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Earnings Call Excerpt

Harley-Davidson, Inc. (HOG)

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Executives

Amy Guiffre – Director of Investor Relations

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Sharon Zackfia – William Blair

Edward Aaron - RBC Capital Markets

Presentation

Operator

Welcome everyone to the first quarter 2009 earnings results for Harley-Davidson, Inc. (Operator Instructions)

I would now like to turn the call over to the Director of Investor Relations, Amy Guiffre.

Amy Guiffre

Thank you, Patrick, and good morning everyone. Welcome to Harley-Davidson's first quarter 2009 conference call. Today, Harley-Davidson CEO, Jim Ziemer, will provide comments on our business. Harley-Davidson CFO and Interim President of Harley-Davidson Financial Services, Tom Bergmann, will share the financial results for the quarter. At the close of our prepared comments, Tom and Jim will open the call to your questions.

Before we begin, please note that this call is being web cast live on Harley-Davidson.com and will be available for replay throughout the next several weeks. It can also be accessed until April 23 by calling 706-645-9291 or 800-642-1687 in the U.S. The PIN number is 90951487#.

Our comments today will include forward-looking statements that are subject to risks that could cause actual results to be materially different. Those risks include, among others, matters we have noted in our latest earnings release and filings with the SEC. Harley-Davidson disclaims any obligation to update information in this call.

Now I will turn the call over to the President and CEO of Harley-Davidson, Inc., Jim Ziemer.

James Ziemer

Good morning. Thank you for calling in. As you know, at the end of this month I am retiring after 40 wonderful years with Harley-Davidson. So this is my last earnings call. If I add them all up I think it comes out to something like 80 or more calls, although who is counting. In the future, I look forward to listening in online and letting someone else field your great, thoughtful questions. I know my successor, Keith Wandell, is truly excited to join Harley-Davidson and is honored to have the opportunity to lead this amazing organization. He looks forward to getting to know those of you who cover Harley-Davidson.

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