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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 10-Q**

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

For the quarterly period ended May 4, 2013

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 1-8344

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**L BRANDS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**31-1029810**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**Three Limited Parkway, P.O. Box 16000,  
Columbus, Ohio**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**43216**

(Zip Code)

**(614) 415-7000**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**Limited Brands, Inc.**

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

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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 such shorter period that 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 has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Common Stock, \$.50 Par Value

Outstanding at May 31, 2013

289,383,693 Shares

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**PART I—FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Item 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**L BRANDS, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME  
(in millions except per share amounts)  
(Unaudited)**

	<b>First Quarter</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Net Sales	\$ 2,268	\$ 2,154
Costs of Goods Sold, Buying and Occupancy	(1,327)	(1,252)
Gross Profit	941	902
General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses	(630)	(609)
Operating Income	311	293
Interest Expense	(79)	(78)
Other Income (Loss)	3	(2)
Income Before Income Taxes	235	213
Provision for Income Taxes	92	88
Net Income	\$ 143	\$ 125
Net Income Per Basic Share	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.43
Net Income Per Diluted Share	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.41
Dividends Per Share	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.25

**L BRANDS, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
(in millions)  
(Unaudited)**

	<b>First Quarter</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Net Income	\$ 143	\$ 125
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax:		
Reclassification of Cash Flow Hedges to Earnings	(6)	12
Foreign Currency Translation	4	(4)
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Cash Flow Hedges	1	(3)
Total Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax	(1)	5
Total Comprehensive Income	\$ 142	\$ 130

The accompanying Notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

**L BRANDS, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(in millions except per share amounts)

	May 4, 2013	February 2, 2013	April 28, 2012
	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 382	\$ 773	\$ 1,286
Accounts Receivable, Net	175	203	158
Inventories	1,115	1,004	1,100
Deferred Income Taxes	28	29	50
Other	204	196	222
Total Current Assets	1,904	2,205	2,816
Property and Equipment, Net	1,850	1,803	1,689
Goodwill	1,318	1,318	1,330
Trade Names and Other Intangible Assets, Net	412	412	495
Other Assets	292	281	286
Total Assets	<u>\$ 5,776</u>	<u>\$ 6,019</u>	<u>\$ 6,616</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (DEFICIT)</b>			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 561	\$ 541	\$ 536
Accrued Expenses and Other	653	807	691
Current Portion of Long-term Debt	—	—	57
Income Taxes	56	190	6
Total Current Liabilities	1,270	1,538	1,290
Deferred Income Taxes	206	200	191
Long-term Debt	4,475	4,477	4,480
Other Long-term Liabilities	819	818	786
Shareholders' Equity (Deficit):			
Preferred Stock - \$1.00 par value; 10 shares authorized; none issued	—	—	—
Common Stock - \$0.50 par value; 1,000 shares authorized; 305, 304 and 302 shares issued; 289, 289 and 292 shares outstanding, respectively	153	152	151
Paid-in Capital	206	186	78
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	3	4	5
Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	(616)	(672)	75
Less: Treasury Stock, at Average Cost; 16, 15 and 10 shares, respectively	(740)	(685)	(440)
Total Shareholders' Equity (Deficit)	(994)	(1,015)	(131)
Noncontrolling Interest	—	1	—
Total Equity (Deficit)	(994)	(1,014)	(131)
Total Liabilities and Equity (Deficit)	<u>\$ 5,776</u>	<u>\$ 6,019</u>	<u>\$ 6,616</u>

The accompanying Notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

**L BRANDS, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(in millions)  
(Unaudited)

	Year-to-Date	
	2013	2012
<b>Operating Activities:</b>		
Net Income	\$ 143	\$ 125
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities:		
Depreciation and Amortization of Long-lived Assets	100	95
Amortization of Landlord Allowances	(9)	(9)
Deferred Income Taxes	6	7
Share-based Compensation Expense	20	16
Excess Tax Benefits from Share-based Compensation	(20)	(87)
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:		
Accounts Receivable	27	47
Inventories	(112)	(102)
Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other	(165)	(168)
Income Taxes Payable	(116)	(66)
Other Assets and Liabilities	6	(41)
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(120)	(183)
<b>Investing Activities:</b>		
Capital Expenditures	(149)	(136)
Other Investing Activities	(9)	12
Net Cash Used for Investing Activities	(158)	(124)
<b>Financing Activities:</b>		
Proceeds from Long-term Debt, Net of Issuance Costs	—	985
Repurchase of Common Stock	(55)	(376)
Dividends Paid	(87)	(73)
Excess Tax Benefits from Share-based Compensation	20	87
Proceeds from Exercise of Stock Options and Other	10	33
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Financing Activities	(112)	656
Effects of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash Equivalents	(1)	2
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(391)	351
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Period	773	935
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period	\$ 382	\$ 1,286

The accompanying Notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

**L BRANDS, INC.**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(Unaudited)**

**1. Description of Business and Basis of Presentation**

***Description of Business***

Effective March 22, 2013, Limited Brands, Inc. changed its name to L Brands, Inc. (“the Company”). The Company operates in the highly competitive specialty retail business. The Company is a specialty retailer of women’s intimate and other apparel, beauty and personal care products and accessories. The Company sells its merchandise through company-owned specialty retail stores in the United States (“U.S.”), Canada and the United Kingdom, which are primarily mall-based, and through its websites, catalogue and other channels. The Company’s other international operations are primarily through franchise, license and wholesale partners. The Company currently operates the following retail brands:

- Victoria’s Secret
- PINK
- Bath & Body Works
- La Senza
- Henri Bendel

***Fiscal Year***

The Company’s fiscal year ends on the Saturday nearest to January 31. As used herein, “first quarter of 2013” and “first quarter of 2012” refer to the thirteen week periods ending May 4, 2013 and April 28, 2012, respectively.

***Basis of Consolidation***

The Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The Company accounts for investments in unconsolidated entities where it exercises significant influence, but does not have control, using the equity method. Under the equity method of accounting, the Company recognizes its share of the investee net income or loss. Losses are only recognized to the extent the Company has positive carrying value related to the investee. Carrying values are only reduced below zero if the Company has an obligation to provide funding to the investee. The Company’s share of net income or loss of unconsolidated entities from which the Company purchases merchandise or merchandise components is included in Costs of Goods Sold, Buying and Occupancy on the Consolidated Statements of Income. The Company’s share of net income or loss of all other unconsolidated entities is included in Other Income on the Consolidated Statements of Income. The Company’s equity investments are required to be tested for impairment when it is determined there may be an other than temporary loss in value.

***Interim Financial Statements***

The Consolidated Financial Statements as of and for the periods ended May 4, 2013 and April 28, 2012 are unaudited and are presented pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). These Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto contained in the Company’s 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

In the opinion of management, the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements reflect all adjustments, which are of a normal recurring nature, necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim periods.

***Seasonality of Business***

Due to seasonal variations in the retail industry, the results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results expected for the full fiscal year.

***Concentration of Credit Risk***

The Company maintains cash and cash equivalents and derivative contracts with various major financial institutions. The Company monitors the relative credit standing of financial institutions with whom the Company transacts and limits the amount of credit exposure with any one entity. Currently, the Company’s investment portfolio is comprised of U.S. and Canadian

government obligations, U.S. Treasury and AAA-rated money market funds, bank time deposits and highly rated commercial paper.

The Company also periodically reviews the relative credit standing of franchise, license and wholesale partners and other entities to which the Company grants credit terms in the normal course of business.

***Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period, as well as the related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results may differ from those estimates and the Company revises its estimates and assumptions as new information becomes available.

**2. New Accounting Pronouncements**

***Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income***

In February 2013, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued ASU 2013-02, *Reporting of Amounts Reclassified Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income*, which amends ASC 220, *Comprehensive Income*. This guidance requires companies to disclose, in one place, information about reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income (“AOCI”). For significant items reclassified out of AOCI to net income in their entirety in the same reporting period, reporting (either on the face of the statement where net income is presented or in the notes) is required about the effect of the reclassifications on the respective line items in the statement where net income is presented. For items that are not reclassified to net income in their entirety in the same period, a cross reference to other disclosures currently required under GAAP is required in the notes. The Company adopted this guidance in the first quarter of 2013. ASU 2013-02 did not have an impact on the Company’s consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows. See Note 12, “Comprehensive Income” for disclosures required by this guidance.

**3. Earnings Per Share and Shareholders’ Equity**

***Earnings Per Share***

Earnings per basic share are computed based on the weighted-average number of outstanding common shares. Earnings per diluted share include the weighted-average effect of dilutive options and restricted stock on the weighted-average shares outstanding.

The following table provides shares utilized for the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share for the first quarter of 2013 and 2012:

	<b>First Quarter</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	<b>(in millions)</b>	
<b>Weighted-average Common Shares:</b>		
Issued Shares	305	299
Treasury Shares	(16)	(7)
<b>Basic Shares</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>292</b>
Effect of Dilutive Options and Restricted Stock	6	9
<b>Diluted Shares</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>301</b>
Anti-dilutive Options and Awards (a)	2	1

(a) These options and awards were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share because their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive.

## Shareholders' Equity

### Common Stock Repurchases

Under the authority of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company repurchased shares of its common stock under the following repurchase programs during the first quarter of 2013 and 2012:

Repurchase Program	Amount Authorized (in millions)	Shares Repurchased		Amount Repurchased		Average Stock Price of Shares Repurchased within Program
		2013 (in thousands)	2012 (in thousands)	2013 (in millions)	2012 (in millions)	
November 2012 (a)	\$ 250	1,217	NA	\$ 55	NA	\$ 44.91
February 2012 (b)	500	NA	4,594	NA	\$ 217	47.13
November 2011	250	NA	3,657	NA	164	44.90
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,217</b>	<b>8,251</b>	<b>\$ 55</b>	<b>\$ 381</b>	

(a) The November 2012 repurchase program had \$184 million remaining as of May 4, 2013.

(b) The February 2012 repurchase program had \$50 million remaining at the time it was cancelled in conjunction with the approval of the November 2012 repurchase program.

NA Not applicable

There were no share repurchases reflected in Accounts Payable on the May 4, 2013 Consolidated Balance Sheet. There were \$9 million of share repurchases reflected in Accounts Payable as of April 28, 2012.

### Dividends

Under the authority and declaration of the Board of Directors, the Company paid the following dividends during the first quarter of 2013 and 2012:

	Ordinary Dividends	Special Dividends (per share)	Total Dividends	Total Paid (in millions)
<b>2013</b>				
First Quarter	\$ 0.30	\$ —	\$ 0.30	\$ 87
<b>2012</b>				
First Quarter	\$ 0.25	\$ —	\$ 0.25	\$ 73

## 4. Restructuring Activities

During the fourth quarter of 2011, the Company initiated a restructuring program designed to resize a portion of La Senza's store fleet and relocate its home office from Montreal, Canada to Columbus, Ohio. The Company recognized a pre-tax charge consisting of contract termination costs, severance and other costs of \$24 million, including non-cash charges of \$5 million, in the fourth quarter of 2011. In 2012, the Company made cash payments of \$11 million and decreased the estimate of expected contract termination costs by \$3 million related to this restructuring program. In the first quarter of 2013, the Company made cash payments of \$2 million and decreased the estimate of expected contract termination costs by an additional \$1 million related to this restructuring program. Of the remaining balance of \$2 million, \$1 million is included in Accrued Expenses and Other and \$1 million is included in Other Long-term Liabilities on the May 4, 2013 Consolidated Balance Sheet.

During the second quarter of 2012, the Company initiated a second restructuring program designed to further resize the La Senza store fleet. In 2012, the Company recognized a pre-tax charge of \$17 million, including non-cash charges of \$6 million. In 2012, the Company made cash payments of \$5 million related to this restructuring program. In the first quarter of 2013, the Company made cash payments of \$2 million related to this restructuring program. Of the remaining balance of \$4 million, \$1 million is included in Accrued Expenses and Other and \$3 million is included in Other Long-term Liabilities on the May 4, 2013 Consolidated Balance Sheet.



## 5. Inventories

The following table provides details of inventories as of May 4, 2013, February 2, 2013 and April 28, 2012:

	May 4, 2013	February 2, 2013	April 28, 2012
	(in millions)		
Finished Goods Merchandise	\$ 1,038	\$ 916	\$ 1,029
Raw Materials and Merchandise Components	77	88	71
<b>Total Inventories</b>	<b>\$ 1,115</b>	<b>\$ 1,004</b>	<b>\$ 1,100</b>

Inventories are principally valued at the lower of cost, as determined by the weighted-average cost method, or market.

## 6. Property and Equipment, Net

The following table provides details of property and equipment, net as of May 4, 2013, February 2, 2013 and April 28, 2012:

	May 4, 2013	February 2, 2013	April 28, 2012
	(in millions)		
Property and Equipment, at Cost	\$ 4,805	\$ 4,722	\$ 4,470
Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	(2,955)	(2,919)	(2,781)
<b>Property and Equipment, Net</b>	<b>\$ 1,850</b>	<b>\$ 1,803</b>	<b>\$ 1,689</b>

Depreciation expense was \$100 million and \$94 million for the first quarter of 2013 and 2012, respectively.

## 7. Equity Investments and Other

### *Third-party Apparel Sourcing Business*

On October 31, 2011, the Company divested 51% of its ownership interest in its third-party apparel sourcing business to affiliates of Sycamore Partners for pre-tax cash proceeds of \$124 million. The Company's remaining ownership interest is accounted for under the equity method of accounting. The Company recorded a pre-tax gain on the divestiture of \$111 million in the fourth quarter of 2011. In the first quarter of 2012, the Company received additional pre-tax cash proceeds of \$11 million as settlement of a working capital adjustment. The proceeds are included in Other Investing Activities within the Investing Activities section of the 2012 Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.

In conjunction with the transaction, the Company entered into transition services agreements whereby the Company is providing support in various operational areas including logistics, technology and finance. The terms of these transition services arrangements vary and range from two months to three years.

In the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company received a \$28 million dividend from the third-party apparel sourcing business. This reduced the Company's carrying value in the investment.

The Company's carrying value for this investment was \$54 million as of May 4, 2013, \$52 million as of February 2, 2013 and \$69 million as of April 28, 2012 and is included in Other Assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company's share of net income (loss) from this investment is included in Other Income (Loss) on the Consolidated Statements of Income.

### *Easton Investment*

The Company has land and other investments in Easton, a 1,300 acre planned community in Columbus, Ohio that integrates office, hotel, retail, residential and recreational space. These investments, at cost, totaled \$71 million as of May 4, 2013, \$75 million as of February 2, 2013 and \$71 million as of April 28, 2012 and are recorded in Other Assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Included in the Company's Easton investments is an equity interest in Easton Town Center, LLC ("ETC"), an entity that owns and has developed a commercial entertainment and shopping center. The Company's investment in ETC is accounted for using the equity method of accounting. The Company has a majority financial interest in ETC, but another unaffiliated member manages ETC. Certain significant decisions regarding ETC require the consent of unaffiliated members in addition to the Company.

## 8. Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes is based on the current estimate of the annual effective tax rate and is adjusted as necessary for quarterly events. The Company's quarterly effective tax rate does not reflect a benefit associated with losses related to certain foreign subsidiaries.

For the first quarter of 2013, the Company's effective tax rate was 39.3% as compared to 41.6% in the first quarter of 2012. The first quarter 2013 rate and first quarter 2012 rate were both higher than the Company's combined estimated federal and state rate of 39.0% primarily due to losses related to certain foreign subsidiaries.

Income taxes paid were approximately \$200 million and \$188 million for the first quarter of 2013 and 2012, respectively.

## 9. Long-term Debt

The following table provides the Company's long-term debt balance as of May 4, 2013, February 2, 2013 and April 28, 2012:

	<u>May 4, 2013</u>	<u>February 2, 2013</u>	<u>April 28, 2012</u>
	(in millions)		
<b><u>Senior Unsecured Debt with Subsidiary Guarantee</u></b>			
\$1 billion, 5.625% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due February 2022 ("2022 Notes")	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
\$1 billion, 6.625% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due April 2021 ("2021 Notes")	1,000	1,000	1,000
\$500 million, 8.50% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due June 2019, Less Unamortized Discount ("2019 Notes")	490	489	488
\$400 million, 7.00% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due May 2020 ("2020 Notes")	400	400	400
Total Senior Unsecured Debt with Subsidiary Guarantee	<u>\$ 2,890</u>	<u>\$ 2,889</u>	<u>\$ 2,888</u>
<b><u>Senior Unsecured Debt</u></b>			
\$700 million, 6.90% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due July 2017, Less Unamortized Discount ("2017 Notes")(a)	\$ 719	\$ 721	\$ 723
\$350 million, 6.95% Fixed Interest Rate Debentures due March 2033, Less Unamortized Discount ("2033 Notes")	350	350	350
\$300 million, 7.60% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due July 2037, Less Unamortized Discount ("2037 Notes")	299	299	299
5.25% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due November 2014, Less Unamortized Discount ("2014 Notes")(b)	217	218	220
6.125% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due December 2012, Less Unamortized Discount ("2012 Notes")	—	—	57
Total Senior Unsecured Debt	<u>\$ 1,585</u>	<u>\$ 1,588</u>	<u>\$ 1,649</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,475</u>	<u>\$ 4,477</u>	<u>\$ 4,537</u>
Current Portion of Long-term Debt	—	—	(57)
Total Long-term Debt, Net of Current Portion	<u>\$ 4,475</u>	<u>\$ 4,477</u>	<u>\$ 4,480</u>

- (a) The balances include a fair value interest rate hedge adjustment which increased the debt balance by \$20 million as of May 4, 2013, \$22 million as of February 2, 2013 and \$24 million as of April 28, 2012.
- (b) The principal balance outstanding was \$213 million as of May 4, 2013, February 2, 2013 and April 28, 2012. The balances include a fair value interest rate hedge adjustment which increased the debt balance by \$4 million as of May 4, 2013, \$5 million as of February 2, 2013 and \$7 million as of April 28, 2012.

### **Issuance of Notes**

In February 2012, the Company issued \$1 billion of 5.625% notes due in February 2022 utilizing an existing shelf registration under which debt securities, common and preferred stock and other securities can be issued. The 2022 Notes are jointly and severally guaranteed on a full and unconditional basis by certain of the Company's 100% owned subsidiaries (such subsidiaries, the "Guarantors"). The proceeds from the issuance were \$985 million, which were net of issuance costs of \$15 million. These issuance costs are being amortized through the maturity date of February 2022 and are included within Other Assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

**Revolving Facility**

The Company maintains a secured revolving credit facility (“Revolving Facility”). The Revolving Facility has aggregate availability of \$1 billion and expires July 15, 2016. The fees related to committed and unutilized amounts per year are 0.325% per annum and the fees related to outstanding letters of credit are 1.75% per annum. In addition, the interest rate on outstanding borrowings is London Interbank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”) plus 1.75%.

The Revolving Facility contains fixed charge coverage and debt to EBITDA financial covenants. The Company is required to maintain a fixed charge coverage ratio of not less than 1.75 to 1.00 and a consolidated debt to consolidated EBITDA ratio not exceeding 4.00 to 1.00 for the most recent four-quarter period. In addition, the Revolving Facility provides that investments and restricted payments may be made, without limitation on amount, if (a) at the time of and after giving effect to such investment or restricted payment the ratio of consolidated debt to consolidated EBITDA for the most recent four-quarter period is less than 3.00 to 1.00 and (b) no default or event of default exists. As of May 4, 2013, the Company was in compliance with both of its financial covenants and the ratio of consolidated debt to consolidated EBITDA was less than 3.00 to 1.00.

As of May 4, 2013, there were no borrowings outstanding under the Revolving Facility.

**Letters of Credit**

The Revolving Facility supports the Company’s letter of credit program. The Company had \$12 million of outstanding letters of credit as of May 4, 2013 that reduce its remaining availability under the Revolving Facility.

**Fair Value Interest Rate Swap Arrangements**

For information related to the Company’s fair value interest rate swap arrangements, see Note 10, “Derivative Instruments.”

**10. Derivative Instruments**

**Foreign Exchange Risk**

In January 2007, the Company entered into a series of cross-currency swaps related to approximately CAD\$470 million of Canadian dollar denominated intercompany loans. These cross-currency swaps mitigate the exposure to fluctuations in the U.S. dollar-Canadian dollar exchange rate related to the Company’s Canadian operations. The cross-currency swaps require the periodic exchange of fixed rate Canadian dollar interest payments for fixed rate U.S. dollar interest payments as well as exchange of Canadian dollar and U.S. dollar principal payments upon maturity. The cross-currency swaps mature between 2015 and 2018 at the same time as the related loans and are designated as cash flow hedges of foreign currency exchange risk. Changes in the U.S. dollar-Canadian dollar exchange rate and the related swap settlements result in reclassification of amounts from accumulated other comprehensive income to earnings to completely offset foreign currency transaction gains and losses recognized on the intercompany loans.

The following table provides a summary of the fair value and balance sheet classification of the derivative financial instruments designated as foreign exchange cash flow hedges as of May 4, 2013, February 2, 2013 and April 28, 2012:

	May 4, 2013	February 2, 2013	April 28, 2012
	(in millions)		
Other Long-term Liabilities	\$ 58	\$ 59	\$ 63

The following table provides a summary of the pre-tax financial statement effect of the gains and losses on the Company’s derivative instruments designated as foreign exchange cash flow hedges for the first quarter 2013 and 2012:

	Location	First Quarter	
		2013	2012
(in millions)			
Gain (Loss) Recognized in Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$ 1	\$ (3)
(Gain) Loss Reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income into Other Income (a)	Other Income (Loss)	(6)	12

(a) Represents reclassification of amounts from accumulated other comprehensive income to earnings to completely offset foreign currency transaction gains and losses recognized on the intercompany loans. No ineffectiveness was associated with these foreign exchange cash flow hedges.

**Interest Rate Risk**

*Interest Rate Designated Fair Value Hedges*

In the past, the Company has entered into interest rate swap arrangements that effectively converted the fixed interest rate on the related debt to a variable interest rate. These swap arrangements were designated as fair value hedges. The changes in the fair value of the interest rate swaps had an equal and offsetting impact to the carrying value of the debt on the balance sheet.

In June 2012, the Company terminated the last remaining interest rate designated fair value hedges. The carrying value of the 2014 and 2017 Notes include unamortized hedge settlements which are amortized as a reduction to interest expense through the respective maturity date of the Notes.

The following table provides a summary of the fair value and balance sheet classification of the derivative financial instruments designated as interest rate fair value hedges as of May 4, 2013, February 2, 2013 and April 28, 2012:

	May 4, 2013	February 2, 2013	April 28, 2012
	(in millions)		
Other Assets	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 13

**11. Fair Value Measurements**

The following table provides a summary of the carrying value and fair value of long-term debt as of May 4, 2013, February 2, 2013 and April 28, 2012:

	May 4, 2013	February 2, 2013	April 28, 2012
	(in millions)		
Carrying Value	\$ 4,475	\$ 4,477	\$ 4,537
Fair Value (a)	5,071	5,023	4,836

(a) The estimated fair value of the Company’s publicly traded debt is based on reported transaction prices which are considered Level 2 inputs in accordance with ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosure*. The estimates presented are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that the Company could realize in a current market exchange.

The authoritative guidance included in ASC Topic 820, establishes a three-level fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. This hierarchy requires entities to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of inputs used to measure fair value are as follows:

- Level 1 – Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 – Observable inputs other than quoted market prices included in Level 1, such as quoted prices of similar assets and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3 – Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets and liabilities. This includes certain pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies and similar techniques that use significant unobservable inputs.

The following table provides a summary of assets and liabilities measured in the consolidated financial statements at fair value on a recurring basis as of May 4, 2013, February 2, 2013 and April 28, 2012:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	(in millions)			
<b>As of May 4, 2013</b>				
Assets:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 382	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 382
Liabilities:				
Cross-currency Cash Flow Hedges	—	58	—	58
Lease Guarantees	—	—	2	2
<b>As of February 2, 2013</b>				
Assets:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 773	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 773
Liabilities:				
Cross-currency Cash Flow Hedges	—	59	—	59
Lease Guarantees	—	—	2	2
<b>As of April 28, 2012</b>				
Assets:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,286	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,286
Interest Rate Designated Fair Value Hedges	—	13	—	13
Liabilities:				
Cross-currency Cash Flow Hedges	—	63	—	63
Lease Guarantees	—	—	4	4

The Company's Level 2 fair value measurements are measured using market approach valuation techniques. The primary inputs to these techniques include benchmark interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates, as applicable to the underlying instruments.

The Company's Level 3 fair value measurements are measured using income approach valuation techniques. The primary inputs to these techniques include the guaranteed lease payments, discount rates, as well as the Company's assessment of the risk of default on guaranteed leases.

Management believes that the carrying values of accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses approximate fair value because of their short maturity.

The following table provides a reconciliation of the Company's lease guarantees measured at fair value on a recurring basis using unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the first quarter 2013 and 2012:

	First Quarter	
	2013	2012
	(in millions)	
Beginning Balance	\$ 2	\$ 4
Change in Estimated Fair Value Reported in Earnings	—	—
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 2</u>	<u>\$ 4</u>

The Company's lease guarantees include minimum rent and additional payments covering taxes, common area costs and certain other expenses and relate to leases that commenced prior to the disposition of certain businesses. The fair value of these lease guarantees is impacted by economic conditions, probability of rent obligation payments, period of obligation as well as the discount rate utilized. For additional information, see Note 13, "Commitments and Contingencies."

## 12. Comprehensive Income

The following table provides the rollforward of additional detail regarding the composition of accumulated other comprehensive income for the first quarter 2013:

	Foreign Currency Translation	Cash Flow Hedges	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income
	(in millions)		
<b>Balance as of February 2, 2013</b>	\$ (10)	\$ 14	\$ 4
Other Comprehensive Income Before Reclassifications	4	1	5
Amounts Reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	—	(6)	(6)
Current-period Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	4	(5)	(1)
<b>Balance as of May 4, 2013</b>	<u>\$ (6)</u>	<u>\$ 9</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>

The following table provides the rollforward of additional detail regarding the composition of accumulated other comprehensive income for the first quarter 2012:

	Foreign Currency Translation	Cash Flow Hedges	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income
	(in millions)		
<b>Balance as of January 28, 2012</b>	\$ (8)	\$ 8	\$ —
Current-period Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	(4)	9	5
<b>Balance as of April 28, 2012</b>	<u>\$ (12)</u>	<u>\$ 17</u>	<u>\$ 5</u>

The components of accumulated other comprehensive income above are presented net of tax as applicable.

The following table provides a summary of the reclassification adjustments out of accumulated other comprehensive income for the first quarter 2013:

Details About Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Components	Amount Reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Location on Consolidated Statements of Income
Cash Flow Hedges	\$ (6)	Other Income (Loss)
	—	Provision for Income Taxes
	<u>\$ (6)</u>	Net Income

## 13. Commitments and Contingencies

The Company is subject to various claims and contingencies related to lawsuits, taxes, insurance, regulatory and other matters arising out of the normal course of business. Actions filed against the Company from time to time include commercial, tort, intellectual property, customer, employment, data privacy, securities and other claims, including purported class action lawsuits. Management believes that the ultimate liability arising from such claims and contingencies, if any, is not likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

In July 2009, a complaint was filed against the Company for patent infringement in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. The complaint sought monetary damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and injunctive relief. In November 2011, a jury found in favor of the plaintiff and awarded damages of \$9 million for infringement from 2007 through 2011 and the trial court awarded future royalty payments through 2015. In January 2013, the Company appealed the judgment against the Company with the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Shortly before the Company's appeal was filed, this Court of Appeals ruled in another proceeding involving a different company, that the patents in the Company's case were invalid. As a result, the Company's appeal has been stayed until the other proceeding has been decided. Based on the decision that the plaintiff's patents are invalid and on the Company's other arguments, the Company believes the Court of Appeals should grant the Company's appeal. The Company intends to vigorously defend against this action.

## **Guarantees**

In connection with the disposition of certain businesses, the Company has remaining guarantees of approximately \$50 million related to lease payments of Express, Limited Stores, Abercrombie & Fitch, Dick's Sporting Goods and New York & Company under the current terms of noncancelable leases expiring at various dates through 2017. These guarantees include minimum rent and additional payments covering taxes, common area costs and certain other expenses and relate to leases that commenced prior to the disposition of the businesses. In certain instances, the Company's guarantee may remain in effect if the term of a lease is extended.

The Company's guarantees related to Express, Limited Stores and New York & Company require fair value accounting in accordance with GAAP in effect at the time of these divestitures. The guaranteed lease payments related to Express, Limited Stores and New York & Company totaled \$32 million as of May 4, 2013, \$36 million as of February 2, 2013 and \$45 million as of April 28, 2012. The estimated fair value of these guarantee obligations was \$2 million as of May 4, 2013 and February 2, 2013 and \$4 million as of April 28, 2012, and is included in Other Long-term Liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The Company's guarantees related to Abercrombie & Fitch and Dick's Sporting Goods are not subject to fair value accounting, but require that a loss be accrued when probable and reasonably estimable based on GAAP in effect at the time of these divestitures. The Company had no liability recorded with respect to any of the guarantee obligations as it concluded that payments under these guarantees were not probable as of May 4, 2013, February 2, 2013 and April 28, 2012.

## **14. Retirement Benefits**

The Company sponsors a tax-qualified defined contribution retirement plan and a non-qualified supplemental retirement plan for substantially all of its associates within the United States of America. Participation in the tax-qualified plan is available to associates who meet certain age and service requirements. Participation in the non-qualified plan is available to associates who meet certain age, service, job level and compensation requirements.

The qualified plan permits participating associates to elect contributions up to the maximum limits allowable under the Internal Revenue Code. The Company matches associate contributions according to a predetermined formula and contributes additional amounts based on a percentage of the associates' eligible annual compensation and years of service. Associate contributions and Company matching contributions vest immediately. Additional Company contributions and the related investment earnings are subject to vesting based on years of service. Total expense recognized related to the qualified plan was \$15 million for the first quarter of 2013 and \$14 million for the first quarter of 2012.

The non-qualified plan is an unfunded plan which provides benefits beyond the Internal Revenue Code limits for qualified defined contribution plans. The plan permits participating associates to elect contributions up to a maximum percentage of eligible compensation. The Company matches associate contributions according to a predetermined formula and contributes additional amounts based on a percentage of the associates' eligible compensation and years of service. The plan also permits participating associates to defer additional compensation up to a maximum amount which the Company does not match. Associates' accounts are credited with interest using a rate determined by the Company. Associate contributions and the related interest vest immediately. Company contributions, along with related interest, are subject to vesting based on years of service. Associates may elect in-service distributions for the unmatched additional deferred compensation component only. The remaining vested portion of associates' accounts in the plan will be distributed upon termination of employment in either a lump sum or in annual installments over a specified period of up to 10 years. Total expense recognized related to the non-qualified plan was \$6 million for both the first quarter of 2013 and 2012.

## **15. Segment Information**

The Company has two reportable segments: Victoria's Secret and Bath & Body Works.

The Victoria's Secret segment sells women's intimate and other apparel, personal care and beauty products under the Victoria's Secret and PINK brand names. Victoria's Secret merchandise is sold through retail stores, its website, [www.VictoriasSecret.com](http://www.VictoriasSecret.com), and its catalogue.

The Bath & Body Works segment sells personal care, beauty and home fragrance products under the Bath & Body Works, C.O. Bigelow, White Barn Candle Company and other brand names. Bath & Body Works merchandise is sold at retail stores and through its website, [www.BathandBodyWorks.com](http://www.BathandBodyWorks.com).

Other consists of the following:

- International retail, franchise, license and wholesale operations, which include the company-owned La Senza and Bath & Body Works stores in Canada and Victoria's Secret stores in Canada and the United Kingdom;

- Mast Global, a merchandise sourcing and production function serving the Company and its international partners;
- Henri Bendel, a chain of specialty stores which feature accessories and personal care products; and
- Corporate functions including non-core real estate, equity investments and other governance functions such as treasury and tax.

The following table provides the Company's segment information for the first quarter 2013 and 2012:

	Victoria's Secret	Bath & Body Works	Other	Total
	(in millions)			
<b>2013</b>				
<b>First Quarter:</b>				
Net Sales	\$ 1,505	\$ 530	\$ 233	\$ 2,268
Operating Income (Loss)	260	72	(21)	311
<b>2012</b>				
<b>First Quarter:</b>				
Net Sales	\$ 1,470	\$ 505	\$ 179	\$ 2,154
Operating Income (Loss)	278	60	(45)	293

The Company's international sales, consisting of La Senza, Victoria's Secret Canada, Bath & Body Works Canada and Victoria's Secret UK retail sales; non-U.S. franchise, license and wholesale operations; and direct sales shipped internationally, totaled \$251 million and \$196 million for the first quarter of 2013 and 2012, respectively.

#### 16. Supplemental Guarantor Financial Information

The Company's 2019 Notes, 2020 Notes, 2021 Notes and 2022 Notes are jointly and severally guaranteed on a full and unconditional basis by certain of the Company's 100% owned subsidiaries. The Company is a holding company and its most significant assets are the stock of its subsidiaries. The Guarantors represent: (a) substantially all of the sales of the Company's domestic subsidiaries, (b) more than 90% of the assets owned by the Company's domestic subsidiaries, other than real property, certain other assets and intercompany investments and balances and (c) more than 95% of the accounts receivable and inventory directly owned by the Company's domestic subsidiaries.

The following supplemental financial information sets forth for the Company and its guarantor and non-guarantor subsidiaries: the Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheets as of May 4, 2013, February 2, 2013 and April 28, 2012; and the Condensed Consolidating Statements of Income, Comprehensive Income and Cash Flows for the periods ended May 4, 2013 and April 28, 2012.



**L BRANDS, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS**  
(in millions)  
(Unaudited)

	May 4, 2013				
	L Brands, Inc.	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated L Brands, Inc.
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Current Assets:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ —	\$ 166	\$ 216	\$ —	\$ 382
Accounts Receivable, Net	—	120	55	—	175
Inventories	—	961	154	—	1,115
Deferred Income Taxes	—	38	(10)	—	28
Other	2	127	75	—	204
Total Current Assets	2	1,412	490	—	1,904
Property and Equipment, Net	—	1,033	817	—	1,850
Goodwill	—	1,318	—	—	1,318
Trade Names and Other Intangible Assets, Net	—	411	1	—	412
Net Investments in and Advances to/from Consolidated Affiliates	3,352	13,765	323	(17,440)	—
Other Assets	186	8	710	(612)	292
Total Assets	<u>\$ 3,540</u>	<u>\$ 17,947</u>	<u>\$ 2,341</u>	<u>\$ (18,052)</u>	<u>\$ 5,776</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (DEFICIT)</b>					
Current Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	\$ —	\$ 296	\$ 265	\$ —	\$ 561
Accrued Expenses and Other	62	342	249	—	653
Income Taxes	—	32	24	—	56
Total Current Liabilities	62	670	538	—	1,270
Deferred Income Taxes	(4)	(4)	214	—	206
Long-term Debt	4,475	597	—	(597)	4,475
Other Long-term Liabilities	4	630	200	(15)	819
Total Equity (Deficit)	(997)	16,054	1,389	(17,440)	(994)
Total Liabilities and Equity (Deficit)	<u>\$ 3,540</u>	<u>\$ 17,947</u>	<u>\$ 2,341</u>	<u>\$ (18,052)</u>	<u>\$ 5,776</u>

**L BRANDS, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS**  
(in millions)

	February 2, 2013				
	L Brands, Inc.	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated L Brands, Inc.
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Current Assets:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ —	\$ 417	\$ 356	\$ —	\$ 773
Accounts Receivable, Net	—	140	63	—	203
Inventories		847	157	—	1,004
Deferred Income Taxes	—	39	(10)	—	29
Other	2	117	77	—	196
Total Current Assets	2	1,560	643	—	2,205
Property and Equipment, Net	—	1,001	802	—	1,803
Goodwill	—	1,318	—	—	1,318
Trade Names and Other Intangible Assets, Net	—	411	1	—	412
Net Investments in and Advances to/from Consolidated Affiliates	3,348	13,968	624	(17,940)	—
Other Assets	188	8	696	(611)	281
Total Assets	<u>\$ 3,538</u>	<u>\$ 18,266</u>	<u>\$ 2,766</u>	<u>\$ (18,551)</u>	<u>\$ 6,019</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (DEFICIT)</b>					
Current Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	\$ —	\$ 291	\$ 250	\$ —	\$ 541
Accrued Expenses and Other	78	425	304	—	807
Income Taxes	1	134	55	—	190
Total Current Liabilities	79	850	609	—	1,538
Deferred Income Taxes	(4)	(9)	213	—	200
Long-term Debt	4,477	597	—	(597)	4,477
Other Long-term Liabilities	4	625	204	(15)	818
Total Equity (Deficit)	(1,018)	16,203	1,740	(17,939)	(1,014)
Total Liabilities and Equity (Deficit)	<u>\$ 3,538</u>	<u>\$ 18,266</u>	<u>\$ 2,766</u>	<u>\$ (18,551)</u>	<u>\$ 6,019</u>

**L BRANDS, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS**  
(in millions)  
(Unaudited)

	April 28, 2012				
	L Brands, Inc.	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated L Brands, Inc.
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Current Assets:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ —	\$ 736	\$ 550	\$ —	\$ 1,286
Accounts Receivable, Net	1	95	62	—	158
Inventories	—	911	189	—	1,100
Deferred Income Taxes	—	33	17	—	50
Other	—	137	85	—	222
Total Current Assets	1	1,912	903	—	2,816
Property and Equipment, Net	—	917	772	—	1,689
Goodwill	—	1,318	12	—	1,330
Trade Names and Other Intangible Assets, Net	—	410	85	—	495
Net Investments in and Advances to/from Consolidated Affiliates	4,278	13,641	544	(18,463)	—
Other Assets	211	43	680	(648)	286
Total Assets	\$ 4,490	\$ 18,241	\$ 2,996	\$ (19,111)	\$ 6,616
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (DEFICIT)</b>					
Current Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	\$ 9	\$ 307	\$ 220	\$ —	\$ 536
Accrued Expenses and Other	80	343	268	—	691
Current Portion of Long-term Debt	57	—	—	—	57
Income Taxes	—	—	6	—	6
Total Current Liabilities	146	650	494	—	1,290
Deferred Income Taxes	(6)	16	181	—	191
Long-term Debt	4,480	597	36	(633)	4,480
Other Long-term Liabilities	6	582	212	(14)	786
Total Equity (Deficit)	(136)	16,396	2,073	(18,464)	(131)
Total Liabilities and Equity (Deficit)	\$ 4,490	\$ 18,241	\$ 2,996	\$ (19,111)	\$ 6,616

**L BRANDS, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
(in millions)  
(Unaudited)

	First Quarter 2013				
	L Brands, Inc.	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated L Brands, Inc.
Net Sales	\$ —	\$ 2,073	\$ 748	\$ (553)	\$ 2,268
Costs of Goods Sold, Buying and Occupancy	—	(1,246)	(610)	529	(1,327)
Gross Profit	—	827	138	(24)	941
General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses	(2)	(552)	(100)	24	(630)
Operating Income (Loss)	(2)	275	38	—	311
Interest Expense	(79)	(6)	(3)	9	(79)
Other Income (Loss)	—	2	3	(2)	3
Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes	(81)	271	38	7	235
Provision for Income Taxes	—	64	28	—	92
Equity in Earnings (Loss), Net of Tax	224	51	37	(312)	—
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 143	\$ 258	\$ 47	\$ (305)	\$ 143

**L BRANDS, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
(in millions)  
(Unaudited)

	First Quarter 2013				
	L Brands, Inc.	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated L Brands, Inc.
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 143	\$ 258	\$ 47	\$ (305)	\$ 143
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax:					
Reclassification of Cash Flow Hedges to Earnings	—	—	(6)	—	(6)
Foreign Currency Translation	—	—	4	—	4
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Cash Flow Hedges	—	—	1	—	1
Total Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Total Comprehensive Income	\$ 143	\$ 258	\$ 46	\$ (305)	\$ 142

**L BRANDS, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
(in millions)  
(Unaudited)

	First Quarter 2012				
	L Brands, Inc.	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated L Brands, Inc.
Net Sales	\$ —	\$ 1,994	\$ 629	\$ (469)	\$ 2,154
Costs of Goods Sold, Buying and Occupancy	—	(1,169)	(526)	443	(1,252)
Gross Profit	—	825	103	(26)	902
General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses	(2)	(544)	(87)	24	(609)
Operating Income (Loss)	(2)	281	16	(2)	293
Interest Expense	(78)	(7)	(2)	9	(78)
Other Income (Loss)	1	2	(2)	(3)	(2)
Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes	(79)	276	12	4	213
Provision for Income Taxes	—	66	22	—	88
Equity in Earnings (Loss), Net of Tax	204	(70)	91	(225)	—
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 125	\$ 140	\$ 81	\$ (221)	\$ 125

**L BRANDS, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
(in millions)  
(Unaudited)

	First Quarter 2012				
	L Brands, Inc.	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated L Brands, Inc.
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 125	\$ 140	\$ 81	\$ (221)	\$ 125
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax:					
Reclassification of Cash Flow Hedges to Earnings	1	—	11	—	12
Foreign Currency Translation	—	—	(4)	—	(4)
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Cash Flow Hedges	—	—	(3)	—	(3)
Total Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax	1	—	4	—	5
Total Comprehensive Income	\$ 126	\$ 140	\$ 85	\$ (221)	\$ 130

**L BRANDS, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(in millions)  
(Unaudited)

	First Quarter 2013				
	L Brands, Inc.	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated L Brands, Inc.
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	\$ (96)	\$ (9)	\$ (15)	\$ —	\$ (120)
<b>Investing Activities:</b>					
Capital Expenditures	—	(97)	(52)	—	(149)
Net Investments in Consolidated Affiliates	—	—	(112)	112	—
Other Investing Activities	—	—	(9)	—	(9)
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Investing Activities	—	(97)	(173)	112	(158)
<b>Financing Activities:</b>					
Repurchase of Common Stock	(55)	—	—	—	(55)
Dividends Paid	(87)	—	—	—	(87)
Excess Tax Benefits from Share-based Compensation	—	16	4	—	20
Net Financing Activities and Advances to/from Consolidated Affiliates	228	(161)	45	(112)	—
Proceeds from Exercise of Stock Options and Other	10	—	—	—	10
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Financing Activities	96	(145)	49	(112)	(112)
Effects of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash Equivalents	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	—	(251)	(140)	—	(391)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Period	—	417	356	—	773
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period	\$ —	\$ 166	\$ 216	\$ —	\$ 382

**L BRANDS, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(in millions)  
(Unaudited)

	First Quarter 2012				
	L Brands, Inc.	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated L Brands, Inc.
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities	\$ (116)	\$ (84)	\$ 17	\$ —	\$ (183)
<b>Investing Activities:</b>					
Capital Expenditures	—	(66)	(70)	—	(136)
Other Investing Activities	—	8	4	—	12
Net Cash Used for Investing Activities	—	(58)	(66)	—	(124)
<b>Financing Activities:</b>					
Proceeds from Long-term Debt, Net of Issuance Costs	985	—	—	—	985
Repurchase of Common Stock	(376)	—	—	—	(376)
Dividends Paid	(73)	—	—	—	(73)
Excess Tax Benefits from Share-based Compensation	—	70	17	—	87
Net Financing Activities and Advances to/from Consolidated Affiliates	(453)	437	16	—	—
Proceeds from Exercise of Stock Options and Other	33	—	—	—	33
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	116	507	33	—	656
Effects of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash Equivalents	—	—	2	—	2
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	—	365	(14)	—	351
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Period	—	371	564	—	935
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period	\$ —	\$ 736	\$ 550	\$ —	\$ 1,286

Review Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders  
of L Brands, Inc.:

We have reviewed the consolidated balance sheets of L Brands, Inc. and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of May 4, 2013 and April 28, 2012, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income and cash flows for the thirteen week periods ended May 4, 2013 and April 28, 2012. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management.

We conducted our review in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the consolidated interim financial statements referred to above for them to be in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We have previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheet of L Brands, Inc. and subsidiaries as of February 2, 2013, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, total equity, and cash flows for the year then ended (not presented herein) and we expressed an unqualified audit opinion on those consolidated financial statements in our report dated March 22, 2013. In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of L Brands, Inc. and subsidiaries as of February 2, 2013, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Columbus, Ohio  
June 7, 2013



**SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT UNDER THE PRIVATE  
SECURITIES LITIGATION ACT OF 1995**

**Safe Harbor Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995**

L Brands, Inc. cautions any forward-looking statements (as such term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995) contained in this report or made by our company or our management involve risks and uncertainties and are subject to change based on various factors, many of which are beyond our control. Accordingly, our future performance and financial results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in any such forward-looking statements. Words such as “estimate,” “project,” “plan,” “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “planned,” “potential” and any similar expressions may identify forward-looking statements. Risks associated with the following factors, among others, in some cases have affected and in the future could affect our financial performance and actual results and could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements included in this report or otherwise made by our company or our management:

- general economic conditions, consumer confidence, consumer spending patterns and market disruptions including severe weather conditions, natural disasters, health hazards, terrorist activities, financial crises, political crises or other major events, or the prospect of these events;
- the seasonality of our business;
- the dependence on a high volume of mall traffic and the possible lack of availability of suitable store locations on appropriate terms;
- our ability to grow through new store openings and existing store remodels and expansions;
- our ability to successfully expand into global markets and related risks;
- our relationships with independent licensees and franchisees;
- our direct channel businesses;
- our failure to protect our reputation and our brand images;
- our failure to protect our trade names, trademarks and patents;
- the highly competitive nature of the retail industry generally and the segments in which we operate particularly;
- consumer acceptance of our products and our ability to keep up with fashion trends, develop new merchandise and launch new product lines successfully;
- our ability to source, distribute and sell goods and materials on a global basis, including risks related to:
  - political instability;
  - duties, taxes and other charges;
  - legal and regulatory matters;
  - volatility in currency exchange rates;
  - local business practices and political issues;
  - potential delays or disruptions in shipping and transportation and related pricing impacts;
  - the disruption of production or distribution by labor disputes; and
  - changing expectations regarding product safety due to new legislation;
- stock price volatility;
- our failure to maintain our credit rating;
- our ability to service or refinance our debt;
- our ability to retain key personnel;
- our ability to attract, develop and retain qualified employees and manage labor costs;
- the inability of our manufacturers to deliver products in a timely manner and meet quality standards;
- fluctuations in product input costs;
- fluctuations in energy costs;
- increases in the costs of mailing, paper and printing;
- claims arising from our self-insurance;
- our ability to implement and maintain information technology systems and to protect associated data;
- our failure to comply with regulatory requirements;
- tax matters; and
- legal and compliance matters.

We are not under any obligation and do not intend to make publicly available any update or other revisions to any of the forward-looking statements contained in this report to reflect circumstances existing after the date of this report or to reflect the occurrence of future events even if experience or future events make it clear that any expected results expressed or implied by those forward-looking statements will not be realized. Additional information regarding these and other factors can be found in “Item 1A. Risk Factors” in our 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations are based upon our Consolidated Financial Statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The following information should be read in conjunction with our financial statements and the related notes included in Item 1. Financial Statements.

**Executive Overview**

Our operating income increased \$18 million to \$311 million and our operating income rate improved slightly to 13.7% from 13.6%. Net sales increased \$114 million to \$2.268 billion and comparable store sales increased 3%. At Victoria's Secret, sales increased 2% but operating income decreased 7% driven by a timing shift of a marketing campaign into the first quarter as well as investments in real estate and the in-store experience. At Bath & Body Works, sales increased 5% and operating income increased 21% driven by strong sales performance and leverage in expenses. For Other, sales increased 30% and operating income increased 53% primarily driven by growth in our international operations. For additional information related to our first quarter 2013 financial performance, see "Results of Operations."

The global retail sector and our business continue to face an uncertain environment and, as a result, we continue to take a conservative stance with respect to the financial management of our business. We will continue to manage our business carefully and focus on the execution of the retail fundamentals.

At the same time, we are aggressively focusing on bringing compelling merchandise assortments and marketing, store and online experiences to our customers. We will look for, and capitalize on, those opportunities available to us in this uncertain environment. We believe that our brands, which lead their categories and offer high emotional content to customers at accessible prices, are well positioned.

**Company-Owned Store Data**

The following table compares the first quarter of 2013 store data to the first quarter of 2012:

	First Quarter		
	2013	2012	% Change
<b><u>Sales per Average Selling Square Foot</u></b>			
Victoria's Secret Stores (a)	\$ 186	\$ 181	3 %
Bath & Body Works (a)	131	125	5 %
La Senza (b)	111	86	29 %
<b><u>Sales per Average Store (in thousands)</u></b>			
Victoria's Secret Stores (a)	\$ 1,124	\$ 1,073	5 %
Bath & Body Works (a)	310	298	4 %
La Senza (b)	357	286	25 %
<b><u>Average Store Size (selling square feet)</u></b>			
Victoria's Secret Stores (a)	6,035	5,950	1 %
Bath & Body Works (a)	2,363	2,374	— %
La Senza	3,212	3,318	(3)%
<b><u>Total Selling Square Feet (in thousands)</u></b>			
Victoria's Secret Stores (a)	6,149	6,009	2 %
Bath & Body Works (a)	3,706	3,758	(1)%
La Senza (c)	504	660	(24)%

(a) Metric relates to company-owned stores in the U.S.

(b) Metric is presented in Canadian dollars to eliminate the impact of foreign currency fluctuations.

(c) In the fourth quarter of 2011 and second quarter of 2012, we initiated restructuring programs designed to resize a portion of La Senza's store fleet. Under these programs, we closed 79 underperforming stores through the first quarter of 2013. For additional information, see Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. Financial Statements.

The following table compares first quarter of 2013 company-owned store data to the first quarter of 2012:

<b>Number of Stores (a)</b>	<b>First Quarter</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Victoria's Secret U.S.</b>		
Beginning of Period	1,019	1,017
Opened	4	—
Closed	(4)	(7)
End of Period	<u>1,019</u>	<u>1,010</u>
<b>Bath &amp; Body Works U.S.</b>		
Beginning of Period	1,571	1,587
Opened	—	2
Closed	(3)	(6)
End of Period	<u>1,568</u>	<u>1,583</u>
<b>La Senza</b>		
Beginning of Period	158	230
Opened	—	—
Closed (b)	(1)	(31)
End of Period	<u>157</u>	<u>199</u>
<b>Bath &amp; Body Works Canada</b>		
Beginning of Period	71	69
Opened	1	—
Closed	—	(1)
End of Period	<u>72</u>	<u>68</u>
<b>Victoria's Secret Canada</b>		
Beginning of Period	26	19
Opened	—	1
Closed	—	—
End of Period	<u>26</u>	<u>20</u>
<b>Henri Bendel</b>		
Beginning of Period	29	19
Opened	—	—
Closed	—	—
End of Period	<u>29</u>	<u>19</u>
<b>Victoria's Secret U.K.</b>		
Beginning of Period	2	—
Opened	—	—
Closed	—	—
End of Period	<u>2</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>Total</b>		
Beginning of Period	2,876	2,941
Opened	5	3
Closed	(8)	(45)
End of Period	<u>2,873</u>	<u>2,899</u>

(a) Number of stores excludes independently owned La Senza, Bath & Body Works and Victoria's Secret stores operated by licensees and franchisees.

(b) In the fourth quarter of 2011 and second quarter of 2012, we initiated restructuring programs designed to resize a portion of La Senza's store fleet. Under these programs, we closed 79 underperforming stores through the first quarter of 2013. For additional information, see Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. Financial Statements.

## Results of Operations

### First Quarter of 2013 Compared to First Quarter of 2012

#### Operating Income

The following table provides our segment operating income (loss) and operating income rates (expressed as a percentage of net sales) for the first quarter of 2013 in comparison to the first quarter of 2012:

<u>First Quarter</u>			Operating Income Rate	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	(in millions)			
Victoria's Secret	\$ 260	\$ 278	17.2 %	18.9 %
Bath & Body Works	72	60	13.7 %	11.9 %
Other (a)	(21)	(45)	(9.0)%	(25.0)%
Total Operating Income	<u>\$ 311</u>	<u>\$ 293</u>	<u>13.7 %</u>	<u>13.6 %</u>

(a) Includes our international operations, Mast Global, Henri Bendel and Corporate.

For the first quarter of 2013, operating income increased \$18 million to \$311 million and the operating income rate increased slightly to 13.7% from 13.6%. The drivers of the operating income results are discussed in the following sections.

#### Net Sales

The following table provides net sales for the first quarter of 2013 in comparison to the first quarter of 2012:

<u>First Quarter</u>			% Change
	2013	2012	
	(in millions)		
Victoria's Secret Stores	\$ 1,146	\$ 1,088	5 %
Victoria's Secret Direct	359	382	(6)%
Total Victoria's Secret	1,505	1,470	2 %
Bath & Body Works Stores	486	472	3 %
Bath & Body Works Direct	44	33	33 %
Total Bath & Body Works	530	505	5 %
Other (a)	233	179	30 %
Total Net Sales	<u>\$ 2,268</u>	<u>\$ 2,154</u>	<u>5 %</u>

(a) Includes our international operations, Mast Global, Henri Bendel and Corporate.

The following table provides a reconciliation of net sales for the first quarter of 2013 to the first quarter of 2012:

<u>First Quarter</u>	Victoria's Secret	Bath & Body Works	Other	Total
	(in millions)			
<b>2012 Net Sales</b>	\$ 1,470	\$ 505	\$ 179	\$ 2,154
Comparable Store Sales	29	12	2	43
Sales Associated with New, Closed, and Non-comparable Remodeled Stores, Net	29	2	27	58
Foreign Currency Translation	—	—	(3)	(3)
Direct Channels	(23)	11	—	(12)
Mast Global Third-party Sales and Other	—	—	28	28
<b>2013 Net Sales</b>	<u>\$ 1,505</u>	<u>\$ 530</u>	<u>\$ 233</u>	<u>\$ 2,268</u>

The following table compares the first quarter of 2013 comparable store sales to the first quarter of 2012:

<b>First Quarter</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Victoria's Secret Stores (a)	3%	9%
Bath & Body Works (a)	3%	6%
Total Comparable Store Sales (a) (b)	3%	7%

- (a) The percentage change in comparable store sales represents the change in sales at comparable stores only and excludes the change in sales from our direct channels. A store is typically included in the calculation of comparable store sales when it has been open or owned 12 months or more and it has not had a change in selling square footage of 20% or more. Additionally, stores of a given brand are excluded if total selling square footage for the brand in the mall changes by 20% or more through the opening or closing of a second store.
- (b) Includes Victoria's Secret, Bath & Body Works, La Senza, Bath & Body Works Canada, Victoria's Secret Canada and Henri Bendel.

The results by segment are as follows:

### ***Victoria's Secret***

For the first quarter of 2013, net sales increased \$35 million to \$1.505 billion and comparable store sales increased 3%. The net sales result was primarily driven by:

- At Victoria's Secret Stores, net sales increased 5% related to increases across most categories including PINK, beauty and sport, driven by a compelling merchandise assortment that incorporated newness, innovation and fashion as well as in-store execution.
- At Victoria's Secret Direct, net sales decreased 6% related to a decrease in apparel partially offset by increases in core lingerie, sport, PINK and sleepwear. We are shifting our focus to the core categories of the brand including lingerie, PINK and beauty. As a result, net sales in the apparel category are declining as we reduce style counts and related inventory.

The increase in comparable store sales was driven by an increase in total transactions and higher average dollar sales. Gross demand at Victoria's Secret Direct decreased driven by a decrease in the average order size partially offset by an increase in orders.

### ***Bath & Body Works***

For the first quarter of 2013, net sales increased \$25 million to \$530 million and comparable store sales increased 3%. At both Bath & Body Works Stores and Bath & Body Works Direct, net sales increased across most categories including Signature Collection, home fragrance and soap and sanitizers, which all incorporated newness and innovation.

The increase in comparable store sales was driven by higher average dollar sales and an increase in total transactions. Gross demand at Bath & Body Works Direct increased driven by increases in both orders and average order size.

### ***Other***

For the first quarter of 2013, net sales increased \$54 million to \$233 million primarily related to higher revenue from our international wholesale and franchise business, including sales of merchandise to our international partners from Mast Global, new Victoria's Secret stores in the United Kingdom and Canada and new Bath & Body Works stores in Canada. This increase was partially offset by a decrease in sales at La Senza due to store closures.

## **Gross Profit**

For the first quarter of 2013, our gross profit increased \$39 million to \$941 million and our gross profit rate (expressed as a percentage of net sales) decreased to 41.5% from 41.9%, primarily driven by the following:

### ***Victoria's Secret***

For the first quarter of 2013, the gross profit decrease was primarily driven by the following:

- At Victoria's Secret Stores, gross profit increased due to higher merchandise margin dollars as a result of the increase in net sales. The increase in merchandise margin dollars was partially offset by higher buying and occupancy expenses due to an increase in occupancy expense driven by higher net sales, investments in real estate and store related activity.
- At Victoria's Secret Direct, gross profit decreased primarily due to lower merchandise margin dollars as a result of the decrease in net sales. The decrease in merchandise margin dollars was partially offset by lower buying and occupancy expenses primarily driven by lower catalogue and related costs.

The gross profit rate decrease was primarily driven by a decrease in the merchandise margin rate due to increased promotional activities, positive response to our customer marketing programs and the calendar shift which moved certain expenses into the first quarter of this year.

### ***Bath & Body Works***

For the first quarter of 2013, the gross profit increase was primarily driven by:

- At Bath & Body Works Stores, gross profit increased due to higher merchandise margin dollars related to the increase in net sales. The increase in merchandise margin dollars was partially offset by higher buying and occupancy expenses primarily driven by higher occupancy costs related to the increase in net sales and store related activity.
- At Bath & Body Works Direct, gross profit increased due to higher merchandise margin dollars as a result of the increase in net sales. The increase in merchandise margin dollars was partially offset by higher buying and occupancy expenses due to higher fulfillment costs associated with the increase in net sales.

The gross profit rate was flat.

### ***Other***

For the first quarter of 2013, the gross profit increase was primarily driven by higher merchandise margin dollars related to the increase in net sales in our international businesses and increases in net sales at Mast Global. The gross profit increase was partially offset by lower merchandise margin dollars related to the decrease in net sales at La Senza. The gross profit rate increased significantly due to a significant decrease in the buying and occupancy expense rate due to leverage associated with higher sales, which was partially offset by a decrease in the merchandise margin rate.

## **General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses**

For the first quarter of 2013, our general, administrative and store operating expenses increased \$21 million to \$630 million primarily driven by:

- An increase in store selling expenses related to higher sales and other investments to improve the customer experience, including investments in training and technology; and
- An increase in expenses resulting from increased international expansion.

The general, administrative and store operating expense rate decreased to 27.8% from 28.3% primarily due to leverage associated with higher sales.

## **Other Income and Expense**

### **Interest Expense**

The following table provides the average daily borrowings and average borrowing rates for the first quarter of 2013 and 2012:

<b>First Quarter</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Average daily borrowings (in millions)	\$ 4,463	\$ 4,422
Average borrowing rate (in percentages)	6.96%	7.04%

For the first quarter of 2013, our interest expense increased \$1 million to \$79 million primarily driven by an increase in average daily borrowings related to the February 2012 \$1 billion note issuance partially offset by a decrease in the average borrowing rate.

### **Other Income**

For the first quarter of 2013, our other income increased \$5 million to \$3 million primarily driven by an increase in our share of net income from our investment in the third-party apparel sourcing business.

### **Provision for Income Taxes**

For the first quarter of 2013, our effective tax rate was 39.3% as compared to 41.6% in the first quarter of 2012. The first quarter 2013 rate and first quarter 2012 rate were both higher than our combined estimated federal and state rate of 39.0% primarily due to losses related to certain foreign subsidiaries.

## **FINANCIAL CONDITION**

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Liquidity, or access to cash, is an important factor in determining our financial stability. We are committed to maintaining adequate liquidity. Cash generated from our operating activities provides the primary resources to support current operations, growth initiatives, seasonal funding requirements and capital expenditures. Our cash provided from operations is impacted by our net income and working capital changes. Our net income is impacted by, among other things, sales volume, seasonal sales patterns, success of new product introductions and profit margins. Historically, sales are higher during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year due to seasonal and holiday-related sales patterns. Generally, our need for working capital peaks during the summer and fall months as inventory builds in anticipation of the holiday period.

We believe in returning value to our shareholders through a combination of dividends and share repurchase programs. During the first quarter of 2013, we paid \$87 million in regular dividends and repurchased \$55 million of our common stock. We use cash flow generated from operating activities and financing activities to fund our dividends and share repurchase programs.

Our total cash and cash equivalents held by foreign subsidiaries were \$213 million as of May 4, 2013. Under current tax laws and regulations, if cash and cash equivalents held outside the U.S. are repatriated to the U.S., in certain circumstances we may be subject to additional U.S. income taxes and foreign withholding taxes.



The following table provides our long-term debt balance as of May 4, 2013, February 2, 2013 and April 28, 2012:

	May 4, 2013	February 2, 2013	April 28, 2012
	(in millions)		
<b>Senior Unsecured Debt with Subsidiary Guarantee</b>			
\$1 billion, 5.625% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due February 2022 (“2022 Notes”)	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
\$1 billion, 6.625% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due April 2021 (“2021 Notes”)	1,000	1,000	1,000
\$500 million, 8.50% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due June 2019, Less Unamortized Discount (“2019 Notes”)	490	489	488
\$400 million, 7.00% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due May 2020 (“2020 Notes”)	400	400	400
Total Senior Unsecured Debt with Subsidiary Guarantee	\$ 2,890	\$ 2,889	\$ 2,888
<b>Senior Unsecured Debt</b>			
\$700 million, 6.90% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due July 2017, Less Unamortized Discount (“2017 Notes”)(a)	\$ 719	\$ 721	\$ 723
\$350 million, 6.95% Fixed Interest Rate Debentures due March 2033, Less Unamortized Discount (“2033 Notes”)	350	350	350
\$300 million, 7.60% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due July 2037, Less Unamortized Discount (“2037 Notes”)	299	299	299
5.25% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due November 2014, Less Unamortized Discount (“2014 Notes”)(b)	217	218	220
6.125% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due December 2012, Less Unamortized Discount (“2012 Notes”)	—	—	57
Total Senior Unsecured Debt	\$ 1,585	\$ 1,588	\$ 1,649
Total	\$ 4,475	\$ 4,477	\$ 4,537
Current Portion of Long-term Debt	—	—	(57)
Total Long-term Debt	\$ 4,475	\$ 4,477	\$ 4,480

- (a) The balances include a fair value interest rate hedge adjustment which increased the debt balance by \$20 million as of May 4, 2013, \$22 million as of February 2, 2013 and \$24 million as of April 28, 2012.
- (b) The principal balance outstanding was \$213 million as of May 4, 2013, February 2, 2013 and April 28, 2012. The balances include a fair value interest rate hedge adjustment which increased the debt balance by \$4 million as of May 4, 2013, \$5 million as of February 2, 2013 and \$7 million as of April 28, 2012.

### **Issuance of Notes**

In February 2012, we issued \$1 billion of 5.625% notes due in February 2022 utilizing an existing shelf registration under which debt securities, common and preferred stock and other securities can be issued. The 2022 Notes are jointly and severally guaranteed on a full and unconditional basis by the Guarantors. The proceeds from the issuance were \$985 million, which were net of issuance costs of \$15 million.

### **Revolving Facility**

We maintain a secured revolving credit facility (“Revolving Facility”). The Revolving Facility has aggregate availability of \$1 billion and expires July 15, 2016. The fees related to committed and unutilized amounts per year are 0.325% per annum and the fees related to outstanding letters of credit are 1.75% per annum. In addition, the interest rate on outstanding borrowings is London Interbank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”) plus 1.75%.

The Revolving Facility contains fixed charge coverage and debt to EBITDA financial covenants. We are required to maintain a fixed charge coverage ratio of not less than 1.75 to 1.00 and a consolidated debt to consolidated EBITDA ratio not exceeding 4.00 to 1.00 for the most recent four-quarter period. In addition, the Revolving Facility provides that investments outside of the Guarantors and restricted payments may be made, without limitation on amount, if (a) at the time of and after giving effect to such investment or restricted payment the ratio of consolidated debt to consolidated EBITDA for the most recent four-quarter period is less than 3.00 to 1.00 and (b) no default or event of default exists. As of May 4, 2013, we were in compliance with both of our financial covenants and the ratio of consolidated debt to consolidated EBITDA was less than 3.00 to 1.00.

As of May 4, 2013, there were no borrowings outstanding under the Revolving Facility.

**Letters of Credit**

The Revolving Facility supports our letter of credit program. We had \$12 million of outstanding letters of credit as of May 4, 2013 that reduce our remaining availability under our Revolving Facility.

**Fair Value Interest Rate Swap Arrangements**

In the past, we have entered into interest rate swap arrangements that effectively converted the fixed interest rate on the related debt to a variable interest rate. These swap arrangements were designated as fair value hedges. The changes in the fair value of the interest rate swaps had an equal and offsetting impact to the carrying value of the debt on the balance sheet.

In June 2012, we terminated the last remaining interest rate designated fair value hedges. The carrying value of the 2014 and 2017 Notes include unamortized hedge settlements which are amortized as a reduction to interest expense through the respective maturity date of the Notes.

**Working Capital and Capitalization**

We believe that our available short-term and long-term capital resources are sufficient to fund foreseeable requirements.

The following table provides a summary of our working capital position and capitalization as of May 4, 2013, February 2, 2013 and April 28, 2012:

	May 4, 2013	February 2, 2013	April 28, 2012
	(in millions)		
Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities (a)	\$ (120)	\$ 1,351	\$ (183)
Capital Expenditures (a)	149	588	136
Working Capital	634	667	1,526
Capitalization:			
Long-term Debt	4,475	4,477	4,480
Shareholders' Equity (Deficit)	(994)	(1,015)	(131)
Total Capitalization	3,481	3,462	4,349
Remaining Amounts Available Under Credit Agreements (b)	988	988	991

- (a) The February 2, 2013 amounts represent a twelve-month period and the May 4, 2013 and April 28, 2012 amounts represent three-month periods.
- (b) Letters of credit issued reduce our remaining availability under the Revolving Facility. We have outstanding letters of credit that reduce our remaining availability under the Revolving Facility of \$12 million as of May 4, 2013 and February 2, 2013 and \$9 million as of April 28, 2012.

**Credit Ratings**

The following table provides our credit ratings as of May 4, 2013:

	Moody's	S&P	Fitch
Corporate	Ba1	BB+	BB+
Senior Unsecured Debt with Subsidiary Guarantee	Ba1	BB+	BB+
Senior Unsecured Debt	Ba2	BB-	BB
Outlook	Stable	Stable	Stable

Our borrowing costs under our Revolving Facility are linked to our credit ratings at S&P, Moody's and Fitch. If we receive an upgrade or downgrade to our corporate credit ratings by S&P, Moody's or Fitch, the borrowing costs could decrease or increase, respectively. The guarantees of our obligations under the Revolving Facility by the Guarantors and the security interests granted in our and the Guarantors' collateral securing such obligations are released if our credit ratings are higher than a certain level. Additionally, the restrictions imposed under the Revolving Facility on our ability to make investments and to make restricted payments cease to apply if our credit ratings are higher than certain levels. Credit rating downgrades by any of the agencies do not accelerate the repayment of any of our debt.

### Common Stock Share Repurchases

Under the authority of our Board of Directors, we repurchased shares of our common stock under the following repurchase programs during the first quarter of 2013 and 2012:

Repurchase Program	Amount Authorized (in millions)	Shares Repurchased		Amount Repurchased		Average Stock Price of Shares Repurchased within Program
		2013	2012	2013	2012	
		(in thousands)		(in millions)		
November 2012 (a)	\$ 250	1,217	NA	\$ 55	NA	\$ 44.91
February 2012 (b)	500	NA	4,594	NA	\$ 217	47.13
November 2011	250	NA	3,657	NA	164	44.90
<b>Total</b>		<u>1,217</u>	<u>8,251</u>	<u>\$ 55</u>	<u>\$ 381</u>	

- (a) The November 2012 repurchase program had \$184 million remaining as of May 4, 2013.  
 (b) The February 2012 repurchase program had \$50 million remaining at the time it was cancelled in conjunction with the approval of the November 2012 repurchase program.  
 NA Not applicable

There were no share repurchases reflected in Accounts Payable on the May 4, 2013 Consolidated Balance Sheet. There were \$9 million of share repurchases reflected in Accounts Payable as of April 28, 2012.

The timing and amount of any repurchases will be made in our discretion taking into account a number of factors, including market conditions.

We use cash flow generated from operating activities and financing activities, to fund our share repurchase programs.

### Dividend Policy and Procedures

Under the authority and declaration of our Board of Directors, we paid the following dividends during the first quarter of 2013 and 2012:

	Ordinary Dividends	Special Dividends	Total Dividends	Total Paid
	(per share)			(in millions)
<b>2013</b>				
First Quarter	\$ 0.30	\$ —	\$ 0.30	\$ 87
<b>2012</b>				
First Quarter	\$ 0.25	\$ —	\$ 0.25	\$ 73

Our Board of Directors will determine future dividends after giving consideration to the Company's levels of profit and cash flow, capital requirements, current and forecasted liquidity, the restrictions placed upon us by our borrowing arrangements as well as financial and other conditions existing at the time. We use cash flow generated from operating activities to fund our ordinary dividends and a combination of cash flow generated from operating activities and financing activities to fund our special dividends.

## Cash Flow

The following table provides a summary of our cash flow activity for the first quarter of 2013 and 2012:

	First Quarter	
	2013	2012
	(in millions)	
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Period	\$ 773	\$ 935
Net Cash Flows Used for Operating Activities	(120)	(183)
Net Cash Flows Used for Investing Activities	(158)	(124)
Net Cash Flows Provided by (Used for) Financing Activities	(112)	656
Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash Equivalents	(1)	2
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(391)	351
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period	\$ 382	\$ 1,286

### *Operating Activities*

Net cash used for operating activities in 2013 was \$120 million, including net income of \$143 million and excess tax benefits from share-based compensation of \$20 million. Net income included depreciation and amortization of \$100 million. Other changes in assets and liabilities represent items that had a current period cash flow impact, such as changes in working capital. The most significant items in working capital were seasonal changes in Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other, Income Taxes Payable and Inventories.

Net cash used for operating activities in 2012 was \$183 million, including net income of \$125 million and excess tax benefits from share-based compensation of \$87 million. Net income included depreciation and amortization of \$95 million. Other changes in assets and liabilities represent items that had a current period cash flow impact, such as changes in working capital. The most significant items in working capital were seasonal changes in Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other, Inventories and Income Taxes Payable.

### *Investing Activities*

Net cash used for investing activities in 2013 was \$158 million consisting primarily of capital expenditures of \$149 million. The capital expenditures included \$105 million for opening new stores and remodeling and improving existing stores. Remaining capital expenditures were primarily related to spending on technology and infrastructure to support growth.

Net cash used for investing activities in 2012 was \$124 million consisting primarily of capital expenditures of \$136 million. The capital expenditures included \$87 million for opening new stores and remodeling and improving existing stores. Remaining capital expenditures were primarily related to spending on technology and infrastructure to support growth.

### *Financing Activities*

Net cash used for financing activities in 2013 was \$112 million consisting primarily of quarterly dividend payments of \$0.30 per share, or \$87 million, and repurchases of common stock of \$55 million, partially offset by excess tax benefits from share-based compensation of \$20 million and proceeds from the exercise of stock options of \$10 million.

Net cash provided by financing activities in 2012 was \$656 million consisting primarily of proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt of \$985 million (net of issuance costs), excess tax benefits from share-based compensation of \$87 million and proceeds from the exercise of stock options of \$33 million, partially offset by repurchases of common stock of \$376 million and quarterly dividend payments of \$0.25 per share, or \$73 million.

### **Contingent Liabilities and Contractual Obligations**

In connection with the disposition of certain businesses, we have remaining guarantees of approximately \$50 million related to lease payments of Express, Limited Stores, Abercrombie & Fitch, Dick's Sporting Goods, and New York & Company under the current terms of noncancelable leases expiring at various dates through 2017. These guarantees include minimum rent and additional payments covering taxes, common area costs and certain other expenses and relate to leases that commenced prior to the disposition of the businesses. In certain instances, our guarantee may remain in effect if the term of a lease is extended.

Our guarantees related to Express, Limited Stores and New York & Company require fair value accounting in accordance with GAAP in effect at the time of these divestitures. The guaranteed lease payments related to Express, Limited Stores and New York & Company totaled \$32 million as of May 4, 2013, \$36 million as of February 2, 2013 and \$45 million as of April 28, 2012. The estimated fair value of these guarantee obligations was \$2 million as of May 4, 2013 and February 2, 2013 and \$4 million as of April 28, 2012, and is included in Other Long-term Liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Our guarantees related to Abercrombie & Fitch and Dick's Sporting Goods are not subject to fair value accounting, but require that a loss be accrued when probable and reasonably estimable based on GAAP in effect at the time of these divestitures. We have no liability recorded with respect to any of the guarantee obligations as we concluded that payments under these guarantees were not probable as of May 4, 2013, February 2, 2013 and April 28, 2012.

Our contractual obligations primarily consist of long-term debt and the related interest payments, operating leases, purchase orders for merchandise inventory and other long-term obligations. These contractual obligations impact our short-term and long-term liquidity and capital resource needs. There have been no material changes in our contractual obligations since February 2, 2013. Additionally, certain of our contractual obligations may fluctuate during the normal course of business (primarily changes in our merchandise inventory-related purchase obligations which fluctuate throughout the year as a result of the seasonal nature of our operations).

## **RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

### ***Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income***

In February 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-02, *Reporting of Amounts Reclassified Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income*, which amends ASC 220, *Comprehensive Income*. This guidance requires companies to disclose, in one place, information about reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI"). For significant items reclassified out of AOCI to net income in their entirety in the same reporting period, reporting (either on the face of the statement where net income is presented or in the notes) is required about the effect of the reclassifications on the respective line items in the statement where net income is presented. For items that are not reclassified to net income in their entirety in the same period, a cross reference to other disclosures currently required under GAAP is required in the notes. We adopted this guidance in the first quarter of 2013. ASU 2013-02 did not have an impact on our consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

## **IMPACT OF INFLATION**

While it is difficult to accurately measure the impact of inflation due to the imprecise nature of the estimates required, we believe the effects of inflation, if any, on the results of operations and financial condition have been minor.

## **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to adopt accounting policies related to estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period, as well as the related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. On an ongoing basis, management evaluates its accounting policies, estimates and judgments, including those related to inventories, long-lived assets, claims and contingencies, and revenue recognition. Management bases our estimates and judgments on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

There have been no material changes to the critical accounting policies and estimates disclosed in our 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## **Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

### **Market Risk**

The market risk inherent in our financial instruments represents the potential loss in fair value, earnings or cash flows arising from adverse changes in foreign currency exchange rates or interest rates. We use derivative financial instruments like the cross-currency swaps and interest rate swap arrangements to manage exposure to market risks. We do not use derivative financial instruments for trading purposes.

### **Foreign Exchange Rate Risk**

To mitigate the translation risk to our earnings and the fair value of our Canadian operations associated with fluctuations in the U.S. dollar-Canadian dollar exchange rate, we entered into a series of cross-currency swaps related to Canadian dollar denominated intercompany loans. These cross-currency swaps require the periodic exchange of fixed rate Canadian dollar interest payments for fixed rate U.S. dollar interest payments as well as exchange of Canadian dollar and U.S. dollar principal payments upon maturity. The swap arrangements mature between 2015 and 2018 at the same time as the related loans. As a result of the Canadian dollar denominated intercompany loans and the related cross-currency swaps, we do not believe there is any material translation risk to our Canadian net earnings associated with fluctuations in the U.S. dollar-Canadian dollar exchange rate.

In addition, our Canadian dollar denominated earnings are subject to U.S. dollar-Canadian dollar exchange rate risk as substantially all of our merchandise sold in Canada is sourced through U.S. dollar transactions.

### **Interest Rate Risk**

Our investment portfolio primarily consists of interest-bearing instruments that are classified as cash and cash equivalents based on their original maturities. Our investment portfolio is maintained in accordance with our investment policy, which specifies permitted types of investments, specifies credit quality standards and maturity profiles and limits credit exposure to any single issuer. The primary objective of our investment activities are the preservation of principal, the maintenance of liquidity and the maximization of interest income while minimizing risk. Currently, our investment portfolio is comprised of U.S. and Canadian government obligations, U.S. Treasury and AAA-rated money market funds, bank time deposits and highly-rated commercial paper. Given the short-term nature and quality of investments in our portfolio, we do not believe there is any material risk to principal associated with increases or decreases in interest rates.

All of our long-term debt as of May 4, 2013 has fixed interest rates. Our exposure to interest rate changes is limited to the fair value of the debt issued, which would not have a material impact on our earnings or cash flows.

We will from time to time adjust our exposure to interest rate risk by entering into interest rate swap arrangements. As of May 4, 2013, we have no outstanding interest rate swap arrangements related to our long-term debt.

### **Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

As of May 4, 2013, management believes that the carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, receivables and payables approximate fair value because of the short maturity of these financial instruments.

The following table provides a summary of the carrying value and fair value of long-term debt and swap arrangements as of May 4, 2013, February 2, 2013 and April 28, 2012:

	<u>May 4, 2013</u>	<u>February 2, 2013</u>	<u>April 28, 2012</u>
	(in millions)		
<b>Long-term Debt:</b>			
Carrying Value	\$ 4,475	\$ 4,477	\$ 4,537
Fair Value, Estimated (a)	5,071	5,023	4,836
Cross-currency Swap Arrangements (b)	58	59	63
Fixed-to-Floating Interest Rate Swap Arrangements (b)	—	—	(13)

(a) The estimated fair value is based on reported transaction prices. The estimates presented are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that we could realize in a current market exchange.

(b) Swap arrangements are in an (asset) liability position.

We maintain cash and cash equivalents and derivative contracts with various major financial institutions. We monitor the relative credit standing of financial institutions with whom we transact and limit the amount of credit exposure with any one entity. We also periodically review the relative credit standing of franchise, license and wholesale partners and other entities to which we grant credit terms in the normal course of business.

**Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

*Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures.* As of the end of the period covered by this report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective and designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is (1) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms, and (2) accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

*Changes in internal control over financial reporting.* There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred in the first quarter 2013 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II—OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

We are a defendant in a variety of lawsuits arising in the ordinary course of business. Actions filed against our Company from time to time include commercial, tort, intellectual property, customer, employment, data privacy, securities and other claims, including purported class action lawsuits. Although it is not possible to predict with certainty the eventual outcome of any litigation, in the opinion of management, our current legal proceedings are not expected to have a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations.

In July 2009, a complaint was filed against our Company for patent infringement in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. The complaint sought monetary damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and injunctive relief. In November 2011, a jury found in favor of the plaintiff and awarded damages of \$9 million for infringement from 2007 through 2011 and the trial court awarded future royalty payments through 2015. In January 2013, we appealed the judgment against us with the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Shortly before our appeal was filed, this Court of Appeals ruled in another proceeding involving a different company, that the patents in our case were invalid. As a result, our appeal has been stayed until the other proceeding has been decided. Based on the decision that the plaintiff's patents are invalid and on our other arguments, we believe the Court of Appeals should grant our appeal. We intend to vigorously defend against this action.

**Item 1A. RISK FACTORS**

The risk factors that affect our business and financial results are discussed in "Item 1A: Risk Factors" in the 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K. We wish to caution the reader that the risk factors discussed in "Item 1A: Risk Factors" in our 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K, and those described elsewhere in this report or other Securities and Exchange Commission filings, could cause actual results to differ materially from those stated in any forward-looking statements.

**Item 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS**

The following table provides our repurchases of our common stock during the first quarter of 2013:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Total Number of Shares Purchased (a)</u>	<u>Average Price Paid Per Share (b)</u>	<u>Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Programs (c)</u>	<u>Maximum Number of Shares (or Approximate Dollar Value) that May Yet be Purchased Under the Programs (c)</u>
	(in thousands)		(in thousands)	
February 2013	332	\$ 44.46	322	\$ 224,581
March 2013	1,458	46.74	778	189,688
April 2013	133	47.33	117	184,201
Total	<u>1,923</u>		<u>1,217</u>	

- (a) The total number of shares repurchased includes shares repurchased as part of publicly announced programs, with the remainder relating to shares repurchased in connection with tax payments due upon vesting of employee restricted stock awards and the use of our stock to pay the exercise price on employee stock options.
- (b) The average price paid per share includes any broker commissions.
- (c) For additional share repurchase program information, see Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. Financial Statements.

**Item 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES**

Not applicable.

**Item 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

Not applicable.



**Item 6. EXHIBITS**

**Exhibits**

15	Letter re: Unaudited Interim Financial Information re: Incorporation of Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
31.1	Section 302 Certification of CEO.
31.2	Section 302 Certification of CFO.
32	Section 906 Certification (by CEO and CFO).
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

SIGNATURE

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.

L BRANDS, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ STUART B. BURGDOERFER  
Stuart B. Burgdoerfer  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer \*

Date: June 7, 2013

\* Mr. Burgdoerfer is the principal financial officer and the principal accounting officer and has been duly authorized to sign on behalf of the Registrant.

June 7, 2013

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders  
of L Brands, Inc.:

We are aware of the incorporation by reference in the following Registration Statements of L Brands, Inc. and, with respect to the Registration Statement on Form S-3, in the related Prospectus of L Brands, Inc.:

Registration Statement (Form S-3 ASR No. 333-170406)  
Registration Statement (Form S-4 No. 333-163026)  
Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 33-49871)  
Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-110465)  
Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-04927)  
Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-04941)  
Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-118407)  
Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-161841)  
Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-176588);

of our report dated June 7, 2013 relating to the unaudited consolidated interim financial statements of L Brands, Inc. and its subsidiaries that are included in its Form 10-Q for the quarter ended May 4, 2013.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Columbus, Ohio

## Section 302 Certification

I, Leslie H. Wexner, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of L Brands, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ LESLIE H. WEXNER

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Leslie H. Wexner  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 7, 2013

## Section 302 Certification

I, Stuart B. Burgdoerfer, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of L Brands, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ STUART B. BURGDOERFER

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Stuart B. Burgdoerfer

Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: June 7, 2013

Section 906 Certification

Leslie H. Wexner, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Stuart B. Burgdoerfer, the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, of L Brands, Inc. (the “Company”), each certifies that, to the best of his knowledge:

- (i) the Quarterly Report of the Company on Form 10-Q dated June 7, 2013 for the period ending May 4, 2013 (the “Form 10-Q”), fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (ii) the information contained in the Form 10-Q fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ LESLIE H. WEXNER

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Leslie H. Wexner

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

/s/ STUART B. BURGDOERFER

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Stuart B. Burgdoerfer

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: June 7, 2013