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LIVE NATION REPORTS STRONG THIRD QUARTER 2008 RESULTS

- Number of live concerts produced in the third quarter of 2008 up 17% over last year -

- Total attendance at these concerts increased 6% as compared to 2007 -

- Revenue increased by 9% driving increases of 16% in adjusted operating income and 9% in operating income for the third quarter -

LOS ANGELES – November 6, 2008 – Live Nation (NYSE: LYV) released financial results for the three months ended September 30, 2008 today.

| Quarterly Summary Results | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Unaudited; \$ in millions (except per share amounts)</i> | | |
| | <u>Q3 2008</u> | <u>Q3 2007</u> |
| Revenue | \$ 1,588.7 | \$ 1,452.6 |
| Adjusted Operating Income | \$ 109.6 | \$ 94.2 |
| Operating Income | \$ 75.6 | \$ 69.2 |
| Free Cash Flow | \$ 75.6 | \$ 70.1 |
| Net Income | \$ 139.9 | \$ 41.6 |
| Basic EPS | \$ 1.84 | \$ 0.60 |
| Diluted EPS | \$ 1.67 | \$ 0.55 |

“We generated exceptional results during the third quarter in spite of the global economic downturn,” said Michael Rapino, President and Chief Executive Officer. “We continued to execute better and grow our core business with virtually all key metrics used to evaluate our business showing improvements. We increased the number of concerts we produced, we grew our ticket sales and improved our revenues and margins. Despite challenging times, millions of fans have continued to attend live concerts to support their favorite artists. Looking ahead, our primary goal remains centered on maximizing our global concert pipe for our client – the artist – and expanding into direct ticketing/online distribution, completing the world’s only concert-to-fan direct platform for artists.”

Highlights:

- Formed a multi-year strategic alliance with SMG bringing an estimated 25 million tickets to Live Nation Ticketing and increasing our total ticket inventory by approximately 25% over the next seven years.
- Secured a five-year exclusive distribution deal with CIE, the third largest concert promoter in the world, and T4F, extending Live Nation’s global distribution platform into Brazil, Mexico and other top countries across Latin America.
- Completed the sale of our motor sports division for net proceeds of \$167.6 million which were used to repay borrowings under our revolving credit facility, to permanently reduce a portion of our term loan and to invest in our core music business.

Below are what we believe to be our key metrics related to our businesses:

METRICS

(Unaudited; \$ in millions except as noted)

| Key Drivers | Q3 2008 | Q3 2007 | Variance (Qtr.) | 9 months 2008 | 9 months 2007 | Variance (9 mos.) |
|---|------------|------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Rights Acquisitions - Global Music Businesses | | | | | | |
| Talent Costs and Other Event Direct Operating Expenses | \$ 1,293.7 | \$ 1,190.8 | 8.6% | \$ 2,584.9 | \$ 2,217.4 | 16.6% |
| Talent and Other Event Expenses as % of Total Revenue | 82.4% | 83.6% | | 81.0% | 81.2% | |
| Number of Live Rights (Concerts) (est.) | 4,839 | 4,126 | 17.3% | 15,218 | 11,513 | 32.2% |
| Number of Ancillary Live Rights – as of period end (est.) | 789 | n/a | n/a | 789 | n/a | n/a |
| Revenue Recognized for Artist Services/Ancillary Live Rights | \$ 74.9 | n/a | n/a | \$ 162.3 | n/a | n/a |
| Distribution Platform - Global Music Businesses | | | | | | |
| Total Attendance (est.) | 17,491,000 | 16,551,000 | 5.7% | 38,682,000 | 34,664,000 | 11.6% |
| International Music Festival Attendance (est.) | 818,000 | 532,000 | 53.8% | 1,102,000 | 843,000 | 30.7% |
| Ancillary Revenue per Attendee – NA Music Amps only | \$ 18.29 | \$ 18.20 | 0.5% | \$ 18.53 | \$ 18.51 | 0.1% |
| Total Revenue per Attendee (Fan) | \$ 89.79 | \$ 86.08 | 4.3% | \$ 82.46 | \$ 78.78 | 4.7% |
| Sponsorship Data - Global Music and Ticketing Businesses | | | | | | |
| Number of Sponsors – as of period end (est.) | 770 | 719 | 7.1% | 770 | 719 | 7.1% |
| Sponsorship Revenue Recognized | \$ 74.8 | \$ 66.5 | 12.5% | \$ 137.0 | \$ 134.7 | 1.7% |
| Average Sponsorship Revenue per Sponsor (rounded, whole \$) | \$ 97,000 | \$ 92,000 | 5.4% | \$ 178,000 | \$ 187,000 | (4.8%) |

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – 3rd QUARTER (Unaudited)

| | <u>Q3 2008</u> | <u>Q3 2007</u> | <u>Variance</u> | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>\$ in millions</i> | | | | |
| Revenue | | | | | |
| North American Music | \$ 864.0 | \$ 789.1 | 9.5% | | |
| International Music | 480.7 | 334.4 | 43.8% | | |
| Artist Nation | 225.7 | 301.3 | (25.1%) | | |
| Ticketing | 6.7 | 4.8 | 39.6% | | |
| Other and Eliminations | 11.6 | 23.0 | (49.6%) | | |
| | <u>\$ 1,588.7</u> | <u>\$ 1,452.6</u> | <u>9.4%</u> | | |
| | | | | Margins | |
| Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) | | | | <u>Q3 2008</u> | <u>Q3 2007</u> |
| North American Music | \$ 77.2 | \$ 65.2 | 18.4% | 8.9% | 8.3% |
| International Music | 46.3 | 28.3 | 63.6% | 9.6% | 8.5% |
| Artist Nation | (0.8) | 7.8 | ** | ** | 2.6% |
| Ticketing | (5.1) | (0.5) | ** | ** | ** |
| Other and Eliminations | 2.7 | 3.0 | ** | ** | ** |
| Corporate | (10.7) | (9.6) | (11.5%) | | |
| | <u>\$ 109.6</u> | <u>\$ 94.2</u> | <u>16.3%</u> | <u>6.9%</u> | <u>6.5%</u> |
| Operating Income (Loss) | | | | | |
| North American Music | \$ 61.7 | \$ 51.1 | 20.7% | 7.1% | 6.5% |
| International Music | 38.1 | 29.9 | 27.4% | 7.9% | 8.9% |
| Artist Nation | (4.6) | 3.0 | ** | ** | 1.0% |
| Ticketing | (6.5) | (1.8) | ** | ** | ** |
| Other and Eliminations | 0.5 | (0.2) | ** | ** | ** |
| Corporate | (13.6) | (12.8) | (6.2%) | | |
| | <u>\$ 75.6</u> | <u>\$ 69.2</u> | <u>9.2%</u> | <u>4.8%</u> | <u>4.8%</u> |

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The highlights of our financial information for the third quarter of 2008 as compared to the third quarter of 2007 are as follows:

Revenue change – Total increase of \$136.1 million, primarily driven by:

- \$75.0 million – Increase in the number of events, ancillary revenue per attendee, attendance and average ticket prices at our owned and/or operated amphitheatres and third-party venues, partially offset by a decrease in arena events, in North American Music.
- \$44.2 million – Acquisitions of Heineken Music Hall (The Netherlands), DFC (Scotland), Luger (Sweden) and the Arras France festival in International Music.
- \$83.3 million – Increase in International Music due to stronger promotion activity in Sweden, Norway and France driven primarily by strong stadium events and strong arena tours, as well as an overall increase in revenues related to our festival operations (partially due to the timing of festivals) in the United Kingdom and Belgium.
- \$61.3 million – Acquisitions of Signatures and Anthill in Artist Nation.
- (\$136.9) million – Decline in the volume and change in the venue mix of global tours during the quarter impacting Artist Nation.
- \$18.4 million – Foreign exchange movements, primarily in International Music.

Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) change – Total increase of \$15.4 million, primarily driven by:

- \$9.1 million – Acquisitions of Heineken Music Hall, DFC, Luger and the Arras France festival in International Music and Signatures and Anthill in Artist Nation.
- \$12.0 million – Improvement in North American Music operating results primarily driven by strong amphitheater and third-party venue results due to increased events and attendance, partially offset by a reduction in arena events.
- \$10.6 million – Increase in International Music primarily due to festival results (partially due to the timing of festivals) in the United Kingdom and Belgium.
- (\$12.3) million – Decrease in the volume and change in the venue mix of global tours and increased salary and consulting expenses related to the infrastructure of Artist Nation.
- (\$5.6) million – Decline in Ticketing primarily due to higher salary costs and other expense related to building our ticketing infrastructure.
- \$1.9 million – Foreign exchange movements, primarily in International Music.

Operating Income (Loss) change – Total increase of \$6.4 million, primarily driven by:

- \$15.4 million – Overall increase in Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) noted above.
- (\$5.3) million – Increase in depreciation and amortization expense primarily due to the amortization of intangible assets related to the AMG and DFC acquisitions, along with higher depreciation on fixed assets.
- (\$4.9) million – Decreased gain on the sale of operating assets primarily due to gains recorded in 2007 on the sale of seven small-sized music venues in London.

Other Information –

- We continue to expand our sponsorship relationships, including a new 10-year contract with Telefonica O² for a naming rights sponsorship at O² Dublin arena (formerly The Point) in Dublin, Ireland.
- We remain on track in building and launching our ticketing business and completing our direct connection with the millions of fans we serve annually.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS - NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30 (Unaudited)

| | <u>9 months</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>9 months</u> <u>2007</u> | <u>Variance</u> | | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| | <i>\$ in millions</i> | | | | |
| Revenue | | | | | |
| North American Music | \$ 1,783.9 | \$ 1,503.9 | 18.6% | | |
| International Music | 986.8 | 774.2 | 27.5% | | |
| Artist Nation | 419.1 | 452.7 | (7.4%) | | |
| Ticketing | 19.8 | 9.0 | ** | | |
| Other and Eliminations | 41.5 | 96.6 | ** | | |
| | <u>\$ 3,251.1</u> | <u>\$ 2,836.4</u> | <u>14.6%</u> | | |
| Margins | | | | | |
| | <u>9 months</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>9 months</u> <u>2007</u> | | | |
| Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) | | | | | |
| North American Music | \$ 111.1 | \$ 61.3 | 81.2% | 6.2% | 4.1% |
| International Music | 72.7 | 58.8 | 23.6% | 7.4% | 7.6% |
| Artist Nation | (13.4) | 4.8 | ** | ** | 1.1% |
| Ticketing | (11.1) | (3.4) | ** | ** | ** |
| Other and Eliminations | 12.7 | 10.5 | 21.0% | ** | ** |
| Corporate | (30.3) | (25.6) | (18.4%) | | |
| | <u>\$ 141.7</u> | <u>\$ 106.4</u> | <u>33.2%</u> | <u>4.4%</u> | <u>3.8%</u> |
| Operating Income (Loss) | | | | | |
| North American Music | \$ 64.6 | \$ 24.6 | ** | 3.6% | 1.6% |
| International Music | 50.8 | 65.1 | (22.0%) | 5.1% | 8.4% |
| Artist Nation | (35.9) | (7.3) | ** | ** | ** |
| Ticketing | (14.7) | (6.1) | ** | ** | ** |
| Other and Eliminations | 6.5 | (2.6) | ** | ** | ** |
| Corporate | (38.1) | (34.4) | (10.8%) | | |
| | <u>\$ 33.2</u> | <u>\$ 39.3</u> | <u>**</u> | <u>1.0%</u> | <u>1.4%</u> |

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The highlights of our financial information for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008 as compared to the same period in 2007 are as follows:

Revenue change – Total increase of \$414.7 million, primarily driven by:

- \$185.0 million – Increase in North American Music primarily due to strong results from arena tours and an increase in events, ancillary revenue per attendee, attendance and average ticket prices at our owned and/or operated amphitheaters and third-party venues.
- \$94.9 million – Acquisition of HOB Canada in North American Music.
- \$88.8 million – Acquisitions of AMG, Heineken Music Hall, DFC, Luger and the Arras France festival in International Music.
- \$61.5 million – Increase in International Music due to stronger promotion activity in the United Kingdom, Sweden and Norway driven primarily by strong stadium events and strong arena tours, as well as an overall increase in revenues related to our festival operations in the United Kingdom, Belgium and The Netherlands.
- (\$156.5) million – Decreased volume and change in the venue mix of global tours impacting Artist Nation.
- \$122.9 million – Acquisitions of Signatures and Anthill in Artist Nation.
- (\$37.4) million – Decline due to the sale in 2007 of a theater production and also due to fewer productions in our United Kingdom theater operations in 2008.
- \$72.9 million – Foreign exchange movements, primarily in International Music.

Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) change – Total increase of \$35.3 million, primarily driven by:

- \$19.1 million – Acquisitions of HOB Canada in North American Music, AMG, Heineken Music Hall, DFC, Luger and the Arras France festival in International Music and Signatures and Anthill in Artist Nation.
- \$48.1 million – Increase in North American Music operating income due primarily to cost controls on talent buying and other variable expenses, higher ticket sales through our internal ticketing operations, higher average ticket prices and increased activity at our owned and/or operated amphitheatres and strong arena tours.
- (\$22.7) million – Reduced volume and change in the venue mix in global tours and increased salary and consulting expenses related to the infrastructure for Artist Nation.
- (\$7.7) million – Decline in Ticketing primarily due to higher salary costs and other expense related to building our ticketing infrastructure.
- (\$4.7) million – Increased headcount and related costs in Corporate.
- \$3.9 million – Foreign exchange movements, primarily in International Music.

Operating Income (Loss) change – Total decrease of \$6.1 million, primarily driven by:

- \$35.3 million – Overall increase in Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) noted above.
- (\$21.5) million – Increase in depreciation and amortization expense primarily due to the amortization of intangible assets related to the AMG, DFC and CPI acquisitions and certain artist rights agreements.
- (\$20.0) million – Decreased gain on the sale of operating assets primarily due to gains recorded in 2007 on the sale of an amphitheater, an office building, two mid-sized and seven small-sized music venues and two other non-core assets.

Other information

- For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, maintenance capital expenditures were \$21.7 million, down from \$30.7 million for the same period of the prior year. We also incurred \$116.9 million of capital expenditures for revenue generating projects during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008, primarily due to the development and renovation of various venues including O² Dublin arena (formerly The Point) in Ireland, *House of Blues* in Houston and Boston, the Hollywood Palladium and the AMG venue expansions in Sheffield and Leeds, as well as for our ticketing roll-out.
- As of September 30, 2008, our cash and cash equivalents were \$205.9 million and our total long-term debt was \$799.3 million, including \$40.0 million outstanding on our revolving credit facility. Free cash as of September 30, 2008 was \$50.4 million.

Conference Call:

The company will host a teleconference today, November 6, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, which can be accessed by dialing 888-603-6873 (U.S.) or 973-321-1019 (Int'l) and referencing passcode 70943698. To access the call via webcast, please visit the Investor Relations section of the company's website at www.livenation.com/investors. Please visit the website approximately ten minutes prior to start time to ensure a connection. Additional statistical and financial information to be provided on the call, if any, will be posted supplementally under that same link. For those who are not available to listen to the live broadcast, a replay will be available shortly after the call on the Live Nation website through November 13, 2008.

About Live Nation:

Live Nation's mission is to maximize the live concert experience. Our core business is producing, marketing and selling live concerts for artists via our global concert pipe. Live Nation is the largest producer of live concerts in the world, annually producing over 16,000 concerts for 1,500 artists in 57 countries. The company sells over 45 million concert tickets a year and expects to drive over 60 million unique visitors to LiveNation.com in 2008. Live Nation is transforming the concert business by expanding its concert platform into ticketing and building the industry's first artist-to-fan vertically integrated concert platform. Headquartered in Los Angeles, California, Live Nation is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, trading under the symbol "LYV". Additional information about the company can be found at www.livenation.com/investors.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|--|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| | (in thousands except share and per share data) | | | |
| Revenue..... | \$ 1,588,653 | \$ 1,452,578 | \$ 3,251,077 | \$ 2,836,397 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | |
| Direct operating expenses | 1,295,416 | 1,200,071 | 2,589,443 | 2,265,952 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses..... | 174,254 | 151,910 | 495,312 | 444,354 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 31,490 | 26,191 | 98,761 | 77,243 |
| Gain on sale of operating assets..... | (1,158) | (6,112) | (799) | (20,806) |
| Corporate expenses | 13,062 | 11,335 | 35,177 | 30,394 |
| Operating income | 75,589 | 69,183 | 33,183 | 39,260 |
| Interest expense | 15,285 | 15,018 | 45,646 | 45,194 |
| Interest income | (2,978) | (3,704) | (8,406) | (10,631) |
| Equity in earnings of nonconsolidated affiliates..... | (1,979) | (3,211) | (871) | (2,571) |
| Minority interest expense (income)..... | 4,261 | 8,099 | (284) | 8,574 |
| Other expense (income) — net..... | 277 | (210) | (838) | (564) |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes | 60,723 | 53,191 | (2,064) | (742) |
| Income tax expense (benefit): | | | | |
| Current | (51,167) | 5,880 | (37,951) | 22,545 |
| Deferred | 470 | 6,360 | 6,132 | 10,549 |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | 111,420 | 40,951 | 29,755 | (33,836) |
| Income from discontinued operations, net of tax..... | 28,508 | 602 | 76,006 | 40,262 |
| Net income | 139,928 | 41,553 | 105,761 | 6,426 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) , net of tax | (29,731) | 20,326 | (17,843) | 29,809 |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 110,197 | \$ 61,879 | \$ 87,918 | \$ 36,235 |
| Basic income (loss) per common share: | | | | |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ 1.46 | \$ 0.59 | \$ 0.39 | \$ (0.51) |
| Income from discontinued operations | 0.38 | 0.01 | 1.01 | 0.61 |
| Net income..... | \$ 1.84 | \$ 0.60 | \$ 1.40 | \$ 0.10 |
| Diluted income (loss) per common share: | | | | |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ 1.33 | \$ 0.54 | \$ 0.39 | \$ (0.51) |
| Income from discontinued operations | 0.34 | 0.01 | 1.00 | 0.61 |
| Net income..... | \$ 1.67 | \$ 0.55 | \$ 1.39 | \$ 0.10 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding: | | | | |
| Basic..... | 76,230,900 | 69,398,147 | 75,647,661 | 66,820,837 |
| Diluted | 84,736,808 | 78,215,047 | 76,360,255 | 66,820,837 |

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

| | September 30, 2008 | December 31, 2007 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| | (unaudited) | (audited) |
| | (in thousands) | |
| ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 205,916 | \$ 338,991 |
| Accounts receivable, less allowance of \$9,243 as of September 30, 2008 and \$18,928 as of December 31, 2007 | 358,621 | 264,316 |
| Prepaid expenses | 257,901 | 186,379 |
| Other current assets | 37,288 | 44,722 |
| Assets held for sale | 11,376 | — |
| Total Current Assets | 871,102 | 834,408 |
| PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT | | |
| Land, buildings and improvements | 934,802 | 1,018,079 |
| Furniture and other equipment | 236,794 | 236,320 |
| Construction in progress | 148,883 | 51,725 |
| | 1,320,479 | 1,306,124 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | 406,100 | 391,079 |
| | 914,379 | 915,045 |
| INTANGIBLE ASSETS | | |
| Intangible assets — net | 506,244 | 382,999 |
| Goodwill | 451,248 | 471,542 |
| OTHER LONG-TERM ASSETS | | |
| Notes receivable, less allowance of \$565 as of September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007 | 1,440 | 1,703 |
| Investments in nonconsolidated affiliates | 21,347 | 23,443 |
| Other long-term assets | 182,641 | 122,963 |
| Total Assets | \$ 2,948,401 | \$ 2,752,103 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 93,966 | \$ 79,273 |
| Accrued expenses | 512,606 | 511,636 |
| Deferred revenue | 255,995 | 259,868 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 59,948 | 36,345 |
| Other current liabilities | 50,420 | 18,348 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 972,935 | 905,470 |
| Long-term debt | 739,386 | 786,261 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 144,094 | 91,465 |
| Minority interest liability | 67,823 | 61,841 |
| Series A and Series B redeemable preferred stock | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Common stock | 769 | 749 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 972,907 | 940,848 |
| Retained deficit | (25,180) | (130,941) |
| Cost of shares held in treasury | (2,900) | — |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 38,567 | 56,410 |
| Total Shareholders' Equity | 984,163 | 867,066 |
| Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity | \$ 2,948,401 | \$ 2,752,103 |

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|--|-------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| | (in thousands) | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Net income | \$ 105,761 | \$ 6,426 |
| Reconciling items: | | |
| Depreciation | 57,981 | 59,250 |
| Amortization of intangibles..... | 54,572 | 20,434 |
| Impairment of operational assets..... | 16,035 | — |
| Deferred income tax expense | 6,132 | 10,400 |
| Amortization of debt issuance costs..... | 3,368 | 1,337 |
| Non-cash compensation expense..... | 9,588 | 11,609 |
| Gain on sale of operating assets | (167,797) | (20,934) |
| Gain on sale of other investments | — | (64) |
| Equity in losses (earnings) of nonconsolidated affiliates | 673 | (3,377) |
| Minority interest expense (income) | (123) | 8,190 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions and dispositions: | | |
| Increase in accounts receivable | (126,615) | (127,855) |
| Increase in prepaid expenses | (83,259) | (81,688) |
| Increase in other assets..... | (89,552) | (34,301) |
| Increase in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities | 116,788 | 93,703 |
| Increase in deferred revenue | 52,885 | 91,232 |
| Decrease in other — net..... | (401) | — |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | (43,964) | 34,362 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Collection of notes receivable..... | 106 | 1,873 |
| Advances to notes receivable..... | — | (722) |
| Distributions from nonconsolidated affiliates..... | 4,976 | 8,983 |
| Investments made to nonconsolidated affiliates | (255) | (2,967) |
| Proceeds from disposal of other investments..... | — | 3,616 |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment | (138,550) | (66,945) |
| Proceeds from disposal of operating assets, net of cash divested | 194,286 | 72,007 |
| Cash paid for acquisitions, net of cash acquired..... | (35,977) | (76,051) |
| Purchases of intangible assets..... | (46,316) | — |
| Decrease in other — net | 308 | 368 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (21,422) | (59,838) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Proceeds from long-term debt, net of debt issuance costs | 275,242 | 315,741 |
| Payments on long-term debt | (327,614) | (249,835) |
| Contributions from minority interest partners..... | 8,847 | — |
| Distributions to minority interest partners | (1,845) | (3,319) |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options..... | 636 | 424 |
| Payments for purchases of common stock..... | (3,628) | — |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | (48,362) | 63,011 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | (19,327) | (73) |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | (133,075) | 37,462 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 338,991 | 313,880 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 205,916 | \$ 351,342 |

Forward-Looking Statements, Non-GAAP Financial Measures and Reconciliations:

Certain statements in this press release constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the potential health and growth of Live Nation’s business; the company’s anticipated achievement of its strategic objectives; and the company’s intention to launch its ticketing operations and the anticipated benefits of its ticketing strategy. Live Nation wishes to caution you that there are some known and unknown factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, including but not limited to operational challenges in achieving strategic objectives and executing on the company’s plans, the risk that the company’s markets do not evolve as anticipated, the potential impact of any general economic slowdown and operational challenges associated with building out the company’s ticketing operations.

Live Nation refers you to the documents it files from time to time with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, specifically the section titled “Item 1A. Risk Factors” of the company’s most recent Annual Report filed on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and its Current Reports on Form 8-K, which contain and identify other important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the company’s projections or forward-looking statements. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements which speak only as of the date on which they are made. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements by or concerning Live Nation are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements above. Live Nation does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements because of new information, future events or otherwise.

This press release contains certain non-GAAP financial measures as defined by SEC Regulation G. A reconciliation of each such measure to its most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, together with an explanation of why management believes that these non-GAAP financial measures provide useful information to investors, is provided below.

Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) is a non-GAAP financial measure that the company defines as operating income (loss) before depreciation and amortization, loss (gain) on sale of operating assets and non-cash compensation expense. The company uses Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) to evaluate the performance of its operating segments. The company believes that information about Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) assists investors by allowing them to evaluate changes in the operating results of the company’s portfolio of businesses separate from non-operational factors that affect net income, thus providing insights into both operations and the other factors that affect reported results. Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) is not calculated or presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. A limitation of the use of Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) as a performance measure is that it does not reflect the periodic costs of certain capitalized tangible and intangible assets used in generating revenue in the company’s business. Accordingly, Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, operating income (loss), net income (loss), and other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Furthermore, this measure may vary among other companies; thus, Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) as presented herein may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

Free Cash Flow is a non-GAAP financial measure that the company defines as Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) less maintenance capital expenditures, less net interest expense, less cash taxes, less distributions to minority interest partners plus distributions from investments in nonconsolidated affiliates net of contributions to investments in nonconsolidated affiliates. The company uses free cash flow, among other measures, to evaluate the ability of its operations to generate cash that is available for purposes other than maintenance capital expenditures. The company believes that information about free cash flow provides investors with an important perspective on the cash available to service debt and make acquisitions. Free cash flow is not calculated or presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. A limitation of the use of free cash flow as a performance measure is that it does not necessarily represent funds available for operations and it is not necessarily a measure of our ability to fund our cash needs. Accordingly, free cash flow should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, operating income (loss) and other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Furthermore, this measure may vary among other companies; thus, free cash flow as presented above may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

Free Cash is a non-GAAP financial measure that the company defines as cash and cash equivalents less event-related deferred income, less accrued artist fees, less collections on behalf of others plus prepaids related to artist settlements/events. The company uses free cash as a proxy for how much cash it has available to, among other things, optionally repay debt balances, make acquisitions and finance new venue expenditures. Free cash is not calculated or presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. A limitation of the use of free cash as a performance measure is that it does not necessarily represent funds available for operations and it is not necessarily a measure of our ability to fund our cash needs. Accordingly, free cash should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, cash and cash equivalents and other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Furthermore, this measure may vary among other companies; thus, free cash as presented herein may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Measures to Their Most Directly Comparable GAAP Measures (Unaudited)

Reconciliation of Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) to Operating Income (Loss) – Three and Nine Months ended September 30

| | Adjusted operating income (loss) | Non-cash compensation expense | Loss (gain) on sale of operating assets | Depreciation and amortization | Operating income (loss) |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (\$ in millions) | | | | | |
| Three months ended September 30, 2008 | | | | | |
| North American Music | \$ 77.2 | \$ 0.8 | \$ (0.7) | \$ 15.4 | \$ 61.7 |
| International Music | 46.3 | 0.2 | - | 8.0 | 38.1 |
| Artist Nation | (0.8) | 0.2 | - | 3.6 | (4.6) |
| Ticketing | (5.1) | 0.1 | - | 1.3 | (6.5) |
| Other and Eliminations | 2.7 | - | - | 2.2 | 0.5 |
| Corporate | (10.7) | 2.4 | (0.5) | 1.0 | (13.6) |
| Total Live Nation | \$ 109.6 | \$ 3.7 | \$ (1.2) | \$ 31.5 | \$ 75.6 |

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|--|---------|--------|----------|---------|---------|
| Three months ended September 30, 2007 | | | | | |
| North American Music | \$ 65.2 | \$ 1.5 | \$ (0.8) | \$ 13.4 | \$ 51.1 |
| International Music | 28.3 | 0.4 | (5.6) | 3.6 | 29.9 |
| Artist Nation | 7.8 | 1.0 | - | 3.8 | 3.0 |
| Ticketing | (0.5) | 0.2 | - | 1.1 | (1.8) |
| Other and Eliminations | 3.0 | - | 0.4 | 2.8 | (0.2) |
| Corporate | (9.6) | 1.8 | (0.1) | 1.5 | (12.8) |
| Total Live Nation | \$ 94.2 | \$ 4.9 | \$ (6.1) | \$ 26.2 | \$ 69.2 |

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|---|----------|---------|----------|---------|---------|
| Nine months ended September 30, 2008 | | | | | |
| North American Music | \$ 111.1 | \$ 2.5 | \$ (0.7) | \$ 44.7 | \$ 64.6 |
| International Music | 72.7 | 0.8 | - | 21.1 | 50.8 |
| Artist Nation | (13.4) | 2.1 | (0.1) | 20.5 | (35.9) |
| Ticketing | (11.1) | 0.3 | - | 3.3 | (14.7) |
| Other and Eliminations | 12.7 | 0.0 | (0.2) | 6.4 | 6.5 |
| Corporate | (30.3) | 4.8 | 0.2 | 2.8 | (38.1) |
| Total Live Nation | \$ 141.7 | \$ 10.5 | \$ (0.8) | \$ 98.8 | \$ 33.2 |

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|---|----------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Nine months ended September 30, 2007 | | | | | |
| North American Music | \$ 61.3 | \$ 3.2 | \$ (6.8) | \$ 40.3 | \$ 24.6 |
| International Music | 58.8 | 0.5 | (18.7) | 11.9 | 65.1 |
| Artist Nation | 4.8 | 1.7 | - | 10.4 | (7.3) |
| Ticketing | (3.4) | 0.5 | - | 2.2 | (6.1) |
| Other and Eliminations | 10.5 | - | 4.8 | 8.3 | (2.6) |
| Corporate | (25.6) | 4.8 | (0.1) | 4.1 | (34.4) |
| Total Live Nation | \$ 106.4 | \$ 10.7 | \$ (20.8) | \$ 77.2 | \$ 39.3 |

Reconciliation of Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) to Free Cash Flow – Third Quarter

| <i>(\$ in millions)</i> | Q3 2008 | Q3 2007 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Adjusted operating income | \$ 109.6 | \$ 94.2 |
| Less: Interest expense — net | (12.3) | (11.3) |
| Cash taxes | (18.9) | (5.9) |
| Maintenance capital expenditures | (2.6) | (9.9) |
| Distributions to minority interest partners | (1.4) | 0.7 |
| Distributions from (contributions to) investments in nonconsolidated affiliates | 1.2 | 2.3 |
| Free cash flow | \$ 75.6 | \$ 70.1 |

Reconciliation of Cash and Cash Equivalents to Free Cash as of September 30, 2008

| <i>(\$ in millions)</i> | September 30, 2008 |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 205.9 |
| Deferred income | \$ (222.5) |
| Accrued artist fees | \$ (26.6) |
| Collections on behalf of others | \$ (82.7) |
| Prepays related to artist settlements/events | \$ 176.3 |
| Free cash | \$ 50.4 |