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# THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY REPORTS INCREASED REVENUES AND REDUCED OPERATING COSTS IN 2010 SECOND-QUARTER RESULTS

NEW YORK, July 22, 2010 – The New York Times Company announced today 2010 second-quarter results.

- Total revenues increased 1.2 percent to \$589.6 million in the second quarter of 2010 compared with the second quarter of 2009, an improvement from the first quarter 2010 decline of 3.2 percent compared with the first quarter of 2009.
- Operating costs excluding depreciation, amortization and severance declined 3.7 percent in the second quarter of 2010 versus the second quarter of 2009. On a GAAP basis, the Company's operating costs declined 4.3 percent in the second quarter of 2010 versus the second quarter of 2009.
- Operating profit excluding depreciation, amortization, severance and a special item in 2009 grew 39.4 percent to \$92.6 million in the second quarter of 2010 compared with \$66.4 million in the second quarter of 2009. On a GAAP basis, operating profit more than doubled to \$60.8 million in the second quarter of 2010 compared with \$23.5 million in the second quarter of 2009.
- Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations excluding severance and the special items discussed below more than doubled to \$.18 per share in the second quarter of 2010 compared with \$.08 in the same period of 2009. On a GAAP basis, the Company had diluted earnings per share from continuing operations of \$.21 per share in the second quarter of 2010 compared with \$.27 in the second quarter of 2009.
- The Company continues to manage its liquidity, reducing its debt and capital lease obligations, net of cash and cash equivalents by approximately one third to \$670 million from its balance at the beginning of 2009, even after making pension contributions totaling \$87.5 million in the second quarter of 2010. The majority of the Company's debt matures in 2015 or later.

"These positive results continued to build on the momentum of the past few quarters as the Company was able to increase revenues and decrease operating costs," said Janet L. Robinson, president and chief executive officer, The New York Times Company. "In the second quarter, total revenues increased 1 percent, reversing the first quarter 2010 decline of 3 percent, as we experienced positive trending in both print and digital advertising revenues.

"Solid growth in digital advertising revenues, which rose 21 percent, offset a 6 percent decrease in print advertising, and advertising revenues ended the quarter roughly flat compared with the second quarter of last year. Online advertising revenues have become a larger part of our mix and made up 26 percent of the Company's total advertising revenues in the 2010 second quarter, up from 22 percent in the same prior-year period.

"Based on the early part of the third quarter, third-quarter revenue trends for print advertising are expected to improve from the levels of the second quarter, while digital advertising is expected to trend in the mid to high teens. The low-single digit circulation revenue growth we experienced in the first part of 2010 is not expected to continue in the second half of the year, as we will be cycling past the June 2009 price increases at The New York Times and The Boston Globe and thus expect 3 to 5 percent declines in circulation revenues in the third quarter.

"The Company is well-positioned to thrive in the evolving media marketplace, thanks to the significant progress we are making in reinventing our enterprise. Despite an increasingly competitive environment and volatile economic conditions, we believe that by staying committed to our brand promise of high quality journalism that engages audiences with our content across multiple platforms, when and where they want it, we will ensure The New York Times Company remains a dominant force in the media landscape."

#### **Comparisons**

All quarterly comparisons exclude the results of WQXR-FM, a New York City classical radio station, which was sold in the fourth quarter of 2009, and are reported as discontinued operations.

The second-quarter 2010 results from continuing operations included the following special item:

• A \$9.1 million (\$5.2 million after tax or \$.03 per share) gain, included within income from joint ventures, from the sale of 50 of the Company's 750 units in New England Sports Ventures, LLC (NESV).

The second-quarter 2009 results from continuing operations included the following special items:

- A \$37.7 million (\$.26 per share) tax benefit related to a change in estimate for income taxes in the first half of 2009.
- A \$9.3 million (\$5.6 million after tax or \$.04 per share) charge for a premium on the redemption of the Company's \$250.0 million of notes, which was completed in April 2009.
- A \$6.8 million (\$3.9 million after tax or \$.02 per share) charge for a pension withdrawal obligation under a multi-employer pension plan related to the closure of City & Suburban, the Company's retail and newsstand distribution subsidiary, which was closed in early January 2009, as well as a curtailment charge resulting from freezing benefits under a Company-sponsored pension plan.

In addition to these special items, the Company had \$1.4 million (\$0.8 million after tax or \$.00 per share) in severance costs in the second quarter of 2010 compared with \$1.7 million (\$1.0 million after tax or \$.01 per share) in the second quarter of 2009.

Unless otherwise noted all comparisons are for the second quarter of 2010 to the second quarter of 2009. This release includes non-GAAP financial measures, and the exhibits include a discussion of management's use of these non-GAAP financial measures and reconciliations to the most comparable GAAP financial measures.

### **Second-Quarter Results from Continuing Operations**

#### Revenues

Total revenues increased 1.2 percent to \$589.6 million from \$582.7 million. Advertising and other revenues were flat and circulation revenues rose 3.2 percent.

The increase in digital advertising revenues, which rose 21.2 percent, offset a 6.1 percent decrease in print advertising revenues.

Circulation revenues rose because of higher subscription and newsstand prices at The New York Times and The Boston Globe, offset in part by volume declines across the News Media Group.

### **Operating Costs**

Operating costs decreased 4.3 percent to \$528.8 million from \$552.4 million. Depreciation and amortization decreased to \$30.3 million from \$34.4 million in the second quarter of 2009 primarily due to the accelerated depreciation expense recognized in the second quarter of 2009 for assets at the Billerica, Mass., printing facility.

Excluding depreciation, amortization and severance, operating costs were down 3.7 percent to \$497.0 million from \$516.3 million driven by a decline in newsprint expense and various other expense categories. Newsprint expense declined 15.1 percent, with 8.3 percent from lower consumption and 6.8 percent from lower pricing.

#### **Second-Quarter Business Segment Results**

#### **News Media Group**

Total News Media Group revenues were \$555.9 million compared with \$555.5 million. Advertising revenues declined 2.3 percent, circulation revenues rose 3.2 percent, and other revenues were on a par with last year.

Print advertising revenues were lower across the News Media Group resulting in a 6.1 percent decline. Digital advertising revenues grew 19.8 percent partially offsetting the print decline.

Circulation revenues rose because of higher subscription and newsstand prices at The New York Times and The Boston Globe, offset in part by volume declines across the News Media Group.

News Media Group operating costs decreased 5.0 percent to \$501.5 million from \$527.7 million. Excluding depreciation, amortization and severance, operating costs decreased 4.4 percent to \$472.6 million from \$494.3 million driven by a decline in newsprint expense and various other expense categories.

Operating profit for the News Media Group was \$54.4 million in the second quarter of 2010 compared with \$21.0 million in the second quarter of 2009. Excluding depreciation, amortization, severance and a special item in the second quarter of 2009, operating profit in the second quarter of 2010 was \$83.3 million compared with \$61.2 million, primarily due to lower operating costs.

#### **About Group**

About Group revenues increased 24.1 percent to \$33.7 million from \$27.1 million due to growth in display and cost-per-click advertising.

About Group operating costs increased 8.4 percent to \$18.3 million from \$16.9 million. Excluding depreciation, amortization and severance, operating costs increased 10.1 percent to \$15.5 million from \$14.1 million primarily because of higher compensation costs and marketing expenses.

Operating profit rose 50.0 percent to \$15.3 million from \$10.2 million. Excluding depreciation, amortization and severance, operating profit increased 39.2 percent to \$18.2 million from \$13.1 million, mainly due to higher advertising revenues.

#### Other Financial Data

#### **Internet Revenues**

Internet businesses include NYTimes.com, About.com, Boston.com and other Company Web sites. In the second quarter, total Internet revenues increased 20.5 percent to \$94.3 million from \$78.2 million, and Internet advertising revenues increased 21.2 percent to \$82.4 million from \$68.0 million. Internet advertising revenues at the News Media Group increased 19.8 percent to \$50.4 million from \$42.1 million mainly due to strong growth in national display advertising. In total, Internet businesses accounted for 16.0 percent of the Company's revenues for the second quarter of 2010 versus 13.4 percent for the second quarter of 2009.

For the first half of 2010, the Company's Internet revenues increased 18.0 percent to \$184.6 million from \$156.4 million in the same period in 2009, and Internet advertising revenues increased 19.8 percent to \$162.4 million from \$135.6 million. In total, Internet businesses accounted for 15.7 percent of the Company's revenues for the first half of 2010 versus 13.1 percent for first half of 2009.

#### **Joint Ventures**

Income from joint ventures was \$16.8 million compared with \$8.4 million in the second quarter of 2009. The second quarter of 2010 included a \$9.1 million pre-tax gain from the sale of 50 of the Company's 750 units in NESV. Excluding the gain, income from joint ventures declined due to lower paper selling prices at both paper mills in which the Company has investments.

Following the sale, the Company owns a 16.57 percent interest in NESV. The Company intends to continue to explore the sale of its remaining interest in NESV, in whole or in parts.

#### **Interest Expense-net**

Interest expense, net decreased mainly as a result of lower average debt outstanding offset in part by higher interest rates on the Company's debt.

#### **Income Taxes**

The Company's effective income tax rate was 44.6 percent in the second quarter of 2010. The effective tax rate for the first half of 2010 was 53.4 percent, primarily because of a \$10.9 million one-time tax charge for the reduction in future tax benefits for retiree health benefits resulting from the federal health care legislation enacted in the first quarter of 2010.

In the second quarter of 2009, the Company's calculation of taxes resulted in a change in the estimate for the first half of 2009. The effect of the change in the second quarter of 2009 was the recognition of a \$37.7 million tax benefit. The tax benefit for the first half of 2009 had an effective tax rate of 52.9 percent, primarily because of a favorable adjustment to reduce the Company's reserve for uncertain tax positions.

### **Cash and Total Debt and Capital Lease Obligations**

The following table details the maturities and carrying values of the Company's debt and capital lease obligations, net of cash and cash equivalents as of June 27, 2010.

(in thousands)	
2012 4.61% medium-term notes	\$ 75,000
2015 5.0% notes and 14.053% notes	500,000
2019 Option to repurchase ownership interest in headquarters building	250,000
Total	\$ 825,000
Unamortized amounts	(59,045)
Carrying value of debt	\$ 765,955
Capital lease obligations	6,737
Total debt and capital lease obligations	\$ 772,692
Less:	
Cash and cash equivalents	102,431
Debt and capital lease obligations, net of cash and cash equivalents	\$ 670,261

As of the end of the second quarter of 2010, excluding letters of credit, there were no outstanding borrowings under the Company's \$400.0 million revolving credit facility.

#### **Capital Expenditures**

Capital expenditures totaled approximately \$6 million in the second quarter of 2010. Year-to-date capital expenditures totaled approximately \$10 million.

#### **Pension Contributions**

In the second quarter of 2010, the Company made discretionary contributions of \$87.5 million to certain of its Company-sponsored qualified pension plans. The Company may make additional discretionary contributions to its Company-sponsored qualified pension plans in 2010 depending on cash flows, pension asset performance, interest rates and other factors.

#### 2010 Expectations

While the Company will remain diligent in managing its operating expenses, its year-over-year cost trends will become more challenging in the second half of the year, particularly in the third quarter, due to the impact of rising newsprint prices, the timing and level of variable compensation, the elimination of certain salary rollbacks, and increased promotional spending and other costs associated with the launch of the NYTimes.com pay model, while the Company also cycles past certain cost-saving initiatives in the third quarter of 2009. As a result, the Company expects higher year-over-year costs in the low- to mid-single digits in the third quarter of 2010, although it expects fourth-quarter costs to be comparable to the same period last year, despite significantly higher newsprint prices.

Newsprint prices have increased as the year has progressed, such that the Company believes its newsprint price variance will become unfavorable on a year-over-year basis beginning in the third quarter. Accordingly, the Company expects that higher newsprint prices will negatively affect operating expenses by approximately \$25 million for the second half of 2010, exclusive of the favorable impact on operating expenses of lower consumption.

In addition, the Company expects the following on a pre-tax basis in 2010:

- Depreciation and amortization: \$120 to \$125 million,
- Capital expenditures: \$45 to \$55 million,
- Interest expense, net: \$85 to \$90 million, and
- Income from joint ventures: \$5 to \$10 million, excluding a gain of approximately \$13 million (the Company's share is approximately \$10 million) from the sale of an asset at one of the

paper mills in which the Company has an investment and a gain of approximately \$9 million from the sale of a portion of the Company's interest in NESV.

The Company also expects to record in the third quarter of 2010 an approximate \$16 million charge for the write-down of assets at The Boston Globe's printing facility in Billerica, Mass., which was consolidated into the Boston, Mass., printing facility in the second quarter of last year. After exploring different opportunities, the Company determined in the third quarter of 2010 that the majority of these assets would be sold.

#### **Conference Call Information**

The Company's second-quarter 2010 earnings conference call will be held on Thursday, July 22, at 11:00 a.m. E.T. To access the call, dial 888-293-6979 (in the U.S.) and 719-457-2639 (international callers). Participants should dial into the conference call approximately 10 minutes before the start time. Online listeners can link to the live webcast at www.nytco.com/investors.

An archive of the webcast will be available beginning two hours after the call at <a href="www.nytco.com/investors">www.nytco.com/investors</a>, and a transcript of the call will also be posted. The archive and transcript will be available for approximately three months.

An audio replay will be available at 888-203-1112 (in the U.S.) and 719-457-0820 (international callers) beginning approximately two hours after the call until 5 p.m. E.T. on Friday, July 23. The access code is 5148909.

Except for the historical information contained herein, the matters discussed in this press release are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those predicted by such forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include national and local conditions, as well as competition, that could influence the levels (rate and volume) of retail, national and classified advertising and circulation generated by our various markets, material increases in newsprint prices and the development of our digital businesses. They also include other risks detailed from time to time in the Company's publicly filed documents, including the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 27, 2009. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

The New York Times Company (NYSE: NYT), a leading media company with 2009 revenues of \$2.4 billion, includes The New York Times, the International Herald Tribune, The Boston Globe, 15 other daily newspapers and more than 50 Web sites, including NYTimes.com, Boston.com and About.com. The Company's core purpose is to enhance society by creating, collecting and distributing high-quality news, information and entertainment.

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Exhibits: Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations

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News Media Group Revenues by Operating Segment

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Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Information

### THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

 $(Dollars\ and\ shares\ in\ thousands,\ except\ per\ share\ data)$ 

Secon	d Quarter				Six M	Ionths			
2010		2009	% Change	20	010		2009	% Change	
\$ 314,880	\$	315,544	-0.2%	\$	627,538	\$	648,382	-3.2%	
234,808		227,476	3.2%		471,671		456,390	3.3%	
39,899		39,673	0.6%		78,245		85,054	-8.0%	
589,587		582,693	1.2%		1,177,454		1,189,826	-1.0%	
236,802		253,089	-6.4%		477,651		542,819	-12.0%	
261,633		264,886	-1.2%		525,604		590,873	-11.0%	
30,327		34,391	-11.8%		60,716		71,132	-14.6%	
528,762		552,366	-4.3%		1,063,971		1,204,824	-11.7%	
-		-	N/A		-		16,363	N/A	
		6,845	N/A	ī			6,845	N/A	
60,825		23,482	*		113,483		(38,206)	*	
16,806		8,434	99.3%		25,917		12,837	*	
20,614		21,656	-4.8%		41,198		39,802	3.5%	
-		9,250	N/A		_		9,250	N/A	
	-	7,200					7,200		
57,017		1,010	*		98,202		(74,421)	*	
25,435		(38,200)	*		52,462		(39,371)	*	
31,582		39,210	-19.5%		45,740		(35,050)	*	
237		(86)	*		237		(55)	*	
31,819		39,124	-18.7%		45,977		(35,105)	*	
		(60)	*					*	
217	-	(00)			(1,131)		(2))		
\$ 32,033	\$	39,064	-18.0%	\$	44,826	\$	(35,404)	*	
\$ 31,796	\$	39,150	-18.8%	\$	44,589	\$	(35,349)	*	
237		(86)	*		237		(55)	*	
\$ 32,033	\$	39,064	-18.0%	\$	44,826	\$	(35,404)	*	
145,601		143,981	1.1%		145,398		143,944	1.0%	
152,962		144,626	5.8%		153,855		143,944	6.9%	
\$ 0.22	\$	0.27	-18.5%	\$	0.31	\$	(0.25)	*	
								N/A	
\$ 0.22	\$	0.27	-18.5%	\$	0.31	\$	(0.25)	*	
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\$ 0.21	\$	0.27	-22.2%	\$	0.29	\$	(0.25)	*	
	*			Ť		-		N/A	
\$ 0.21	\$	0.27	-22.2%	\$	0.29	\$	(0.25)	*	
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\$ 0.00	\$	0.00	N/A	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	N/A	
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## THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY SEGMENT INFORMATION

 $( Dollars\ in\ thousands)$ 

		Secon	d Quart	er	-		Six	Months	3	
		<u>2010</u>		2009	% Change		<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>	% Chang
<u>Revenues</u>										
News Media Group	\$	555,898	\$	555,548	0.1%	\$	1,109,067	\$	1,135,841	-2.49
About Group		33,689		27,145	24.1%		68,387		53,985	26.7%
Total	\$	589,587	\$	582,693	1.2%	\$	1,177,454	\$	1,189,826	-1.0%
Operating Profit/(Loss)										
News Media Group	\$	54,397	\$	21,034	*	\$	102,868	\$	(33,312)	
About Group		15,346		10,230	50.0%		31,906		19,181	66.3%
Corporate		(8,918)		(7,782)	14.6%		(21,291)		(24,075)	-11.6%
Total	\$	60,825	\$	23,482	*	\$	113,483	\$	(38,206)	
Operating Profit/(Loss)	Before I	Depreciation &	Amor	tization, Severan	ce & Special Iten	<u>ns</u> (h)				
News Media Group	\$	83,293	\$	61,227	36.0%	\$	159,470	\$	81,071	96.7%
About Group		18,181		13,064	39.2%		37,658		25,112	50.0%
		(8,918)		(7,900)	12.9%		(21,288)		(23,391)	-9.0%
Corporate			\$	66,391	39.4%	\$	175,840	\$	82,792	

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# THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY NEWS MEDIA GROUP REVENUES BY OPERATING SEGMENT

(Dollars in thousands)

	_		20	10		
			% Change vs.			% Change vs.
	_	Second Quarter	2009	_	Six Months	2009
The New York Times Media Group						
Advertising	\$	185,288	1.1%	\$	370,347	-3.2%
Circulation		172,818	3.9%		346,237	3.9%
Other		22,463	-3.7%		44,563	-13.3%
Total	\$	380,569	2.0%	\$	761,147	-0.8%
New England Media Group						
Advertising	\$	53,310	-9.1%	\$	103,569	-9.4%
Circulation		42,146	4.3%		83,436	6.2%
Other		10,894	5.3%		20,858	-0.7%
Total	\$	106,350	-2.8%	\$	207,863	-2.8%
Regional Media Group						
Advertising	\$	44,272	-7.1%	\$	88,532	-11.5%
Circulation		19,844	-4.1%		41,998	-5.8%
Other		4,863	2.4%		9,527	-4.7%
Total	\$	68,979	-5.6%	\$	140,057	-9.4%
<b>Total News Media Group</b>						
Advertising	\$	282,870	-2.3%	\$	562,448	-5.8%
Circulation		234,808	3.2%		471,671	3.3%
Other (a)		38,220	-0.5%		74,948	-9.0%
Total	\$	555,898	0.1%	\$	1,109,067	-2.4%

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# THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY ADVERTISING REVENUES BY CATEGORY

(Dollars in thousands)

	2010								
	Sec	ond Quarter	% Change vs. 2009		Six Months	% Change vs. 2009			
News Media Group									
National	\$	156,239	3.9%	\$	315,107	-1.4%			
Retail		66,492	-10.6%		130,193	-10.8%			
Classified:									
Help-Wanted		9,933	-0.9%		19,407	-9.5%			
Real Estate		17,954	-15.3%		34,448	-19.6%			
Automotive		10,043	-5.6%		19,774	-9.6%			
Other		12,607	-7.3%		25,512	-5.7%			
Total Classified	·	50,537	-8.9%		99,141	-12.4%			
Other		9,602	1.5%		18,007	-2.1%			
Total News Media Group		282,870	-2.3%		562,448	-5.8%			
About Group		32,010	23.6%		65,090	26.8%			
Total Company	\$	314,880	-0.2%	\$	627,538	-3.2%			

### THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY FOOTNOTES

(Dollars in thousands)

(a)

Other revenues consist primarily of revenues from news services/syndication, commercial printing, rental income, digital archives and direct mail advertising services.

- (b) In the first quarter of 2009, the Company recorded an estimated loss on leases of \$16.4 million at City & Suburban, the Company's retail and newsstand distribution subsidiary, which was closed in early January 2009. In the fourth quarter of 2009, the Company recorded an adjustment of \$6.5 million to this estimate.
- In the second quarter of 2009, the Company recorded a \$6.8 million charge for a pension withdrawal obligation under a multi-employer pension plan related to the closure of City & Suburban as well as a curtailment charge resulting from freezing benefits under a Company-sponsored pension plan.
- In the second quarter of 2010, the Company recorded a \$9.1 million pre-tax gain from the sale of 50 of its 750 units in New England Sports Ventures, LLC. In the first quarter of 2010, the Company recorded a \$12.7 million pre-tax gain from the sale of an asset at one of the paper mills in which the Company has an investment. The Company's share of the pre-tax gain, after eliminating the noncontrolling interest portion, is \$10.2 million.
- In the second quarter of 2009, the Company recorded a \$9.3 million charge for a premium on the redemption of the Company's \$250.0 million of notes, which was completed in April 2009.
- In the first quarter of 2010, the Company recorded a \$10.9 million one-time tax charge for the reduction in future tax benefits for retiree health benefits resulting from the recently enacted federal health care legislation. In the second quarter of 2009, the Company recorded a \$37.7 million tax benefit related to a change in estimate for income taxes in the first half of 2009.
- In the fourth quarter of 2009, the Company sold WQXR-FM, its New York City classical radio station. The results for WQXR-FM, which had previously been included in The New York Times Media Group, are now classified as discontinued operations for all periods presented. In the second quarter of 2010, the Company had net income from discontinued operations as a result of post-closing adjustments to the gain on the sale.

Results for WQXR-FM were as follows:

	Second Quarter				Six Months			
	2	2010		2009		<u>2010</u>		2009
Revenues	\$	-	\$	1,792	\$	-	\$	3,681
Pre-tax loss	\$	-	\$	(151)	\$	-	\$	(97)
Income tax benefit		-		(65)		-		(42)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes		_		(86)		<u>-</u>		(55)
Gain on sale, net of income taxes:								
Gain on sale		410		-		410		-
Income tax expense		173		_		173		
Gain on sale, net of income taxes		237		-		237		-
Income/(loss) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	\$	237	\$	(86)	\$	237	\$	(55)

<sup>(</sup>h) See "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Information" for reconciliations of operating profit/(loss) to operating profit/(loss) before depreciation, amortization, severance and special items.

### THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP INFORMATION

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

In this release, the Company has included non-GAAP financial information with respect to diluted earnings per share from continuing operations excluding severance and special items (if any), operating profit/(loss) before depreciation, amortization, severance and special items (if any) and operating costs before depreciation, amortization, severance and raw materials. The Company has included these non-GAAP financial measures because management reviews them on a regular basis and uses them to evaluate and manage the performance of the operations. Management believes that, for the reasons outlined below, these non-GAAP financial measures provide useful information to investors as a supplement to reported diluted earnings per share from continuing operations, operating profit/(loss) and operating costs. However, these measures should be evaluated only in conjunction with the comparable GAAP financial measures and should not be viewed as alternative or superior measures of GAAP results.

Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations excluding severance and special items provide useful information in evaluating the Company's period-to-period performance because it eliminates items that the Company does not consider to be indicative of earnings from ongoing operating activities. Operating profit/(loss) before depreciation, amortization, severance and special items is useful in evaluating the Company's ongoing performance of its businesses as it excludes the significant non-cash impact of depreciation and amortization as well as items not indicative of ongoing operating activities. Total operating costs include depreciation, amortization, severance and raw materials. Total operating costs excluding these items provide investors with helpful supplemental information on the Company's underlying operating costs that is used by management in its financial and operational decision-making.

Reconciliations of these non-GAAP financial measures from, respectively, diluted earnings per share from continuing operations, operating profit/(loss) and operating costs, the most directly comparable GAAP items, are set out in the tables below.

#### Reconciliation of diluted earnings per share from continuing operations excluding severance and special items

			Second Quarter	
	<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>	% Change
Diluted earnings per share				
from continuing operations	\$ 0.21	\$	0.27	-22.2%
Add:				
Severance	0.00		0.01	
Special items:				
Gain on sale of NESV interest	(0.03)		0.00	
Income tax adjustment	0.00		(0.26)	
Pension withdrawal and curtailment expense	0.00		0.02	
Premium on debt redemption	 0.00	_	0.04	
Diluted earnings per share from continuing				
operations excluding severance and special items	\$ 0.18	\$	0.08	*

#### Reconciliation of operating profit/(loss) before depreciation & amortization, severance and a special item

				Second (	)uarte	r 2010			
	Ne	ws Media Group		About Group		Corporate		Total Company	
Operating profit/(loss)	\$	54,397	\$	15,346	\$	(8,918)	\$	60,825	
Add:									
Depreciation & amortization		27,492		2,835		-		30,327	
Severance		1,404		-		-		1,404	
Operating profit/(loss) before depreciation &									
amortization and severance	\$	83,293	\$	18,181	\$	(8,918)	\$	92,556	
				Second (	)uarte	r 2009			
	Ne	ws Media Group		About Group		Corporate		Total Company	
Operating profit/(loss)	\$	21,034	\$	10,230	\$	(7,782)	\$	23,482	
Add:									
Depreciation & amortization		31,600		2,791		-		34,391	
Severance		1,748		43		(118)		1,673	
Special item:									
Pension withdrawal and curtailment expense		6,845		-		-		6,845	
Operating profit/(loss) before depreciation &									
amortization, severance and a special item	\$	61,227	\$	13,064	\$	(7,900)	\$	66,391	
		% Change							
	Ne	ws Media Group		About Group		Corporate		Total Company	
Operating profit/(loss)		*		50.0%		14.6%		*	
Add:									
Depreciation & amortization		-13.0%		1.6%		N/A		-11.8%	
Severance		-19.7%		N/A		N/A		-16.1%	
Special item:									
Pension withdrawal and curtailment expense		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A	
Operating profit/(loss) before depreciation &									
amortization, severance and a special item		36.0%		39.2%		12.9%		39.4%	

<sup>\*</sup> Represents an increase in excess of 100%.

### THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP INFORMATION (continued)

(Dollars in thousands)

### Reconciliation of operating profit/(loss) before depreciation & amortization, severance and special items

	Six Months 2010											
		News Media Group		About Group		<u>Corporate</u>		Total Company				
Operating profit/(loss)	\$	102,868	\$	31,906	\$	(21,291)	\$	113,483				
Add:												
Depreciation & amortization		54,964		5,752		-		60,716				
Severance		1,638				3		1,641				
Operating profit/(loss) before depreciation & amortization and severance	\$	159,470	\$	37,658	\$	(21,288)	\$	175,840				
	Six Months 2009											
		News Media Group		About Group		Corporate		Total Company				
Operating (loss)/profit	\$	(33,312)	\$	19,181	\$	(24,075)	\$	(38,206)				
Add:												
Depreciation & amortization		65,559		5,573		-		71,132				
Severance		25,616		358		684		26,658				
Special items: Loss on leases Pension withdrawal and curtailment expense		16,363 6,845		<del>-</del>		- -		16,363 6,845				
Operating profit/(loss) before depreciation & amortization, severance and special items	\$	81,071	\$	25,112	\$	(23,391)	\$	82,792				
		News Media Group		About Group		<b>Corporate</b>		Total Company				
Operating profit/(loss)		*		66.3%		-11.6%		*				
Add:												
Depreciation & amortization		-16.2%		3.2%		N/A		-14.6%				
Severance		-93.6%		N/A		-99.6%		-93.8%				
Special items: Loss on leases Pension withdrawal and curtailment expense		N/A N/A		N/A N/A		N/A N/A		N/A N/A				
Operating profit/(loss) before depreciation & amortization, severance and special items		96.7%		50.0%		-9.0%		*				

<sup>\*</sup> Represents an increase in excess of 100%.

# THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP INFORMATION (continued)

(Dollars in thousands)

# Reconciliation of total Company operating costs before depreciation & amortization, severance and raw materials

	Second Quarter						
		<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>	% Change		
<b>Total Company</b>							
Operating costs	\$	528,762	\$	552,366	-4.3%		
Less:							
Depreciation & amortization		30,327		34,391			
Severance		1,404		1,673			
Operating costs before depreciation & amortization and severance		497,031		516,302	-3.7%		
Less:							
Raw materials		38,373		42,518			
Operating costs before depreciation & amortization, severance and raw materials	\$	458,658	\$	473,784	-3.2%		

## Reconciliation of News Media Group operating costs before depreciation & amortization and severance

	Second Quarter						
		<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>	% Change		
News Media Group							
Operating costs	\$	501,501	\$	527,669	-5.0%		
Less:							
Depreciation & amortization		27,492		31,600			
Severance		1,404		1,748			
Operating costs before depreciation & amortization and severance	\$	472,605	\$	494,321	-4.4%		

## Reconciliation of About Group operating costs before depreciation & amortization and severance

	Second Quarter							
	 <u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>	% Change				
About Group								
Operating costs	\$ 18,343	\$	16,915	8.4%				
Less:								
Depreciation & amortization	2,835		2,791					
Severance	 _		43					
Operating costs before depreciation & amortization and severance	\$ 15,508	\$	14,081	10.1%				