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Aaron Rents Inc. (RNT)

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Executives

Gilbert L. Danielson – Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

Leigh Wilder – Investor Relations

Robin C. Loudermilk, Jr. – President & Chief Executive Officer

William K. Butler, Jr. – Chief Operating Officer

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David Magee – Suntrust Robinson Humphrey

Laura Champine – Cullen & Company

Laura Richardson – BB&T Capital Markets

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John Harlowe – Barrow Hanley

Joel K. Havard – Hilliard Lyons

Michael Smith – Kansas City Capital

Presentation

Operator

Good morning ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the Aaron Rents fourth quarter earnings release conference call. (Operator Instructions). I will now turn the call over to Mr. Gilbert Danielson. Mr. Danielson you may begin.

Gilbert Danielson

Well, thank you for joining us this morning. I'm going to turn the call over briefly to Leigh Wilder, who works with us in investor relations, and she's going to make the introductions and read our Safe Harbor Statement and then we'll have a few prepared remarks and then we'll certainly answer any questions.

Leigh Wilder

Good morning. My name is Leigh Wilder and I assist in investor relations for Aaron Rents. The company's earnings release issued yesterday, and the related Form 8-K, are available on our website www.aaronrents.com in the investor relations section, and this webcast will be archived for replay there as well.

With us today are Robin Loudermilk, Chief Executive Officer, Ken Butler, Chief Operating Officer and Gil Danielson, Chief Financial Officer. Before we discuss the results, I would like to read the company's Safe Harbor Statement.

Except for the historical information, the matters discussed today are forward-looking statements of the company. As such, they will involve a number of risks and uncertainties, including factors such as changes in general economic conditions, competition, pricing, customer demand and the other issues that could cause actual results to differ materially from such statements, including the risks and uncertainties discussed under risk factors in the company's 2007 Annual Report on form 10-K, including, without limitations, the company's projected revenues, earnings, and store openings for future periods.

Robin, Gil and Ken will have a few remarks and then we will open the floor up for Q&A. Robert?

Robin C. Loudermilk, Jr.

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