



Domino's Pizza Announces Second Quarter 2011 Financial Results

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Sales Momentum Continues

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Domino's Pizza, Inc. (NYSE: DPZ), the recognized world leader in pizza delivery, today announced results for the second quarter ended June 19, 2011. Domestic same store sales were up 4.8% versus the year-ago period, comparing favorably against a strong second quarter in 2010, which was up 8.8%. Internationally, the Company marked its 70th consecutive quarter of same store sales growth, up 7.4% versus the prior-year period. Second quarter diluted EPS was 40 cents, up 21% over the as-adjusted diluted EPS in the second quarter of 2010. During the second quarter of 2011, the Company repurchased and retired 1,747,885 shares of its common stock, for a total of \$41.4 million.

J. Patrick Doyle, Domino's President and Chief Executive Officer, said: "The sales momentum in our business continues, resulting in a strong first half for 2011. Domino's is in over 70 markets around the world; a diversified global presence that has driven steady, positive results. We like our position in the category; and we have tremendous energy to produce even better returns for our shareholders and franchisees going forward."

Second Quarter Highlights:

<i>(dollars in millions, except per share data)</i>	Second Quarter of 2011	Second Quarter of 2010	First Two Quarters of 2011	First Two Quarters of 2010
Net income	\$ 25.2	\$ 22.6	\$52.4	\$ 47.1
Weighted average diluted shares	63,226,096	60,760,689	62,808,625	60,305,138
Diluted earnings per share, as reported	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.78
Items affecting comparability (see section below)	\$ -	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.10)
Diluted earnings per share, as adjusted	<u>\$ 0.40</u>	<u>\$ 0.33</u>	<u>\$ 0.82</u>	<u>\$ 0.68</u>

Note: Diluted earnings per share figures may not sum to the total due to the rounding of each individual calculation.

- **Revenues** were up 6.2% for the second quarter versus the prior-year period, due primarily to higher same store sales in both domestic and international stores, store count growth in international markets and higher commodity prices impacting the Company's supply chain operations. Partially offsetting these increases were lower Company-owned store revenues due to the sale of 26 Company-owned stores to a franchisee during the first quarter of 2011.
- **Net Income** was up 11.6% for the second quarter versus the prior-year period, primarily driven by domestic and international same store sales growth, international store growth and lower interest expense. Partially offsetting these increases were the gains recorded on debt repurchases in 2010, a higher effective tax rate in 2011 and higher general and administrative expenses in 2011.
- **Diluted EPS** was 40 cents on an as-reported basis for the second quarter versus 37 cents in the prior-year quarter. Diluted EPS, as adjusted was also 40 cents for the second quarter versus 33 cents in the prior-year quarter, an increase of seven cents, or 21%. This increase was primarily due to the aforementioned increase in net income, offset in part by higher weighted average diluted shares outstanding. (See the *Items Affecting Comparability* section and the *Comments on Regulation G* section.)
- **Global Retail Sales** were up 14.5% in the second quarter, or up 9.6% when excluding foreign currency impact.

	Second Quarter of 2011	Second Quarter of 2010
Same store sales growth: (versus prior year period)		
Domestic Company-owned stores	+5.3%	+ 8.3%
Domestic franchise stores	+ 4.8%	+ 8.8%
Domestic stores	+ 4.8%	+ 8.8%
International stores	+ 7.4%	+ 6.2%

Global retail sales growth: (versus prior year period)		
Domestic stores	+ 5.0%	+ 7.5%
International stores	+25.6%	+19.0%
Total	+14.5%	+12.5%

Global retail sales growth: (versus prior year period, excluding foreign currency impact)		
Domestic stores	+ 5.0%	+ 7.5%
International stores	+14.9%	+14.1%
Total	+ 9.6%	+10.3%

	Domestic Company- owned Stores	Domestic Franchise Stores	Total Domestic Stores	International Stores	Total
Store counts:					
Store count at March 27, 2011	427	4,482	4,909	4,470	9,379
Openings	-	13	13	88	101
Closings	-	(28)	(28)	(16)	(44)
Store count at June 19, 2011	427	4,467	4,894	4,542	9,436
Second quarter 2011 net change	-	(15)	(15)	72	57
Trailing four quarters net growth	(28)	13	(15)	354	339

Conference Call Information

The Company plans to file its quarterly report on Form 10-Q this morning and will hold a **conference call today** at 11 a.m. (Eastern) to review its second quarter 2011 financial results. The call can be accessed by dialing (888) 306-6182 (U.S./Canada) or (706) 634-4947 (International). Ask for the Domino's Pizza conference call. The call will also be webcast at www.dominosbiz.com. If you are unable to participate on the call, a replay will be available for 30 days by dialing (800) 642-1687 (U.S./Canada) or (706)645-9291 (International), Conference ID 35043894. The webcast will also be archived for 30 days on www.dominosbiz.com.

Share Repurchases

During the second quarter of 2011, the Company repurchased and retired 1,747,885 shares of its common stock under its Board of Directors-approved open market share repurchase program for a total cost of approximately \$41.4 million, or an average price of \$23.71 per share. Year-to-date, the Company has repurchased and retired 2,105,490 shares of its common stock for a total cost of approximately \$47.3 million, or an average price of \$22.45 per share. The Company has used approximately 75% of the total amount authorized under its open market share repurchase program and has approximately \$50.0 million remaining under the previously approved \$200.0 million.

In July 2011, the Board of Directors approved an increase to the Company's open market share repurchase program resulting in a total remaining authorized amount for additional share repurchases of \$200.0 million.

Items Affecting Comparability

The Company's reported financial results for the second quarter and first two quarters of 2011 are not comparable to the reported financial results for the equivalent prior-year periods. The table below presents certain items that affect comparability between 2011 and 2010 financial results. Management believes that including such information is critical to the understanding of its financial results for the second quarter and first two quarters of 2011 as compared to the same periods in 2010 (See the *Comments on Regulation G* section).

In addition to the items noted in the table below, the Company experienced lower interest expense primarily as a result of lower debt levels, further impacting comparability to the prior year periods. Lower interest expense resulted in an increase in diluted EPS of approximately one cent in the second quarter of 2011 and three cents in the first two quarters of 2011 versus the comparable periods in 2010. Additionally, higher weighted average diluted shares resulted in a decrease in diluted EPS of approximately two cents in the second quarter of 2011 and three cents in the first two quarters of 2011.

	Second Quarter			First Two Quarters		
	Pre-tax	After-tax	Diluted EPS Impact	Pre-tax	After-tax	Diluted EPS Impact
<i>(in thousands, except per share data)</i>						
2011 items affecting comparability:						
Gain on the sale of Company-owned stores (1)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,054	\$ 648	\$0.01
Gain on Netherlands operations (2)	-	-	-	678	417	0.01
Total of 2011 items	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,732	\$1,065	\$0.02
2010 items affecting comparability:						
Gain on debt extinguishment (3)	\$1,493	\$ 910	\$0.01	\$7,636	\$4,658	\$0.08
Deferred financing fee write-off and other (4)	(472)	(288)	(0.00)	(1,109)	(677)	(0.01)
Tax reserves (5)	565	2,025	0.03	565	2,025	0.03
Total of 2010 items	\$1,586	\$2,647	\$0.04	\$7,092	\$6,006	\$0.10

(1) The gain recognized relates to the sale of 26 Company-owned stores to a franchisee. The gain is net of a reduction in goodwill of approximately \$0.4 million.

(2) This amount relates to the recognition of a contingent gain in connection with the previous sale of the Netherlands operations to the current master franchisee. The amount was received by the Company during the first quarter of 2011 as a portion of the contingency was finalized.

(3) Represents the gains recognized in the second quarter and first two quarters of 2010 on the repurchase and retirement of \$20.4 million and \$80.4 million of principal on the fixed rate notes for a total purchase price of \$19.0 million and \$73.0 million, including \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million of accrued interest.

(4) Represents the write-off of deferred financing fees and the prepayment of insurance fees in connection with the related debt extinguishments.

(5) Represents \$1.7 million of income tax benefit and \$0.6 million (\$0.3 million after-tax) of interest income, both relating to tax reserve reversals for a state tax matter.

Liquidity

As of June 19, 2011, the Company had approximately:

- \$78.6 million of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents,
- \$79.8 million of restricted cash and cash equivalents, and
- \$1.45 billion in total debt, including \$60.0 million of borrowings under its \$60.0 million variable funding note facility.

The Company's cash borrowing rate averaged 5.9% for both the second quarter of 2011 and the second quarter of 2010. The Company invested \$8.4 million in capital expenditures during the first two quarters of 2011 versus \$11.1 million in the first two quarters of 2010.

The Company's free cash flow, as reconciled below to cash flows from operations as determined under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), was approximately \$36.0 million in the first two quarters of 2011.

	First Two Quarters of 2011
<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Net cash provided by operating activities (as reported)	\$44,412
Capital expenditures (as reported)	(8,384)
Free cash flow	<u>\$36,028</u>

Comments on Regulation G

In addition to the GAAP financial measures set forth in this press release, the Company has included non-GAAP financial measures within the meaning of Regulation G due to items affecting comparability between fiscal quarters. Additionally, the Company has included metrics such as global retail sales growth and same store sales growth, which are commonly used statistical measures in the quick-service restaurant industry and are important to understanding Company performance.

The Company uses "**Diluted EPS, as adjusted**," which is calculated as reported Diluted EPS adjusted for the items that affect comparability to the prior year periods discussed above. The most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP is Diluted EPS. The Company's management believes that the Diluted EPS, as adjusted measure is important and useful to investors and other interested persons and that such persons benefit from having a consistent basis for comparison between reporting periods. Management uses Diluted EPS, as adjusted to internally evaluate operating performance, to evaluate itself against its peers and to determine future performance targets and long-range planning. Additionally, the Company believes that analysts covering the Company's stock performance generally eliminate these items affecting comparability when preparing their financial models, when determining their published EPS estimates and when benchmarking the Company against its competitors.

The Company uses "**Global retail sales**" to refer to total worldwide retail sales at Company-owned and franchise stores. Management believes global retail sales information is useful in analyzing revenues because franchisees pay royalties that are based on a percentage of franchise retail sales.

Management reviews comparable industry global retail sales information to assess business trends and to track the growth of the Domino's Pizza® brand. In addition, domestic supply chain revenues are directly impacted by changes in domestic franchise retail sales. Retail sales for franchise stores are reported to the Company by its franchisees and are not included in Company revenues.

The Company uses "**Same store sales growth**," calculated by including only sales from stores that also had sales in the comparable period of the prior year. International same store sales growth is calculated similarly to domestic same store sales growth. Changes in international same store sales are reported on a constant dollar basis, which reflects changes in international local currency sales.

The Company uses "**Free cash flow**," calculated as cash flows from operations less capital expenditures, both as reported under GAAP. Management believes that the free cash flow measure is important to investors and other interested persons, and that such persons benefit from having a measure which communicates how much cash flow is available for working capital needs or to be used for repurchasing debt, making acquisitions, repurchasing common stock, paying dividends or other similar uses of cash.

About Domino's Pizza®

Founded in 1960, Domino's Pizza is the recognized world leader in pizza delivery. Domino's is listed on the NYSE under the symbol "DPZ." As of the second quarter of 2011, through its primarily locally-owned and operated franchised system, Domino's operated a network of 9,436 franchised and Company-owned stores in the United States and over 70 international markets. During the second quarter of 2011, Domino's had global retail sales of over \$1.6 billion, comprised of nearly \$793 million domestically and over \$810 million internationally. Domino's Pizza had global retail sales of over \$6.2 billion in 2010, comprised of over \$3.3 billion domestically and over \$2.9 billion internationally.

In May 2011, Pizza Today named Domino's its "Chain of the Year" for the second straight year - making the company a three-time overall winner, and the first pizza delivery company to receive the honor in back-to-back years. In 2011, Domino's was ranked #1 in Forbes Magazine's "Top 20 Franchises for the Money" list. Helped by the launch of its *Domino's Smart Slice* school lunch pizza in late 2010, Domino's is collaborating with the *Alliance for a Healthier Generation* to serve healthier school foods and beverages in the United States. In late 2009, Domino's debuted its "Inspired New Pizza" - a permanent change to its hand-tossed product, reinvented from the crust up.

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TABLES TO FOLLOW

<p>Domino's Pizza, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)</p>
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Fiscal Quarter Ended			
	% of		% of
June 19, 2011	Total	June 20, 2010	Total
	Revenues		Revenues

(In thousands, except per share data)

Revenues:				
Domestic Company-owned stores	\$ 78,908		\$ 79,076	
Domestic franchise	43,347		38,831	
Domestic supply chain	215,500		205,430	
International	47,178		39,068	
Total revenues	<u>384,933</u>	100.0%	<u>362,405</u>	100.0%
Cost of sales:				
Domestic Company-owned stores	62,287		62,893	
Domestic supply chain	192,140		182,208	
International	19,812		16,968	
Total cost of sales	<u>274,239</u>	71.2%	<u>262,069</u>	72.3%
Operating margin	110,694	28.8%	100,336	27.7%
General and administrative	48,648	12.6%	45,787	12.6%
Income from operations	<u>62,046</u>	16.2%	<u>54,549</u>	15.1%
Interest expense, net	(20,970)	(5.5)%	(21,722)	(6.0)%
Other	-	-	1,493	0.4%
Income before provision for income taxes	41,076	10.7%	34,320	9.5%
Provision for income taxes	15,828	4.1%	11,695	3.3%
Net income	<u>\$ 25,248</u>	6.6%	<u>\$ 22,625</u>	6.2%
Earnings per share:				
Common stock - diluted	\$ 0.40		\$ 0.37	

Domino's Pizza, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)

Two Fiscal Quarters Ended

	June 19, 2011	% of Total Revenues	June 20, 2010	% of Total Revenues
(In thousands, except per share data)				
Revenues:				
Domestic Company-owned stores	\$ 161,642		\$ 167,282	
Domestic franchise	87,392		80,774	
Domestic supply chain	432,067		417,959	
International	93,018		77,520	
Total revenues	<u>774,119</u>	100.0%	<u>743,535</u>	100.0%
Cost of sales:				
Domestic Company-owned stores	127,870		132,160	
Domestic supply chain	384,486		369,555	
International	39,464		33,492	
Total cost of sales	<u>551,820</u>	71.3%	<u>535,207</u>	72.0%
Operating margin	222,299	28.7%	208,328	28.0%
General and administrative	95,141	12.3%	96,238	12.9%
Income from operations	<u>127,158</u>	16.4%	<u>112,090</u>	15.1%
Interest expense, net	(42,348)	(5.4)%	(45,845)	(6.2)%
Other	-	-	7,636	1.0%
Income before provision for income taxes	84,810	11.0%	73,881	9.9%
Provision for income taxes	32,451	4.2%	26,737	3.6%
Net income	<u>\$ 52,359</u>	6.8%	<u>\$ 47,144</u>	6.3%

Earnings per share:
Common stock - diluted \$ 0.83 \$ 0.78

Domino's Pizza, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

June 19, 2011 January 2, 2011

(In thousands)		
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 78,639	\$ 47,945
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	79,792	85,530
Accounts receivable	84,326	80,410
Inventories	28,647	26,998
Advertising fund assets, restricted	31,855	36,134
Other assets	<u>36,972</u>	<u>28,021</u>
Total current assets	340,231	305,038
Property, plant and equipment, net	92,322	97,384
Other assets	<u>54,436</u>	<u>58,415</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 486,989</u>	<u>\$ 460,837</u>
Liabilities and stockholders' deficit		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 824	\$ 835
Accounts payable	58,688	56,602
Advertising fund liabilities	31,855	36,134
Other accrued liabilities	<u>80,985</u>	<u>92,555</u>
Total current liabilities	172,352	186,126
Long-term liabilities:		
Long-term debt, less current portion	1,450,919	1,451,321
Other accrued liabilities	<u>35,083</u>	<u>34,041</u>
Total long-term liabilities	1,486,002	1,485,362
Total stockholders' deficit	<u>(1,171,365)</u>	<u>(1,210,651)</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' deficit	<u>\$ 486,989</u>	<u>\$ 460,837</u>

Domino's Pizza, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

Two Fiscal Quarters Ended

	<u>June 19,</u>	<u>June 20,</u>
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
(In thousands)		
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 52,359	\$ 47,144
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	11,068	10,994
Gains on debt extinguishment	-	(7,636)
(Gains) losses on sale/disposal of assets	(1,637)	123
Amortization of deferred financing costs, debt discount and other	1,696	2,614
Provision for deferred income taxes	8,738	4,165
Non-cash compensation expense	5,884	5,901
Other	1,435	819

Changes in operating assets and liabilities	<u>(35,131)</u>	<u>(14,484)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	44,412	49,640
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(8,384)	(11,058)
Proceeds from sale of assets	3,650	1,779
Changes in restricted cash	5,738	13,478
Other	<u>(224)</u>	<u>(1,619)</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	780	2,580
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	-	2,861
Repayments of long-term debt and capital lease obligations	(417)	(72,968)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	574	2,294
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	22,570	2,052
Tax impact of stock options and restricted stock	11,487	505
Purchase of common stock	(47,313)	-
Tax payments for restricted stock	<u>(1,254)</u>	<u>(368)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities	(14,353)	(65,624)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	<u>(145)</u>	<u>(8)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents	30,694	(13,412)
Cash and cash equivalents, at beginning of period	<u>47,945</u>	<u>42,392</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, at end of period	<u>\$ 78,639</u>	<u>\$ 28,980</u>

SOURCE Domino's Pizza, Inc.