that are within the scope of this SOP. Management believes that a loan has shown deterioration if it is over 60 days delinquent. The Company believes that loans acquired since the adoption of SOP 03-3 have not shown evidence of deterioration of credit quality since origination, and therefore, are not within the scope of SOP 03-3 because the Company did not pay consideration for, or record, acquired loans over 60 days delinquent. Loans acquired that are more than 60 days past due are included in the scope of SOP 03-3 and, therefore, subsequent refinances or restructures of these loans would not be accounted for as a new loan.

For the quarters ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company recorded adjustments of approximately \$798,000 and \$282,000, respectively, to the allowance for loan losses in connection with acquisitions in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. These adjustments were \$1,010,000 and \$179,000 for the nine-months ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. These adjustments represent the allowance for loan losses on acquired loans which do not meet the scope of SOP 03-3.

NOTE 4 - AVERAGE SHARE INFORMATION

The following is a summary of the basic and diluted average common shares outstanding:

|  | Three months ended December 31, |            | Nine months ended December 31, |            |
|--|---------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|
|  | 2006                            | 2005       | 2006                           | 2005       |
| <b>Basic:</b>  |                                 |            |                                |            |
| Weighted average common shares<br>outstanding (denominator)  | 17,572,202                      | 18,299,647 | 18,169,659                     | 18,546,562 |
| <b>Diluted:</b>  |                                 |            |                                |            |
| Weighted average common shares<br>outstanding                | 17,572,202                      | 18,299,647 | 18,169,659                     | 18,546,562 |
| Dilutive potential common shares                             | 377,889                         | 596,687    | 377,780                        | 627,034    |
| Weighted average diluted shares<br>outstanding (denominator) | 17,950,091                      | 18,896,334 | 18,547,439                     | 19,173,596 |

As of December 31, 2005, there were no anti-dilutive shares. As of December 31, 2006, there were 30,936 anti-dilutive shares.

NOTE 5 - STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

*Stock Option Plans*

The Company has a 1992 Stock Option Plan, a 1994 Stock Option Plan, a 2002 Stock Option Plan and a 2005 Stock Option Plan for the benefit of certain directors, officers, and key employees. Under these plans, 4,350,000 shares of authorized common stock have been reserved for issuance pursuant to grants approved by the Compensation and Stock Option Committee of the Board of Directors. Stock options granted under these plans have a maximum duration of 10 years, may be subject to certain vesting requirements, which are generally one year for directors and five years for officers and key employees, and are priced at the market value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant of the option. At December 31, 2006, there were 645,658 shares available for grant under the plans.

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Effective April 1, 2006, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment" ("SFAS 123R"), using the modified prospective transition method, and did not retroactively adjust results from prior periods. Under this transition method, stock option compensation will be recognized as an expense over the remaining unvested portion of all stock option awards granted prior to April 1, 2006, based on the fair values estimated at grant date in accordance with the original provisions of SFAS 123. The Company has applied the Black-Sholes valuation model in determining the fair value of the stock option awards. Compensation expense is recognized only for those options expected to vest, with forfeitures estimated based on historical experience and future expectations. Prior to fiscal year 2007, stock option compensation was included as a pro forma disclosure, as permitted by SFAS 123.

As a result of adopting SFAS 123R, the impact to the Consolidated Statements of Operations for the quarter ended December 31, 2006 was to decrease income before income taxes and net income by \$1.7 million and \$1.0 million, respectively, and basic and diluted earnings per share by \$0.06. The impact to the Consolidated Statement of Operations for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2006 was to decrease income before income taxes and net income by approximately \$3.1 million and \$1.9 million, respectively, and basic and diluted earnings per share by \$0.11 and \$0.10, respectively. In addition, prior to the adoption of SFAS 123R, the Company presented the tax benefit from the exercise of stock options as a cash flow provided by operating activities in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. Upon adoption of SFAS 123R, this tax benefit is classified as a cash flow provided by financing activities.

Option activity for the nine months ended December 31, 2006, was as follows:

|  | Shares    | Weighted<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price | Weighted<br>Average<br>Remaining<br>Contractual<br>Term | Aggregated<br>Intrinsic Value |
|--|-----------|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Options outstanding, beginning of year | 1,274,068 | \$ 15.56                                 |   |                               |
| Granted                                | 221,250   | \$ 49.00                                 |   |                               |
| Exercised                              | (298,520) | \$ 10.76                                 |   |                               |
| Forfeited                              | (12,199)  | \$ 17.35                                 |   |                               |
| Options outstanding, end of period     | 1,184,599 | \$ 23.01                                 | 7.35  | \$ 28,357,511                 |
| Options exercisable, end of period     | 495,749   | \$ 6.44                                  | 4.92  | \$ 3,854,191                  |

The aggregate intrinsic value reflected in the table above represents the total pre-tax intrinsic value (the difference between the closing stock price on December 31, 2006 and the exercise price, multiplied by the number of in-the-money options) that would have been received by option holders had all option holders exercised their options as of December 31, 2006. This amount will change as the stock's market price changes. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the period ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 were as follows:

|                   | 2006         | 2005      |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Three month ended | \$ 1,452,961 | 795,540   |
| Nine months ended | \$ 6,935,825 | 3,020,443 |

As of December 31, 2006, total unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to non-vested stock options amounts to approximately \$7.9 million which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 1.5 years.

Prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 123R on April 1, 2006, the Company accounted for its stock plans under the recognition and measurement principles of APB Opinion 25, "*Accounting of Stock Issued to Employees.*" The pro forma table below reflects net income and basic and diluted earnings per share for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2005 had the Company applied the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS 123:

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|   | Three months<br>ended December<br>31, 2005          | Nine months<br>ended December<br>31, 2005 |
|---|---|---|
|   | (Dollars in thousands, except per share<br>amounts) |   |
| <b>Net income</b>   |   |   |
| Net income, as reported   | \$ 5,686  | 20,428                                    |
| Deduct:   |   |   |
| Total stock-based employee compensation<br>expense determined under fair value<br>based method for all option awards,<br>net of related income tax effect | 447   | 1,145                                     |
| Pro forma net income  | 5,239   | 19,283                                    |
| <b>Basic earnings per share</b>   |   |   |
| As reported   | \$ 0.31   | 1.10                                      |
| Pro forma   | \$ 0.29   | 1.04                                      |
| <b>Diluted earnings per share</b>   |   |   |
| As reported   | \$ 0.30   | 1.07                                      |
| Pro forma   | \$ 0.28   | 1.01                                      |

The weighted-average fair value at the grant date for options issued during the three and nine months ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 was \$26.44 and \$15.11 per share, respectively. This fair value was estimated at grant date using the following weighted-average assumptions:

|                                 | Three months ended December 31, |           | Nine months ended December 31, |                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
|                                 | 2006                            | 2005      | 2006                           | 2005            |
| Dividend yield                  | \$ 0                            | 0         | \$ 0                           | 0               |
| Expected volatility             | 43.37%                          | 43.95%    | 43.37%                         | 44.01%          |
| Average risk-free interest rate | 4.69%                           | 4.55%     | 4.69%                          | 4.47%           |
| Expected life                   | 7.5 years                       | 7.5 years | 7.5 years                      | 7.5 years       |
| Vesting period                  | 5 years                         | 1 year    | 5 years                        | 1 to 5<br>years |

The expected stock price volatility is based on the historical volatility of the Company's stock over the 7.5 years prior to the grant date. The expected term represents the period of time that options are expected to be outstanding after their grant date. The risk-free interest rate reflects the interest rate at grant date on zero-coupon U.S. governmental bonds that have a remaining life similar to the expected option term.

### ***Restricted Stock***

On May 2, 2006, the Company granted 8,000 shares of restricted stock (which are equity classified), with a grant date fair value of \$28.96 per share, to its independent directors. One-half of the restricted stock vested immediately and the other half will vest on the first anniversary of grant.

Compensation expense related to these shares is based on the number of shares expected to vest and the fair market value of the common stock on the grant date. The Company recognized \$28,959 and \$193,064 of compensation expense for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2006 related to this restricted stock, which is included as a component of general and administrative expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. All shares are



expected to vest.

As of December 31, 2006, there was approximately \$38,616 of unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested restricted stock awards granted, which is expected to be recognized over the next four months.

On November 24, 2006, the Company granted 37,500 shares of restricted stock (which are equity classified), with a grant date fair value of \$46.21 per share, to certain executive officers. One-third of the restricted stock vested immediately and one-third will vest on the first and second anniversary of grant.

Compensation expense related to these shares is based on the number of shares expected to vest and the fair market value of the common stock on the grant date. The Company recognized \$649,828 of compensation expense for the quarter ended December 31, 2006 related to this restricted stock, which is included as a component of general and administrative expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. All shares are expected to vest.

As of December 31, 2006, there was approximately \$1,083,047 of unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested restricted stock awards granted, which is expected to be recognized over the next two years.

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A summary of the status of our restricted stock as of December 31, 2006, and changes during the three and nine months ended December 31, 2006, is presented below:

| <i>(Unaudited)</i>               | Three Months     |   | Nine Months      |   |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---|------------------|---|
|                                  | Number of Shares | Weighted Average Fair Value at Grant Date | Number of Shares | Weighted Average Fair Value at Grant Date |
| Outstanding at March 31, 2006    | 4,000            | \$ 28.96                                  | -                | -   |
| Granted during the period        | 37,500           | 46.21                                     | 45,500           | \$ 43.18                                  |
| Vested during the period         | -                | -   | (4,000)          | 28.96                                     |
| Forfeited during the period      | (12,058)         | 46.21                                     | (12,058)         | 46.21                                     |
| Outstanding at December 31, 2006 | 29,442           | \$ 43.87                                  | 29,442           | \$ 43.87                                  |

Total share-based compensation included as a component of net income as of December 31, 2006 was as follows:

|  | Three months ended | Nine months ended |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| Share-based compensation related to equity classified units:       |                    |                   |
| Share-based compensation related to stock options                  | \$ 977,263         | \$ 2,239,369      |
| Share-based compensation related to restricted stock units         | 678,787            | 842,892           |
| Total share-based compensation related to equity classified awards | \$ 1,656,050       | \$ 3,082,261      |

**NOTE 6 - ACQUISITIONS**

The following table sets forth the acquisition activity of the Company for the nine months ended December 31, 2006 and 2005:

|                                 | 2006          | 2005         |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Number of offices purchased     | 84            | 20           |
| Merged into existing offices    | 42            | 17           |
| Purchase Price                  | \$ 18,105,012 | \$ 8,389,484 |
| Tangible assets:                |               |              |
| Net loans                       | 15,962,834    | 6,181,819    |
| Furniture, fixtures & equipment | 138,500       | 58,424       |
| Total tangible assets           | \$ 16,101,334 | \$ 6,240,243 |
| Customer lists                  | 1,612,473     | 1,861,437    |
| Non-compete agreements          | 63,000        | 84,000       |
| Goodwill                        | 328,205       | 203,804      |
| Total intangible assets         | \$ 2,003,678  | \$ 2,149,241 |

The Company evaluates each acquisition to determine if the transaction meets the definition of a business combination. Those transactions that meet the definition of a business combination are accounted for as such under

SFAS No. 141 and all other acquisitions are accounted for as asset purchases. All acquisitions have been with independent third parties.

### **Titan Acquisition**

On October 13, 2006 the Company purchased assets, consisting primarily of loans receivable, from Titan Financial Group, II, LLC and certain of its affiliated companies for approximately \$13.5 million in cash. The assets included approximately \$12.5 million in net loan receivable portfolios and \$117,000 of fixed assets. This acquisition was recorded as a business combination. Management determined that the fair value of the customer list exceeded the excess of the purchase price paid over the fair value of the tangible assets; therefore the excess was recorded as a customer list. No goodwill was recorded. Titan office locations were across Georgia and South Carolina. The Company kept open 39 of the 69 Titan offices and consolidated the remaining Titan offices into existing operations.

The result of this acquisition has been included in the Company's consolidated financial statement since the respective acquisition date. The pro forma impact of this purchase as though it had been acquired at the beginning of the periods presented would not have a material effect on the results of operations as reported.

## **Other Acquisitions**

When an acquisition results in a new office, the Company records the transaction as a business combination, since the office acquired will continue to generate loans. The Company typically retains the existing employees and the office location. Non-compete agreements are valued at the stated amount paid to the other party for these agreements, which the Company believes approximates the fair value. In a business combination, the remaining excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the tangible assets and non-compete agreements is allocated two-thirds to goodwill and one-third to customer list. Generally, the acquired offices are small, privately owned and do not have sufficient historical data to determine attrition. Management believes that the customers acquired have the same characteristics and perform similarly to customers of the Company. Therefore, management utilized the attrition patterns of the Company's customers when developing the methodology. This methodology was determined in fiscal 2002 and was re-evaluated during fiscal 2006. During the nine months ended December 31, 2006, 6 acquisitions were recorded as business combinations.

When the acquisition is of a portfolio of loans only, the Company records the transaction as an asset purchase. In an asset purchase, no goodwill is recorded. The purchase price is allocated to the estimated fair value of the tangible and intangible assets acquired. During the nine months ended December 31, 2006, 9 acquisitions were recorded as asset acquisitions.

Our acquisitions include tangible assets (generally loans and furniture and equipment) and intangible assets (generally non-compete agreements, customer lists, and goodwill), both of which are recorded at their fair values, which are estimated pursuant to the processes described below.

Acquired loans are valued at the net loan balance. Given the short-term nature of these loans, generally four months, and that these loans are subject to continual repricing at current rates, management believes the net loan balances approximate their fair value.

Furniture and equipment are valued at the specific purchase price as agreed to by both parties at the time of acquisition, which management believes approximates their fair values. Customer lists are allocated at an office level and are evaluated for impairment at an office level, in accordance with SFAS 144 "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposed of a Long Lived Assets." If an impairment occurs, the impairment loss to the customer list is generally the remaining unamortized customer list balance.

The results of all acquisitions have been included in the Company's consolidated financial statements since the respective acquisition dates. The pro forma impact of these purchases as though they had been acquired at the beginning of the periods presented would not have a material effect on the results of operations as reported.

## **NOTE 7 - DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

On October 5, 2005, the Company entered into an interest rate swap with a notional amount of \$30 million to economically hedge a portion of the cash flows from its floating rate revolving credit facility. Under the terms of the interest rate swap, the Company will pay a fixed rate of 4.755% on the \$30 million notional amount and receive payments from a counterparty based on the 1 month LIBOR rate for a term ending October 5, 2010. Interest rate differentials paid or received under the swap agreement are recognized as adjustments to interest expense.

On April 28, 2006, the Company entered into a \$1 million foreign exchange currency option to economically hedge its foreign exchange risk relative to the Mexican peso. Under the terms of the option contract, the Company can exchange \$1 million U.S. dollars at a rate of 11.36 Mexican pesos on April 30, 2007.

At December 31, 2006, the Company recorded an asset related to the interest rate swap of \$239,000, which represented the fair value of the interest rate swap at that date. The corresponding unrealized gain of \$24,000 was recorded as other income for the quarter ended December 31, 2006 and a \$253,000 loss was recorded for the nine month period ended December 31, 2006. During the quarter and nine month period ended December 31, 2006, interest expense was decreased by approximately \$44,000 and \$107,000, respectively, as a result of net disbursements under the terms of the interest rate swap. The fair value of the option at December 31, 2006 was a loss of less than \$15,000.

The Company does not enter into derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes. The purpose of these instruments is to reduce the exposure to variability in future cash flows attributable to a portion of its LIBOR-based borrowings and to reduce variability in foreign cash flows. The fair value of the interest rate swap and option is recorded on the consolidated balance sheets as an other asset or other liability. The Company is currently not accounting for these derivative instruments using the cash flow hedge accounting provisions of SFAS 133; therefore, the changes in fair value of the swap and option are included in earnings as other income or expenses.

By using derivative instruments, the Company is exposed to credit and market risk. Credit risk, which is the risk that a counterparty to a derivative instrument will fail to perform, exists to the extent of the fair value gain in a derivative. Credit risk is created when the fair value of a derivative contract is positive, since this generally indicates that the counterparty owes the Company. When the fair value of a derivative is negative, no credit risk exists since the Company would owe the counterparty. Market risk is the adverse effect on the financial instruments from a change in interest rates or implied volatility of exchange rates. The Company manages the market risk associated with interest rate contracts and currency options by establishing and monitoring limits as to the types and degree of risk that may be undertaken. The market risk associated with derivatives used for interest rate and foreign currency risk management activities is fully incorporated in the Company's market risk sensitivity analysis. See Part I, Item 3, "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk."

NOTE 8 - DEBT

**Second Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement**

The Company entered into a Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of October 2, 2006 (the "Amendment"), which amends the Company's Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of July 20, 2005, as amended (the "Credit Agreement") among the Company, the banks party thereto (the "Banks"), JPMorgan Chase Bank as Co-Agent and Harris N.A. as Agent for the Banks.

The Amendment permits the Company to incur up to \$110,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of indebtedness under the Convertible Notes (as defined in the Convertible Senior Notes section below) on the terms, including subordination terms, set forth in the offering memorandum for the Convertible Notes dated as of October 3, 2006, (and as also described in the Company's registration statement on Form S-3 filed December 18, 2006 (SEC File No. 333-139445)), and confirms that the Notes constitute subordinated indebtedness as defined in the Credit Agreement. In addition, the Amendment modifies the consolidated net worth and fixed charge coverage ratio financial covenants in the Credit Agreement and adjusts an indebtedness negative covenant in the Credit Agreement that, as amended, prohibits the incurrence of (i) senior debt as defined in the Credit Agreement, on a consolidated basis that exceeds 375% of the sum of consolidated adjusted net worth and the aggregate unpaid principal amount of subordinated debt, and (ii) subordinated debt that exceeds 150% of consolidated adjusted net worth.

The Amendment eliminates the current restricted payments negative covenant in the Credit Agreement and replaces it with a covenant (i) requiring all obligations under the Credit Agreement to constitute senior debt under any agreement covering subordinated debt (and all such obligations to constitute designated senior debt under the indenture for the Convertible Notes), (ii) restricting amendments to subordinated debt (other than amendments with respect to interest rates, deferral of repayments or other matters not adverse to the senior lenders), and (iii) restricting voluntary prepayments and redemptions and cash payments upon conversion of any subordinated debt except for any such payments that on a pro forma basis do not create a default or event of default as defined in the Credit Agreement.

The Amendment also permits the convertible note hedge and warrant transactions, described in the Convertible Senior Notes section below, and provides that a default by the Company under such convertible note hedge and warrant transactions will also constitute an event of default under the Credit Agreement.

***Convertible Senior Notes***

On October 10, 2006, the Company issued \$110 million aggregate principal amount of its 3.0% convertible senior subordinated notes due October 1, 2011 (the "Convertible Notes") to qualified institutional brokers in accordance with Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. Interest on the Convertible Notes is payable semi-annually in arrears on April 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing April 1, 2007. The Convertible Notes are the Company's direct, senior subordinated, unsecured obligations and rank equally in rate of payment with all existing and future unsecured senior subordinated debt of the Company, senior in right of payment to all of the Company's existing and future subordinated debt and junior to all of the Company's existing and future senior debt. The Convertible Notes are structurally junior to the liabilities of the Company's subsidiaries. The Convertible Notes are convertible prior to maturity, subject to certain conditions described below, at an initial conversion rate of 16.0229 shares per \$1,000 principal amount of notes, which represents an initial conversion price of approximately \$62.41 per share, subject to adjustment. Upon conversion, the Company will pay cash up to the principal amount of notes converted and deliver shares of its common stock to the extent the daily conversion value exceeds the proportionate principal amount based on a 30 trading-day observation period. The Company does not expect to be required to include the underlying shares in the calculation of the Company's diluted weighted average shares outstanding for earnings per share until the Company's common stock price exceeds \$62.41 per share.



Holders may convert the Convertible Notes prior to July 1, 2011 only if one or more of the following conditions are satisfied:

- During any fiscal quarter commencing after December 31, 2006, if the last reported sale price of the common stock for at least 20 trading days during a period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the preceding fiscal quarter is greater than or equal to 120% of the applicable conversion price on such last trading day;
- During the five business day period after any ten consecutive trading day period in which the trading price per note for each day of such ten consecutive trading day period was less than 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of the Company's common stock and the applicable conversion rate on each such day; or
- The occurrence of specified corporate transactions.

If the Convertible Notes are converted in connection with certain fundamental changes that occur prior to October 1, 2011, the Company may be obligated to pay an additional make-whole premium with respect to the Convertible Notes converted. If the Company undergoes certain fundamental changes, holders of Convertible Notes may require the Company to purchase the Convertible Notes at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Convertible Notes purchased plus accrued interest to, but excluding, the purchase date.

Holders may also surrender their Convertible Notes for conversion anytime on or after July 1, 2011 until the close of business on the third business day immediately preceding the maturity date, regardless of whether any of the foregoing conditions have been satisfied.

The contingent conversion feature was not required to be bifurcated and accounted for separately under the provisions of FAS 133 "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities."

The aggregate underwriting commissions and other debt issuance costs incurred with respect to the issuance of the Convertible Notes were approximately \$3.6 million and are being amortized over the period the convertible senior notes are outstanding.

#### *Convertible Notes Hedge Strategy*

Concurrent and in connection with the sale of the Convertible Notes, the Company purchased call options to purchase shares of the Company's common stock equal to the conversion rate as of the date the options are exercised for the Convertible Notes, at a price of \$62.41 per share. The cost of the call options totaled \$24.6 million. The Company also sold warrants to the same counterparties to purchase from the Company an aggregate of 1,762,519 shares of the Company's common stock at a price of \$73.97 per share and received net proceeds from the sale of increasing these warrants of \$16.1 million. Taken together, the call option and warrant agreements increased the effective conversion price of the Convertible Notes to \$73.97 per share. The call options and warrants must be settled in net shares. On the date of settlement, if the market price per share of the Company's common stock is above \$73.97 per share, the Company will be required to deliver shares of its common stock representing the value of the call options and warrants in excess of \$73.97 per share.

The warrants have a strike price of \$73.97 and are generally exercisable at anytime. The Company issued and sold the warrants in a transaction exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, by virtue of section 4(2) thereof. There were no underwriting commissions or discounts in connection with the sale of the warrants.



The Company accounted for the call options and warrants as a net reduction in additional paid in capital, and is not required to recognize subsequent changes in fair value of the call options and warrants in its consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 9 - SHARE REPURCHASE

On October 3, 2006 the Company announced that the board of directors authorized the repurchase of up to an aggregate of \$55 million of its common stock. This repurchase program replaces all previously announced common stock repurchase programs. The Company promptly repurchased approximately \$48 million of common stock (1,030,900 shares) in negotiated transactions with institutional investors. The stock repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time.

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**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

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

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth certain information derived from the Company's consolidated statements of operations and balance sheets, as well as operating data and ratios, for the periods indicated:

|   | Three months<br>ended December 31, |         | Nine months<br>ended December 31, |         |
|---|------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|---------|
|   | 2006                               | 2005    | 2006                              | 2005    |
|   | (Dollars in thousands)             |         |                                   |         |
| Average gross loans receivable <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 511,916                         | 422,446 | 471,002                           | 389,107 |
| Average net loans receivable <sup>(2)</sup>   | 380,487                            | 316,157 | 350,892                           | 292,726 |
| Expenses as a % of total revenue:             |                                    |         |                                   |         |
| Provision for loan losses                     | 24.8%                              | 27.3%   | 21.1%                             | 23.2%   |
| General and administrative                    | 55.9%                              | 54.5%   | 54.4%                             | 54.6%   |
| Total interest expense                        | 3.8%                               | 3.5%    | 3.4%                              | 3.0%    |
| Operating margin <sup>(3)</sup>               | 19.3%                              | 18.2%   | 24.5%                             | 22.2%   |
| Return on average assets<br>(annualized)      | 6.9%                               | 6.6%    | 9.5%                              | 8.5%    |
| Offices opened or acquired, net               | 53                                 | 8       | 111                               | 40      |
| Total offices (at period end)                 | 731                                | 619     | 731                               | 619     |

(1) Average gross loans receivable have been determined by averaging month-end gross loans receivable over the indicated period.

(2) Average net loans receivable have been determined by averaging month-end gross loans receivable less unearned interest and deferred fees over the indicated period.

(3) Operating margin is computed as total revenues less provision for loan losses and general and administrative expenses, as a percentage of total revenue.

Comparison of Three Months Ended December 31, 2006, Versus  
Three Months Ended December 31, 2005

Net income increased to \$7.0 million for the three months ended December 31, 2006, or 23.3%, from the three month period ended December 31, 2005. Operating income (revenues less provision for loan losses and general and administrative expenses) increased approximately \$3.1 million, or 27.7%, and was offset partially by an increase in

interest expense and an increase in income taxes.

Interest and fee income for the quarter ended December 31, 2006, increased by \$11.1 million, or 21.2%, over the same period of the prior year. This increase resulted from an \$89.5 million increase, or 21.2%, in average gross loans receivable over the two corresponding periods.

Insurance commissions and other income increased by \$1.7 million, or 18.5%, between the two quarterly periods. Insurance commissions increased by \$652,000, or 11.6%, during the most recent quarter when compared to the prior year quarter due to the increase in loans in those states where credit insurance is sold in conjunction with the loan. Other income increased by approximately \$1.0 million, or 30.2%, over the two corresponding quarters. The increase was attributable to an increase in the sale of electronic items and appliances through our "World Class Buying Club" of approximately \$644,000. Revenue from motor club products also increased by approximately \$333,000 when comparing the two quarters.

Total revenues rose to \$74.1 million during the quarter ended December 31, 2006, a 20.8% increase over the \$61.3 million for the corresponding quarter of the previous year. This increase was attributable to new offices and an increase in revenues from offices open throughout both quarterly periods. Revenues from the 571 offices open throughout both quarterly periods increased by approximately 11.1%. At December 31, 2006, the Company had 731 offices in operation, an increase of 111 offices from March 31, 2006.

The provision for loan losses during the quarter ended December 31, 2006 increased by \$1.6 million, or 9.8%, from the same quarter last year. This increase resulted from an increase in the general allowance for loan losses due to loan growth. Net charge-offs for the current quarter amounted to \$15.0 million, an increase from \$13.8 million charged off during the same quarter of fiscal year 2006. As a percentage of average loans receivable, net charge-offs decreased to 15.8% on an annualized basis for the current quarter from 17.4% for the quarter ended December 31, 2005. Although the Company does not anticipate experiencing any near term material change in its ongoing expected loss ratios, it cannot give assurance that such changes will not occur or would not materially and adversely affect the Company's results of operations and financial condition.

General and administrative expenses for the quarter ended December 31, 2006 increased by \$8.0 million, or 24.1% over the same quarter of fiscal year 2006. Overall, general and administrative expenses, when divided by average open offices, increased by approximately 6.7% when comparing the two periods; and, as a percentage of total revenue, increased from 54.5% over the same quarter of fiscal year 2006 to 55.9% during the most recent period. The increase was a result of \$1.7 million expense, or approximately 2.2% of total revenue, for share-based compensation. No such share-based compensation was required to be recognized for the comparable period. On a comparable basis, general and administrative expenses as a percent of total revenue were in line from the prior year quarter because revenue grew faster than did expenses.

Interest expense increased by \$681,000 when comparing the two corresponding quarterly periods as a result of the recent rise in interest rates and an increase in the average outstanding borrowings.

The Company's effective income tax rate increased slightly to 38.8% for the three months ended December 31, 2006 from 37.1% for the prior year quarter due to an increase in state income taxes.

Overall, per share earnings growth benefited from growth in revenue, as well as lower charge-offs as a percent of average loans and a reduction in shares outstanding. Although we are not expecting future earnings to increase at the same rate as the current quarter, we do expect good results for the remainder of the fiscal year as we focus on internal growth, new office openings, our continued close management of expenses and our recent successes with lower delinquencies and charge-offs.

#### Comparison of Nine Months Ended December 31, 2006, Versus Nine Months Ended December 31, 2005

Net income increased to \$26.9 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2006, or 31.5% from the nine month period ended December 31, 2005. Operating income (revenues less provision for loan losses and general and administrative expenses) increased approximately \$12.6 million, or 33.4%, and was offset partially by an increase in interest expense and an increase in income taxes.

Interest and fee income for the nine months ended December 31, 2006, increased by \$31.1 million, or 21.3%, over the same period of the prior year. This increase resulted from a \$81.9 million increase, or 21.0%, in average gross loans receivable over the two corresponding periods.

Insurance commissions and other income increased by \$4.2 million, or 17.6%, between the two periods. Insurance commissions increased by \$2.8 million, or 18.8%, during the most recent nine months when compared to the prior year first nine months due to the increase in loans in those states where credit insurance is sold in conjunction with the loan. Other income increased by approximately \$1.4 million, or 15.6%, over the two corresponding periods primarily due to an increase in revenue from motor club products of approximately \$762,000 and a \$1.3 million increase in sales from our "World Class Buying Club" when comparing the two nine month periods. This increase was partially offset by an unrealized loss of \$253,000 recorded for the change in the fair value of the interest rate swap.

Total revenues rose to \$205.1 million during the nine months ended December 31, 2006, a 20.8% increase over the \$169.8 million for the corresponding period of the previous year. This increase was attributed to new offices and an increase in revenues from offices open throughout both periods. Revenues from the 568 offices open throughout both periods increased by approximately 14.0% largely due to an increase in average loans outstanding, primarily in Texas.

The provision for loan losses during the nine months ended December 31, 2006 increased by \$3.9 million, or 10.0%, from the same period last year. This increase resulted from an increase in the general allowance for loan losses due to loan growth. Net charge-offs for the current nine month period amounted to \$36.4 million, an increase from \$34.8 million charged off during the same period of fiscal 2006. As a percentage of average loans receivable, net charge-offs decreased to 13.8% on an annualized basis for the current nine month period from 15.8% for the nine month period ended December 31, 2005.

General and administrative expenses for the nine month period ended December 31, 2006 increased by \$18.8 million, or 20.3% over the same nine month period of fiscal 2006. Overall, general and administrative expenses, when divided by average open offices, increased by approximately 7.2% when comparing the two periods; and, as a percentage of total revenue, decreased from 54.6% during the prior year nine month period to 54.4% during the most recent nine month period. This decrease resulted from a higher growth in revenue than expenses, notwithstanding the inclusion of \$3.1 million share-based compensation expense in the most recent nine month period.

Interest expense increased by \$1.9 million when comparing the two corresponding nine month periods as a result of the recent rise in interest rates and an increase in the average outstanding borrowings.

The Company's effective income tax rate increased slightly to 37.8% for the nine month period ended December 31, 2006 from 37.3% for the prior year period due to an increase in state income taxes.

Overall, per share earnings growth benefited from growth in revenue, as well as declines in general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenues and lower charge-offs as a percent of average loans. Although we are not expecting future earnings to increase at the same rate as the current nine month period, we do expect good results for the remainder of the fiscal year as we focus on internal growth, new office openings, our continued close management of expenses and our recent successes with lower delinquencies and charge-offs.

#### Critical Accounting Policies

The Company's accounting and reporting policies are in accordance with U. S. generally accepted accounting principles and conform to general practices within the finance company industry. Certain critical accounting policies involve significant judgment by the Company's management, including the use of estimates and assumptions which affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. As a result, changes in these estimates and assumptions could significantly affect the Company's financial position and results of operations. The Company considers its policies regarding the allowance for loan losses to be its most critical accounting policy due to the significant degree of management judgment. The Company has developed policies and procedures for assessing the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses which takes into consideration various assumptions and estimates with respect to the loan portfolio. The Company's assumptions and estimates may be affected in the future by changes in economic conditions, among other factors.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company has financed its operations, acquisitions and office expansion through a combination of cash flow from operations and borrowings from its institutional lenders. The Company's primary ongoing cash requirements relate to the funding of new offices and acquisitions, the overall growth of loans outstanding, the repayment of indebtedness and the repurchase of its common stock. As the Company's gross loans receivable increased from \$266.8 million at March 31, 2003 to \$416.3 million at March 31, 2006, net cash provided by operating activities for fiscal years 2004, 2005 and 2006 was \$69.9 million, \$87.7 million and \$98.0 million, respectively.

During the first nine months of fiscal 2007, the Company repurchased 1,096,900 shares of its common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$49,581,323. The Company believes stock repurchases to be a viable component of the Company's long-term financial strategy and an excellent use of excess cash when the opportunity arises. In addition, the Company plans to open or acquire at least 50 new offices in each of the next two fiscal years. Expenditures by the Company to open and furnish new offices generally averaged approximately \$25,000 per office during fiscal 2006. New offices have also required from \$100,000 to \$400,000 to fund outstanding loans receivable originated during their first 12 months of operation.

The Company acquired 46 offices and a number of loan portfolios from competitors in 7 states in 13 separate transactions during the first nine months of fiscal 2007. Gross loans receivable purchased in these transactions were approximately \$20.2 million in the aggregate at the dates of purchase. The Company believes that attractive opportunities to acquire new offices or receivables from its competitors or to acquire offices in communities not currently served by the Company will continue to become available as conditions in local economies and the financial circumstances of owners change.

The Company has a \$167.0 million base credit facility with a syndicate of banks. In addition to the base revolving credit commitment, there is a \$15 million seasonal revolving credit commitment available November 15 of each year through March 31 of the immediately succeeding year to cover the increase in loan demand during this period. The credit facility will expire on September 30, 2008. Funds borrowed under the revolving credit facility bear interest, at the Company's option, at either the agent bank's prime rate per annum or the LIBOR rate plus 1.85% per annum. At December 31, 2006, the interest rate on borrowings under the revolving credit facility was 8.25%. The Company pays a commitment fee equal to 0.375% per annum of the daily unused portion of the revolving credit facility. Amounts outstanding under the revolving credit facility may not exceed specified percentages of eligible loans receivable. On December 31, 2006, \$126.3 million was outstanding under this facility, and there was \$55.7 million of unused borrowing availability under the borrowing base limitations.

The Company's credit agreements contain a number of financial covenants, including minimum net worth and fixed charge coverage requirements. The credit agreements also contain certain other covenants, including covenants that impose limitations on the Company with respect to (i) declaring or paying dividends or making distributions on or acquiring common or preferred stock or warrants or options; (ii) redeeming or purchasing or prepaying principal or interest on subordinated debt; (iii) incurring additional indebtedness; and (iv) entering into a merger, consolidation or sale of substantial assets or subsidiaries. The Company believes that it was in compliance with these agreements as of December 31, 2006, and does not believe that these agreements will materially limit its business and expansion strategy.

On October 2, 2006, the Company amended its senior credit facility in connection with the issuance of \$110 million in aggregate principal amount of its 3.0% Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes due October 1, 2011. See Note 8 to the unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements included in this report for more information regarding these transactions.

The Company believes that cash flow from operations and borrowings under its revolving credit facility or other sources will be adequate to fund the expected cost of opening or acquiring new offices, including funding initial operating losses of new offices and funding loans receivable originated by those offices and the Company's other offices and the scheduled repayment of the other notes payable (for the next 12 months and for the foreseeable future beyond that). Management is not currently aware of any trends, demands, commitments, events or uncertainties related to the Company's operations that it believes will result in, or are reasonably likely to result in, the Company's liquidity increasing or decreasing in any material way. From time to time, the Company has needed and obtained, and expects that it will continue to need on a periodic basis, an increase in the borrowing limits under its revolving credit facility. The Company has successfully obtained such increases in the past and anticipates that it will be able to obtain such increases or secure other sources of financing in the future as the need arises; however, there can be no assurance that this additional funding will be available (or available on reasonable terms) if and when needed.

### Inflation

The Company does not believe that inflation has a material adverse effect on its financial condition or results of operations. The primary impact of inflation on the operations of the Company is reflected in increased operating costs. While increases in operating costs would adversely affect the Company's operations, the consumer lending laws of three of the eleven states in which the Company currently operates allow indexing of maximum loan amounts to the Consumer Price Index. These provisions will allow the Company to make larger loans at existing interest rates, which could partially offset the effect of inflationary increases in operating costs.

### Quarterly Information and Seasonality

The Company's loan volume and corresponding loans receivable follow seasonal trends. The Company's highest loan demand occurs each year from October through December, its third fiscal quarter. Loan demand is generally the lowest and loan repayment is highest from January to March, its fourth fiscal quarter. Loan volume and average balances remain relatively level during the remainder of the year. This seasonal trend causes fluctuations in the Company's cash needs and quarterly operating performance through corresponding fluctuations in interest and fee income and insurance commissions earned, since unearned interest and insurance income are accreted to income on a collection method. Consequently, operating results for the Company's third fiscal quarter are significantly lower than in other quarters and operating results for its fourth fiscal quarter are generally higher than in other quarters.



### New Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 155, "Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments - an amendment of FASB Statements No. 133 and 140". SFAS 155 permits an entity to measure at fair value any financial instrument that contains an embedded derivative that otherwise would be required to be bifurcated and accounted for separately under SFAS 133. SFAS 155 is effective for fiscal years beginning after September 15, 2006. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of SFAS 155 will have on its consolidated financial statements.

### *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*

In July 2006, FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109" ("FASB Interpretation No. 48"), was issued. It clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an entity's financial statements in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes," by prescribing the minimum recognition threshold and measurement attribute a tax position taken or expected to be taken on a tax return is required to meet before being recognized in the financial statements. FASB Interpretation No. 48 also provides guidance on derecognition, measurement, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. Management is currently evaluating the impact of FASB Interpretation No. 48, which must be implemented effective April 1, 2007.

### *Fair Value Measurements*

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 (SFAS 157), "Fair Value Measurements." SFAS 157 provides a common definition of fair value and a framework for measuring assets and liabilities at fair values when a particular standard prescribes it. In addition, the Statement prescribes a more enhanced disclosure of fair value measures, and requires a more expanded disclosure when non-market data is used to assess fair values. As required by SFAS 157, we will adopt this new accounting standard effective April 1, 2008. Management is currently reviewing the impact of SFAS 157 on our financial statements.

### *Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements*

In September 2006, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108 ("SAB 108"), "Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements," which provides interpretive guidance on the consideration of the effects of prior year misstatements in quantifying current year misstatements for the purpose of a materially assessment. SAB 108 requires registrants to quantify misstatements using both the balance sheet and income statement approaches and to evaluate whether either approach results in quantifying an error that is material based on relevant quantitative and qualitative factors. The guidance is effective for the first fiscal period ending after November 15, 2006 and the Company is required to adopt it in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007. Management is currently evaluating the impact of adopting SAB 108 on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

### Forward-Looking Information

This report on Form 10-Q, including "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," contains various "forward-looking statements," within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, that are based on management's belief and assumptions, as well as information currently available to management. Statements other than those of historical fact, as well as those identified by the words "anticipate," "estimate," "plan," "expect," "believe," "may," "will," and "should" any variation of the foregoing and similar expressions are forward-looking statements. Specifically, the statements in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of the Company's expectations regarding favorable results on the continuation of

favorable trends for the remainder of this fiscal year are forward-looking statements. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in any such forward-looking statements are reasonable, it can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Any such statements are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, the Company's actual financial results, performance or financial condition may vary materially from those anticipated, estimated or expected. Among the key factors that could cause the Company's actual financial results, performance or condition to differ from the expectations expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements are the following: changes in interest rates; risks inherent in making loans, including repayment risks and value of collateral; recently-enacted or proposed legislation; the timing and amount of revenues that may be recognized by the Company; changes in current revenue and expense trends (including trends affecting delinquencies and charge-offs); changes in the Company's markets and general changes in the economy (particularly in the markets served by the Company); the unpredictable nature of litigation, and other matters discussed in this Report under Part II, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" in the Company's most recent annual report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and the Company's other reports filed with, or furnished to, the SEC from time to time. The Company does not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statements it makes.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

*Interest Rate Risk*

The Company's financial instruments consist of the following: cash, loans receivable, senior notes payable, convertible senior subordinated notes payable, and an other note payable and an interest rate swap. Fair value approximates carrying value for all of these instruments. Loans receivable are originated at prevailing market rates and have an average life of approximately four months. Given the short-term nature of these loans, they are continually repriced at current market rates. The Company's outstanding debt under its revolving credit facility was \$126.3 million at December 31, 2006. Interest on borrowings under this facility is based, at the Company's option, on the prime rate or LIBOR plus 1.85%.

Based on the outstanding balance at December 31, 2006, a change of 1% in the interest rates would cause a change in interest expense on this outstanding debt of approximately \$963,000 on an annual basis.

In October 2005, the Company entered into an interest rate swap to economically hedge the variable cash flows associated with \$30 million of its LIBOR-based borrowings. This swap converted the \$30 million from a variable rate of one-month LIBOR to a fixed rate of 4.755% for a period of five years.

In accordance with SFAS 133, the Company records derivatives at fair value, as other assets or liabilities, on the consolidated balance sheets. Since the Company is not utilizing hedge accounting under SFAS 133, changes in the fair value of the derivative instrument are included in other income. As of December 31, 2006 the fair value of the interest rate swap was \$239,000 and is included in other assets. The change in fair value from the beginning of the year, recorded as an unrealized loss in other income, was \$253,000.

On October 10, 2006, the Company issued \$110 million convertible senior subordinated notes due October 1, 2011 (the "Convertible Notes") to qualified institutional brokers in accordance with Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. Interest on the Convertible Notes is fixed at 3% and is payable semi-annually in arrears on April 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing April 1, 2007.

The Company has another note payable which has a balance of \$600,000 at December 31, 2006, and carries an interest rate equal to LIBOR + 2.00%.

*Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk*

In September 2005 the Company began opening offices in Mexico, where its local businesses utilize the Mexican peso as their functional currency. The consolidated financial statements of the Company are denominated in U.S. dollars and are therefore subject to fluctuation as the U.S. dollar and Mexican peso foreign exchange rates change. International revenues were less than 1% of the Company's total revenues for the quarter ended December 31, 2006 and net loans denominated in Mexican pesos were approximately \$2.5 million (USD) at December 31, 2006.

The Company's foreign currency exchange rate exposures may change over time as business practices evolve and could have a material effect on the Company's financial results. There have been, and there may continue to be, period-to-period fluctuations in the relative portions of Mexican revenues.

On April 28, 2006, the Company economically hedged its foreign exchange risk by purchasing a \$1 million foreign exchange currency option with a strike rate of 11.36 Mexican peso per US dollar. This option expires on April 30, 2007. The fair value of the option at December 31, 2006, and the change in the fair value of the option in fiscal 2007 is less than \$15,000.

Because its earnings are affected by fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar against foreign currencies, the Company has performed an analysis assuming a hypothetical 10% increase or decrease in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to the Mexican peso in which our transactions in Mexico are denominated. At December 31, 2006, the analysis indicated that such market movements would not have had a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements. The actual effects on the consolidated financial statements in the future may differ materially from results of the analysis for the quarter ended December 31, 2006. The Company will continue to monitor and assess the effect of currency fluctuations and may institute further hedging alternatives.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

An evaluation was carried out under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2006. Based on that evaluation, the Company's management, including the CEO and CFO, has concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective as of December 31, 2006. During the third quarter of fiscal 2007, there was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

From time to time the Company is involved in routine litigation relating to claims arising out of its operations in the normal course of business. The Company believes that it is not presently a party to any such pending legal proceedings that would have a material adverse effect on its financial condition.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Other than as reported in Part II, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" of our report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2006, there have been no changes to the risk factors previously disclosed under Part I, Item 1A (page 9) of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2006.

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

On October 10, 2006, pursuant to a purchase agreement dated as of October 3, 2006, between the Company and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. as representative for itself and Jeffries & Company, Inc. and BMO Capital Markets Corp., as initial purchasers, the Company issued \$110,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 3.00% Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes due 2011. The notes were sold by the initial purchasers to qualified institutional buyers, pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933. Other information regarding the sale of the notes was set forth in Forms 8-K filed by the Company on October 4, 2006 and October 12, 2006 and is included in Note 8 to the accompanying unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements included in this report.

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

The Company's credit agreements contain certain restrictions on the payment of cash dividends on its capital stock. See "Management's Discussion of Liquidity and Capital Resources."

## Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

|   | (a) Total<br>Number of<br>Shares<br>Purchased | (b) Average<br>Price Paid<br>per<br>Share | (c) Total Number<br>of Shares<br>Purchased<br>as Part of<br>Publicly<br>Announced Plans<br>or Programs | (d) Approximate<br>Dollar<br>Value of Shares<br>That May Yet be<br>Purchased Under<br>the<br>Plans or<br>Programs |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| October 1 through<br>October 31, 2006   | 1,030,900                                     | 46.23                                     | 1,030,900  | 7,341,493   |
| November 1 through<br>November 30, 2006 | -   | -   | -  | 7,341,493   |
| December 1 through<br>December 31, 2006 | -   | -   | -  | 7,341,493   |
| <b>Total for the Quarter</b>            | <b>1,030,900</b>                              | <b>\$ 46.23</b>                           | <b>1,030,900</b>   |   |

The Board of Directors authorized an additional \$55 million of repurchases under the Company's stock repurchase program. This authorization, which was disclosed in a press release dated October 3, 2006, is not subject to specific targets or any expiration date, but may be discontinued at any time.

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**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION, CONTINUED**

| Item 6.           | <u>Exhibits</u>   |                               |   |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|
| Exhibit<br>Number | Description   | Previous<br>Exhibit<br>Number | Company<br>Registration<br>No. or<br>Report |
| 3.1               | Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company, as amended                                | 3.1                           | 333-107426                                  |
| 3.2               | Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company  | 99.3                          | 3-29-06 8-K                                 |
| 4.1               | Specimen Share Certificate  | 4.1                           | 33-42879                                    |
| 4.2               | Articles 3, 4 and 5 of the Form of Company's Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (as amended) | 3.1                           | 333-107426                                  |
| 4.3               | Article II, Section 9 of the Company's Second Amended and Restated Bylaws                                       | 3.2                           | 33-42879                                    |
| 4.4               | Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated July 20, 2005   | 4.4                           | 6-30-05<br>10-Q                             |
| 4.5               | First Amendment Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of August 4, 2006                     | 4.4                           | 6-30-06<br>10-Q                             |
| 4.6               | Second Amendment to Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of October 2, 2006                 | 10.1                          | 10-04-06<br>8-K                             |
| 4.7               | Subsidiary Security Agreement dated as of June 30, 1997, as amended through July 20, 2005                       | 4.5                           | 9-30-05<br>10-Q                             |
| 4.8               | Company Security Agreement dated as of June 20, 1997, as amended through July 20, 2005                          | 4.6                           | 9-30-05<br>10-Q                             |
| 4.9               |   | 4.7                           |   |

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|      | Fourth Amendment to Subsidiary Amended and Restated Security Agreement, Pledge and Indenture of Trust (i.e. Subsidiary Security Agreement)  |     | 6-30-05<br>10-Q |
| 4.10 | Fourth Amendment to Amended and Restated Security Agreement, Pledge and Indenture of Trust, dated as of June 30, 1997, between the Company and Harris Trust and Savings Bank, as Security Trustee | 4.8 | 9-30-07<br>10-Q |
| 4.11 | Fifth Amendment to Amended and Restated Security Agreement, Pledge and Indenture of Trust (i.e. Company Security Agreement)   | 4.9 | 6-30-05<br>10-Q |
| 4.12 | Form of 3.00% Convertible Senior Subordinated Note due 2011   | 4.1 | 10-12-06<br>8-K |
| 4.13 | Indenture, dated October 10, 2006 between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee  | 4.2 | 10-12-06<br>8-K |



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| 31.1              | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer | *                             |   |
| 31.2              | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-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             | *                             |   |

\* Filed or furnished herewith.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant 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.

**WORLD ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION**

By: /s/ A. Alexander McLean, III

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A. Alexander McLean, III, Chief  
Executive Officer  
Date: February 7, 2007

By: /s/ Kelly Malson Snape

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Kelly Malson Snape, Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
Date: February 7, 2007