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Set forth below is an excerpt of a press release issued by Avis Budget Group, Inc. on August 4, 2010 relating to its second quarter 2010 results.

Other Items

Potential Acquisition of Dollar Thrifty On July 28, 2010, we submitted an offer to purchase Dollar Thrifty Automotive Group, Inc. for \$46.50 per share of Dollar Thrifty common stock (approximately \$1.4 billion in total), consisting of \$39.25 in cash which would include the proceeds of a pre-closing special dividend to be paid by Dollar Thrifty, and 0.6543 shares of Avis Budget common stock (valued at \$7.25 as of July 28). The cash portion of our offer will be funded through a combination of available cash and fully committed financing.

Forward-Looking Statements

This communication includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are based on Avis Budget's current expectations and they include, among others, statements regarding expected synergies and benefits of a potential combination of Avis Budget and Dollar Thrifty. There is no assurance that Avis Budget will enter into a merger agreement with Dollar Thrifty or that the potential transaction will be consummated, and there are a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements made herein. These risks and uncertainties include the timing to consummate the potential transaction between Avis Budget and Dollar Thrifty and the ability and timing to obtain required regulatory approvals and financing, Avis Budget's ability to realize the synergies contemplated by the potential transaction, Dollar Thrifty's ability to remove certain lock-up provisions from its existing merger agreement with Hertz Global Holdings Inc., Avis Budget's ability to promptly and effectively integrate the businesses of Dollar Thrifty and Avis Budget, those risks and uncertainties discussed in the Risk Factors section of Avis Budget's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 and Quarterly Report for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2010, and other factors discussed in Avis Budget's filings with the SEC. Investors and security holders are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which apply only as of the date of this communication. Avis Budget does not undertake any obligation to update its forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this communication.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval. This communication relates to a potential transaction between Dollar Thrifty and Avis Budget, which may become the subject of a registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). This material is not a substitute for the prospectus/proxy statement Avis Budget may file with the SEC regarding the potential transaction or for any other document which Avis Budget may file with the SEC and may send to Avis Budget or Dollar Thrifty stockholders in connection with the potential transaction. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF AVIS BUDGET AND DOLLAR THRIFTY ARE URGED TO READ ANY SUCH DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE POTENTIAL TRANSACTION.

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Avis Budget and its directors and executive officers and other persons may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the potential transaction. Information regarding Avis Budget's directors and executive officers is available in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, which was filed with the SEC on February 24, 2010, and its proxy statement for its 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 1, 2010. Other information regarding the participants in a proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in a proxy statement filed in connection with the potential transaction.