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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 August 2, 2008

Commission File Number 1-6049

TARGET CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota	**41-0215170**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	**(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)**
1000 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota	**55403**
(Address of principal executive offices)	**(Zip Code)**

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 612/304-6073

Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report: N/A

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** x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer o Non-accelerated filer o Smaller Reporting company o

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of registrant s classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date. Total shares of common stock, par value $.0833, outstanding at August 27, 2008 were 754,657,931.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

Consolidated Statements of Operations

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
(millions, except per share data) (unaudited)	**August 2, 2008**	August 4, 2007	**August 2, 2008**	August 4, 2007
Sales	**$ 14,971**	$ 14,167	**$ 29,273**	$ 27,790
Credit card revenues	**501**	453	**1,001**	871
Total revenues	**15,472**	14,620	**30,274**	28,661
Cost of sales	**10,304**	9,696	**20,202**	19,112
Selling, general and administrative expenses	**3,153**	3,071	**6,190**	5,934
Credit card expenses	**347**	182	**620**	351
Depreciation and amortization	**448**	404	**884**	796
Earnings before interest expense and income taxes	**1,220**	1,267	**2,378**	2,468
Interest expense, net				
Nonrecourse debt collateralized by credit card receivables	**48**	30	**67**	57
Other interest expense	**179**	125	**369**	237
Interest income	**(10)**	(1)	**(19)**	(4)
Net interest expense	**217**	154	**417**	290
Earnings before income taxes	**1,003**	1,113	**1,961**	2,178
Provision for income taxes	**369**	427	**724**	841
Net earnings	**$ 634**	$ 686	**$ 1,237**	$ 1,337
Basic earnings per share	**$ 0.82**	$ 0.81	**$ 1.57**	$ 1.57
Diluted earnings per share	**$ 0.82**	$ 0.80	**$ 1.56**	$ 1.55
Weighted average common shares outstanding				
Basic	**770.3**	850.8	**787.9**	853.4
Diluted	**773.9**	857.4	**791.8**	860.1

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

(millions) (unaudited)		**August 2, 2008**		February 2, 2008		August 4, 2007
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	**$**	**1,527**	$	2,450	$	555
Credit card receivables, net of allowance of **$661**, $570 and $509		**7,980**		8,054		6,397
Inventory		**7,313**		6,780		6,645
Other current assets		**1,800**		1,622		1,535
Total current assets		**18,620**		18,906		15,132
Property and equipment						
Land		**5,687**		5,522		5,239
Buildings and improvements		**19,511**		18,329		16,483
Fixtures and equipment		**4,031**		3,858		3,516
Computer hardware and software		**2,498**		2,421		2,209
Construction-in-progress		**1,851**		1,852		2,848
Accumulated depreciation		**(8,426)**		(7,887)		(7,268)
Property and equipment, net		**25,152**		24,095		23,027
Other noncurrent assets		**1,368**		1,559		1,307
Total assets	**$**	**45,140**	$	44,560	$	39,466
Liabilities and shareholders investment						
Accounts payable	**$**	**6,606**	$	6,721	$	6,101
Accrued and other current liabilities		**3,030**		3,097		2,761
Unsecured debt and other borrowings		**1,723**		1,464		2,160
Nonrecourse debt collateralized by credit card receivables		**-**		500		-
Total current liabilities		**11,359**		11,782		11,022
Unsecured debt and other borrowings		**12,465**		13,226		8,252
Nonrecourse debt collateralized by credit card receivables		**5,467**		1,900		1,900
Deferred income taxes		**534**		470		408
Other noncurrent liabilities		**1,858**		1,875		1,930
Total noncurrent liabilities		**20,324**		17,471		12,490
Shareholders investment						
Common stock		**63**		68		71
Additional paid-in capital		**2,707**		2,656		2,610
Retained earnings		**10,861**		12,761		13,451
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		**(174)**		(178)		(178)
Total shareholders investment		**13,457**		15,307		15,954
Total liabilities and shareholders investment	**$**	**45,140**	$	44,560	$	39,466
Common shares outstanding		**755.0**		818.7		847.8

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(millions) (unaudited)	Six Months Ended August 2, 2008	August 4, 2007
Operating activities		
Net earnings	**$ 1,237**	$ 1,337
Reconciliation to cash flow		
Depreciation and amortization	**884**	796
Share-based compensation expense	**37**	42
Deferred income taxes	**14**	(65)
Bad debt provision	**437**	182
Loss on disposal of property and equipment, net	**24**	35
Other non-cash items affecting earnings	**106**	61
Changes in operating accounts providing / (requiring) cash		
Accounts receivable originated at Target	**(150)**	(64)
Inventory	**(533)**	(391)
Other current assets	**(104)**	(125)
Other noncurrent assets	**(17)**	(12)
Accounts payable	**(115)**	(475)
Accrued and other current liabilities	**(179)**	(161)
Other noncurrent liabilities	**(47)**	43
Other	**160**	-
Cash flow provided by operations	**1,754**	1,203
Investing activities		
Expenditures for property and equipment	**(1,956)**	(2,363)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment	**17**	16
Change in accounts receivable originated at third parties	**(213)**	(321)
Other investments	**(53)**	(69)
Cash flow required for investing activities	**(2,205)**	(2,737)
Financing activities		
Change in commercial paper, net	**-**	1,586
Reductions of short-term notes payable	**(500)**	-
Additions to long-term debt	**3,557**	1,900
Reductions of long-term debt	**(503)**	(1,253)
Dividends paid	**(224)**	(205)
Repurchase of stock	**(2,815)**	(940)
Stock option exercises and related tax benefit	**21**	195
Other	**(8)**	(7)
Cash flow (required for) / provided by financing activities	**(472)**	1,276
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	**(923)**	(258)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	**2,450**	813
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	**$ 1,527**	$ 555

Amounts presented herein are on a cash basis and therefore may differ from those shown in other sections of this Form 10-Q. Consistent with the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 95, Statement of Cash Flows, cash flows related to accounts receivable are classified as either an operating activity or an investing activity, depending on their origin.

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Consolidated Statements of Shareholders Investment

(millions, except footnotes)	Common Stock Shares	Stock Par Value	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) Pension and Other Benefit Liability Adjustments	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) Derivative Instruments and Other	Total
February 3, 2007	859.8	$ 72	$ 2,387	$ 13,417	$ (247)	$ 4	$ 15,633
Net earnings	-	-	-	2,849	-	-	2,849
Other comprehensive income							
Pension and other benefit liability adjustments, net of taxes of $38	-	-	-	-	59	-	59
Unrealized losses on cash flow hedges, net of taxes of $31	-	-	-	-	-	(48)	(48)
Total comprehensive income							2,860
Cumulative effect of adopting new accounting pronouncements	-	-	-	(31)	54	-	23
Dividends declared	-	-	-	(454)	-	-	(454)
Repurchase of stock	(46.2)	(4)	-	(2,689)	-	-	(2,693)
Premiums on call options	-	-	-	(331)	-	-	(331)
Stock options and awards	5.1	-	269	-	-	-	269
February 2, 2008 (unaudited)	818.7	68	2,656	12,761	(134)	(44)	15,307
Net earnings	-	-	-	1,237	-	-	1,237
Other comprehensive income							
Reclassification adjustment for gains recognized into net earnings, net of taxes of $1	-	-	-	-	4	-	4
Total comprehensive income							1,241
Dividends declared	-	-	-	(231)	-	-	(231)
Repurchase of stock	(64.3)	(5)	-	(2,906)	-	-	(2,911)
Stock options and awards	0.6	-	51	-	-	-	51
August 2, 2008	**755.0**	**$ 63**	**$ 2,707**	**$ 10,861**	**$ (130)**	**$ (44)**	**$ 13,457**

Dividends declared per share were $0.16 and $0.14 for the three months ended August 2, 2008 and August 4, 2007, respectively, and $0.30 and $0.26 for the six months ended August 2, 2008 and August 4, 2007. For the fiscal year ended February 2, 2008, dividends declared per share were $0.54.

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

1. Accounting Policies

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statement disclosures contained in our 2007 Form 10-K. The same accounting policies are followed in preparing quarterly financial data as are followed in preparing annual data. In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for a fair statement of quarterly operating results are reflected herein and are of a normal, recurring nature.

Due to the seasonal nature of our business, quarterly revenues, expenses, earnings and cash flows are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year.

During the first quarter of 2008 our Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Robert Ulrich, who was our chief operating decision maker (CODM) as defined in SFAS No. 131, Disclosure about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information (SFAS 131), retired, and he was succeeded by Gregg Steinhafel. As a result of this change and in light of the anticipated sale of an undivided interest in approximately one-half of our credit card receivables, we reevaluated the provisions of SFAS 131. Based upon our review performed in the first quarter of 2008, we determined that we have two reportable segments, which reflects how our new CODM reviews our results in terms of allocating resources and assessing performance. These two reportable segments are based on our different products and services: Retail and Credit Card. As a result, prior period disclosures reflect the change in reportable segments. Refer to Note 11 for more information.

Our Retail Segment includes all of our merchandising operations, including our stores and our fully integrated online business. Our Credit Card Segment offers credit to qualified guests through our REDcard products, the Target Visa and the Target Card.

2. New Accounting Pronouncements

Future adoptions

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141(R), Business Combinations (SFAS 141(R)), which changes the accounting for business combinations and their effects on the financial statements. SFAS 141(R) will be effective at the beginning of fiscal 2009. The adoption of this statement is not expected to materially affect our consolidated net earnings, cash flows or financial position.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, Accounting and Reporting of Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements, an amendment of ARB No. 51 (SFAS 160). SFAS 160 requires entities to report non-controlling interests in subsidiaries as equity in their consolidated financial statements. SFAS 160 will be effective at the beginning of fiscal 2009. The adoption of this statement is not expected to materially affect our consolidated net earnings, cash flows or financial position.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133 (SFAS 161). SFAS 161 requires enhanced disclosures about derivatives and hedging activities. SFAS 161 will be effective at the beginning of fiscal 2009. The adoption of this statement will not affect our consolidated net earnings, cash flows or financial position.

3. Cost of Sales and Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

During the first quarter of 2008, we reviewed our Consolidated Statements of Operations cost classification policy, primarily related to distribution and other supply chain costs that were previously classified within Selling, General & Administrative Expenses (SG&A). The review was prompted by changes within our supply chain processes and infrastructure, primarily the opening of our own food distribution network. As a result of this review, we have reclassified certain costs within our Consolidated Statements of Operations. The most significant change is that distribution center costs are now presented within cost of sales, as opposed to SG&A. We have reclassified all prior periods to conform to the current year presentation.

The following table illustrates the primary costs classified in each major expense category:

Cost of Sales	**Selling, General and Administrative Expenses**
Total cost of products sold including:	Compensation and benefit costs including:
• Freight expenses associated with moving merchandise from our vendors to our distribution centers and our retail stores, and among our distribution and retail facilities	• Stores • Headquarters
• Vendor income that is not reimbursement of specific, incremental and identifiable costs	Occupancy and operating costs of retail and headquarters facilities
Inventory shrink	Advertising, offset by vendor income that is a reimbursement of specific, incremental and identifiable costs
Markdowns	Pre-opening costs of stores and other facilities
Shipping and handling expenses	Other administrative costs
Terms cash discount	
Distribution center costs, including compensation and benefits costs	
The classification of these expenses varies across the retail industry.	

4. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share (EPS) is net earnings divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS includes the incremental shares assumed to be issued upon the exercise of stock options and the incremental shares assumed to be issued under performance share and restricted stock unit arrangements.

	Basic EPS				Diluted EPS			
	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended		Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
(millions, except per share data)	**Aug. 2, 2008**	Aug. 4, 2007	**Aug. 2, 2008**	Aug. 4, 2007	**Aug. 2, 2008**	Aug. 4, 2007	**Aug. 2, 2008**	Aug. 4, 2007
Net earnings	**$ 634**	$ 686	**$ 1,237**	$ 1,337	**$ 634**	$ 686	**$ 1,237**	$ 1,337
Basic weighted average common shares oustanding	**770.3**	850.8	**787.9**	853.4	**770.3**	850.8	**787.9**	853.4
Incremental stock options, performance share units and restricted stock units	**-**	-	**-**	-	**3.6**	6.6	**3.9**	6.7
Weighted average common shares oustanding	**770.3**	850.8	**787.9**	853.4	**773.9**	857.4	**791.8**	860.1
Earnings per share	**$ 0.82**	$ 0.81	**$ 1.57**	$ 1.57	**$ 0.82**	$ 0.80	**$ 1.56**	$ 1.55

For the August 2, 2008 and August 4, 2007 computations, 10.2 million and 4.2 million stock options, respectively, were excluded from the calculation of weighted average shares for diluted EPS because their effects were antidilutive.

5. Credit Card Receivables

Credit card receivables are recorded net of an allowance for expected losses. The allowance, recognized in an amount equal to anticipated future write-offs, was $661 million at August 2, 2008, $570 million at February 2, 2008 and $509 million at August 4, 2007. We estimate future write-offs based on delinquencies, risk scores, aging trends, industry risk trends and our historical experience. Substantially all accounts continue to accrue finance charges until they are written off. Total receivables past due ninety days or more and still accruing finance charges were $267 million at August 2, 2008, $235 million at February 2, 2008 and $159 million at August 4, 2007. Accounts are written off when they become 180 days past due.

As a method of providing funding for our accounts receivable, we sell on an ongoing basis all of our consumer credit card receivables to Target Receivables Corporation (TRC), a wholly owned, bankruptcy-remote subsidiary. TRC then transfers the receivables to the Target Credit Card Master Trust (the Trust), which from time to time will sell debt securities to third parties either directly or through a related trust. These debt securities represent undivided interests in the Trust assets. TRC uses the proceeds from the sale of debt securities and its share of collections on the receivables to pay the purchase price of the receivables to Target.

On May 19, 2008, we sold a 47 percent interest in our credit card receivables to an affiliate of JPMorgan Chase for approximately $3.6 billion. The sale is accounted for as a secured borrowing. The accounting guidance for such transactions, SFAS No. 140, Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities (a replacement of SFAS No. 125), requires the inclusion of the receivables within the trust and any debt securities issued by the trust or a related trust in our Consolidated Statements of Financial Position. Notwithstanding this accounting treatment, the receivables transferred to the trust are not available to general creditors of Target. Upon termination of the securitization program and repayment of all debt securities issued from time to time by the trust, or a related trust, any remaining assets could be distributed to Target in a liquidation of TRC.

6. Contingencies

We are exposed to claims and litigation arising in the ordinary course of business and use various methods to resolve these matters in a manner that we believe serves the best interest of our shareholders and other constituents. We believe the recorded reserves in our consolidated financial statements are adequate in light of the probable and estimable liabilities. We do not believe that any of the currently identified claims or litigation will materially affect our results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

7. Debt and Derivative Financial Instruments

On May 19, 2008, TRC issued to an affiliate of JPMorgan Chase, through the Target Credit Card Owner Trust 2008-1, $3.8 billion of variable-rate debt backed by credit card receivables. Proceeds from this borrowing were $3.6 billion, and the debt had an effective interest rate of 4.7% at August 2, 2008.

We obtain short-term financing from time to time under our commercial paper program, a form of notes payable. There were no amounts outstanding under our commercial paper program at August 2, 2008 or February 2, 2008. Commercial paper notes payable totaled $1,586 million at August 4, 2007.

Our derivative instruments primarily consist of interest rate swaps that hedge the fair value of certain debt by effectively converting interest from a fixed rate to a floating rate. The majority of these instruments qualify for hedge accounting, and the associated assets and liabilities are recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position. The changes in market value of an interest rate swap, as well as the offsetting change in market value of the hedged debt, are recognized within earnings in the current period. Ineffectiveness would result when changes in the market value of the hedged debt were not completely offset by changes in the market value of the interest rate swap. At the end of the second quarter of 2008, we had four interest rate swaps designated as hedges of fixed rate borrowings, with aggregate notional amounts of $1,200 million, and there was no ineffectiveness recognized related to these swaps during the three and six months ended August 2, 2008 and August 4, 2007. At the end of the second quarter of 2008, we also held two $500 million notional amount interest rate swaps that were not designated as hedges. During the quarter, we recorded a net mark-to-market loss of $2 million related to these swaps.

During the first quarter of 2008, we terminated interest rate swaps with a combined notional amount of $3,125 million for cash proceeds of $160 million, which are classified within other operating cash flows in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. Additionally, in lieu of terminating one other interest rate swap, we entered into an interest rate swap with a notional amount of $500 million that is intended to economically realize the value of the existing swap (these two swaps are referred to in the last sentence of the preceding paragraph). All of these previously existing swaps were designated as hedges, and concurrent with the first quarter 2008 transactions, we were required to stop making market value adjustments to the associated hedged debt. As a result of these transactions, the carrying value of each previously hedged borrowing, including the related mark-to-market valuation adjustment, is now being amortized to par value over its remaining life. During fiscal 2008, we expect to amortize approximately $49 million of these hedged debt valuation adjustments into earnings as a reduction of interest expense $42 million related to the terminated interest rate swaps and $7 million related to the previously existing swap that is no longer being accounted for as a hedge. Of the $49 million reduction to interest expense that will be recorded in 2008, $14 million was recognized in the second quarter and $23 million was recognized during the six months ended August 2, 2008.

Unamortized hedged debt valuation gains from terminated and de-designated interest rate swaps totaled $221 million at August 2, 2008 and $16 million as of August 4, 2007.

In the first quarter of 2008, we adopted SFAS 157 for financial assets and liabilities. SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value

measurements. For assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis, the reporting entity must disclose information that enables users of its financial statements to assess the inputs used to develop those measurements. Our interest rate swaps are recorded at fair value, and they are defined as Level 2 assets and liabilities because their fair value is measurable using inputs other than quoted prices that are observable (for example, interest rates and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals). At August 2, 2008, February 2, 2008 and August 4, 2007, interest rate swaps were outstanding in notional amounts totaling $2,200 million, $4,575 million and $4,575 million, respectively. The market value of these outstanding interest rate swaps were assets of $80 million at August 2, 2008 and $223 million at February 2, 2008 and a liability of $14 million at August 4, 2007.

8. Income Taxes

We file a U.S. federal income tax return and income tax returns in various states and foreign jurisdictions. With few exceptions, we are no longer subject to U.S. federal, state and local or non-U.S. income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 1998.

We accrue for the effects of open uncertain tax positions and the related potential penalties and interest. There were no material adjustments to our recorded liability for unrecognized tax benefits during the three and six months ended August 2, 2008. It is reasonably possible that the amount of the unrecognized tax benefit with respect to certain of our unrecognized tax positions will increase or decrease during the next 12 months; however, we do not expect the change to have a significant effect on our consolidated results of operations or financial position.

9. Share Repurchase

During the quarter ended August 2, 2008, we repurchased 33.8 million shares of our common stock, for a total cash investment of $1,668 million ($49.30 per share), and for the six months ended August 2, 2008, we repurchased 64.3 million shares of our common stock, for a total cash investment of $3,241 million ($50.37 per share). Included in the total cash investment in the three and six months ended August 2, 2008 were prior period cash outlays of $233 million and $372 million, respectively. Since the inception of our current share repurchase program, which began in the fourth quarter of 2007, we have repurchased 90.8 million shares of our common stock, for a total cash investment of $4,686 million ($51.61 per share).

Our share repurchases during the three and six months ended August 2, 2008 included 20 million and 30 million shares, respectively, that were acquired through the exercise of call options.

Call Option Repurchase Details

				(amounts per share)		
Series	Number of Options Exercised	Exercise Date	Premium *(a)*	Strike Price	Total	Total Cost (millions)
Series I	10,000,000	April 2008	$11.04	$40.32	$51.36	$514
Series II	10,000,000	May 2008	10.87	39.31	50.18	502
Series III	10,000,000	June 2008	11.20	39.40	50.60	506
Total	**30,000,000**		**$11.04**	**$39.68**	**$50.71**	**$1,522**

(a)Paid in January 2008.

In addition, at August 2, 2008, we held long positions in prepaid forward contracts for 2.5 million shares of our common stock, for a total cash investment of $140 million, or $54.91 per share.

10. Pension, Postretirement Health Care and Other Benefits

We have qualified defined benefit pension plans covering all U.S. employees who meet age and service requirements. We also have unfunded, nonqualified pension plans for team members with qualified plan compensation restrictions. Benefits are provided based on years of service and team member compensation. Upon retirement, team members also become eligible for certain health care benefits if they meet minimum age and service requirements and agree to contribute a portion of the cost.

Net Pension Expense and Postretirement Healthcare Expense

	Pension Benefits				Postretirement Health Care Benefits			
	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended		Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
(millions)	**Aug. 2, 2008**	Aug. 4, 2007	**Aug. 2, 2008**	Aug. 4, 2007	**Aug. 2, 2008**	Aug. 4, 2007	**Aug. 2, 2008**	Aug. 4, 2007
Service cost of benefits earned during the period	**$ 23**	$ 24	**$ 46**	$ 49	**$ 1**	$ 1	**$ 2**	$ 2
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	**29**	26	**58**	52	**2**	2	**4**	4
Expected return on assets	**(40)**	(38)	**(80)**	(76)	**-**	-	**-**	-
Recognized losses	**4**	9	**8**	19	**-**	-	**-**	-
Recognized prior service cost	**(1)**	(1)	**(2)**	(2)	**-**	-	**-**	-
Total	**$ 15**	$ 20	**$ 30**	$ 42	**$ 3**	$ 3	**$ 6**	$ 6

We also maintain nonqualified, unfunded deferred compensation plans for approximately 4,100 current and retired team members whose participation in our 401(k) plan is limited by statute or regulation. These team members choose from a menu of crediting rate alternatives that are the same as the investment choices in our 401(k) plan, including Target common stock. We credit an additional 2 percent per year to the accounts of all active participants who are not executive officers, in part to recognize the risks inherent to their participation in a plan of this nature. We also maintain a nonqualified, unfunded deferred compensation plan that was frozen during 1996, covering 14 current and 49 retired participants. In this plan, deferred compensation earns returns tied to market levels of interest rates plus an additional 6 percent return, with a minimum of 12 percent and a maximum of 20 percent, as determined by the plan s terms.

We control some of our risk of offering the nonqualified plans through investing in vehicles that offset a substantial portion of our economic exposure to the returns of the plans. These investment vehicles include company owned life insurance on approximately 4,000 highly compensated team members who have given their consent to be insured and prepaid forward contracts in our own common stock. The fair value of these assets was as follows:

(millions)	**August 2, 2008**	February 2, 2008	August 4, 2007
Company owned life insurance *(a)*	**$528**	$578	$583
Prepaid forward contracts *(b)*	**111**	128	127
Total	**$639**	$706	$710

(a)Company owned life insurance investments largely comprise investments in index funds and other investments. The values of these investments are determined based upon quoted market prices (Level 1 assets as defined by SFAS 157). Amounts are presented net of loans that are secured by some of these policies of $407 million, $379 million, and $359 million for the periods ended August 2, 2008, February 2, 2008 and August 4, 2007, respectively.

(b) The values of prepaid forward contracts are determined by reference to the market prices of Target common stock (Level 2 assets as defined by SFAS 157).

All of these investments are general corporate assets that are marked-to-market with the related gains and losses recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Operations in the period they occur. The gains and losses recognized on these investments effectively offset the gains and losses associated with the returns earned by participants in our deferred compensation plans. These amounts include the change in fair value of the prepaid forward contracts indexed to our own common stock recorded in earnings as a pre-tax gain/(loss) of $(26) million and $15 million for the three months ended August 2, 2008 and August 4, 2007, respectively, and a pre-tax gain/(loss) of $(30) million and $6 million for the six months ended August 2, 2008 and August 4, 2007, respectively.

For the six months ended August 2, 2008 and August 4, 2007, we invested approximately $112 million and $63 million, respectively, in prepaid forward contracts in our own common stock, and these investments are included in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows within other investing activities. Adjusting our position in these investment vehicles may involve repurchasing shares of Target common stock when settling the forward contracts.

11. Segment Reporting

Prior to 2008, we operated as a single business segment. As described in Note 1, the change in our chief operating decision maker has resulted in a change to our reportable segments.

The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as those described in Note 1.

Our measure of segment profitability for each segment is a measure that management considers analytically useful in measuring the return we are achieving on our investment in each segment.

Business Segment Results	**Three Months Ended Aug. 2, 2008**			Three Months Ended Aug. 4, 2007		
(millions)	**Retail**	**Credit Card**	**Total**	Retail	Credit Card	Total
Sales/Credit card revenues	**$ 14,971**	**$ 501**	**$ 15,472**	$ 14,167	$ 453	$ 14,620
Cost of sales	**10,304**	**-**	**10,304**	9,696	-	9,696
Bad debt expense	**-**	**256**	**256**	-	95	95
SG&A expenses *(a)*	**3,126**	**118**	**3,244**	3,046	112	3,158
Depreciation and amortization	**443**	**5**	**448**	401	3	404
Earnings before interest expense and income taxes	**1,098**	**122**	**1,220**	1,024	243	1,267
Interest expense on nonrecourse debt collateralized by credit card receivables	**-**	**48**	**48**	-	30	30
Segment profitability	**$ 1,098**	**$ 74**	**1,172**	$ 1,024	$ 213	1,237
Unallocated (income) and expenses						
Other interest expense			**179**			125
Interest income			**(10)**			(1)
Earnings before income taxes			**$ 1,003**			$ 1,113

(a) New account and loyalty rewards redeemed by our guests reduce reported sales. Our Retail Segment charges the cost of these discounts to our Credit Card Segment, and the reimbursements of $27 million in the second quarter of 2008 and $25 million in the second quarter of 2007 are recorded as a reduction to SG&A expenses within the Retail Segment and an increase to SG&A expenses within the Credit Card Segment.

Business Segment Results	**Six Months Ended Aug. 2, 2008**			Six Months Ended Aug. 4, 2007		
(millions)	**Retail**	**Credit Card**	**Total**	Retail	Credit Card	Total
Sales/Credit card revenues	**$ 29,273**	**$ 1,001**	**$ 30,274**	$ 27,790	$ 871	$ 28,661
Cost of sales	**20,202**	**-**	**20,202**	19,112	-	19,112
Bad debt expense	**-**	**437**	**437**	-	182	182
SG&A expenses *(a)*	**6,139**	**234**	**6,373**	5,885	218	6,103
Depreciation and amortization	**876**	**8**	**884**	788	8	796
Earnings before interest expense and income taxes	**2,056**	**322**	**2,378**	2,005	463	2,468
Interest expense on nonrecourse debt collateralized by credit card receivables	**-**	**67**	**67**	-	57	57
Segment profitability	**$ 2,056**	**$ 255**	**2,311**	$ 2,005	$ 406	2,411
Unallocated (income) and expenses						
Other interest expense			**369**			237
Interest income			**(19)**			(4)
Earnings before income taxes			**$ 1,961**			$ 2,178

(a) New account and loyalty rewards redeemed by our guests reduce reported sales. Our Retail Segment charges the cost of these discounts to our Credit Card Segment, and the reimbursements of $51 million in the first half of 2008 and $49 million in the first half of 2007 are recorded as a reduction to SG&A expenses within the Retail Segment and an increase to SG&A expenses within the Credit Card Segment.

Total Assets by Segment	**August 2, 2008**			February 2, 2008			August 4, 2007		
(millions)	**Retail**	**Credit Card**	**Total**	Retail	Credit Card	Total	Retail	Credit Card	Total
Total assets	**$ 36,983**	**$ 8,157**	**$ 45,140**	$ 36,306	$ 8,254	$ 44,560	$ 32,895	$ 6,571	$ 39,466

Substantially all of our revenues are generated in, and long-lived assets are located in, the United States.

Item 2. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Analysis of Results of Operations

Total revenues for the three and six months ended August 2, 2008 were $15,472 million and $30,274 million, respectively, compared with $14,620 million and $28,661 million, respectively, for the same periods last year, an increase of 5.8 percent and 5.6 percent, respectively.

Net earnings for the three and six months ended August 2, 2008 were $634 million, or $0.82 per share, and $1,237 million and $1.56 per share, respectively, compared with $686 million, or $.80 per share, and $1,337 million and $1.55 per share, respectively, for the same periods last year. All earnings per share figures refer to diluted earnings per share.

As described in Notes 1 and 11, we changed our reportable business segments in the first quarter of 2008. Additionally, as described in Note 3, we changed our cost classification policy with respect to certain supply chain costs.

Retail Segment

Retail Segment Results	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
(millions)	**August 2, 2008**	August 4, 2007	**August 2, 2008**	August 4, 2007
Sales	**$ 14,971**	$ 14,167	**$ 29,273**	$ 27,790
Cost of sales	**10,304**	9,696	**20,202**	19,112
Gross margin	**4,667**	4,471	**9,071**	8,678
SG&A expenses *(a)*	**3,126**	3,046	**6,139**	5,885
EBITDA	**1,541**	1,425	**2,932**	2,793
Depreciation and amortization	**443**	401	**876**	788
EBIT	**$ 1,098**	$ 1,024	**$ 2,056**	$ 2,005

EBITDA is earnings before interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization.

EBIT is earnings before interest expense and income taxes.

(a) New account and loyalty rewards redeemed by our guests reduce reported sales. Our Retail Segment charges the cost of these discounts to our Credit Card Segment, and the reimbursements of $27 million and $51 million for the three and six months ended August 2, 2008, respectively, and $25 million and $49 million for the three and six months ended August 4, 2007, respectively, are recorded as a reduction to SG&A expenses within the Retail Segment.

Retail Segment Rate Analysis	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	August 2, 2008	August 4, 2007	**August 2, 2008**	August 4, 2007
Gross margin rate	**31.2%**	31.6%	**31.0%**	31.2%
SG&A expense rate	**20.9%**	21.5%	**21.0%**	21.2%
EBITDA margin rate	**10.3%**	10.1%	**10.0%**	10.0%
Depreciation and amortization expense rate	**3.0%**	2.8%	**3.0%**	2.8%
EBIT margin rate	**7.3%**	7.2%	**7.0%**	7.2%

Comparable-Store Sales	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	August 2, 2008	August 4, 2007	**August 2, 2008**	August 4, 2007
Comparable-store sales	(0.4)%	4.9%	(0.6)%	4.6%

Comparable-store sales increases or decreases are calculated by comparing sales in current year periods with comparable prior fiscal-year periods of equivalent length. The method of calculating comparable-store sales varies across the retail industry.

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Sales

Sales include merchandise sales, net of expected returns, from our stores and our online business, as well as gift card breakage. Comparable-store sales are sales from our online business and sales from general merchandise and SuperTarget stores open longer than one year, including:

- sales from stores that have been remodeled or expanded while remaining open
- sales from stores that have been relocated to new buildings of the same format within the same trade area, in which the new store opens at about the same time as the old store closes

Comparable-store sales do not include:

- sales from general merchandise stores that have been converted, or relocated within the same trade area, to a SuperTarget store format
- sales from stores that were intentionally closed to be remodeled, expanded or reconstructed

Total sales for the Retail Segment for the quarter were $14,971 million, compared with $14,167 million for the same period a year ago, an increase of 5.7% percent. For the six month period ending August 2, 2008, total sales for the Retail Segment were $29,273 million, compared with $27,790 million for the same period a year ago, an increase of 5.3 percent. Total sales growth in the Retail Segment was attributable to the contribution of new stores, somewhat offset by a 0.4 percent and 0.6 percent decline in comparable-store sales for the quarter and year-to-date periods, respectively.

Gross Margin Rate

Gross margin rate represents gross margin (sales less cost of sales) as a percentage of sales. See Note 3 for a description of expenses included in cost of sales. In the second quarter of 2008, our gross margin rate was 31.2 percent compared with 31.6 percent in the same period last year. For the six months ended August 2, 2008, our gross margin rate was 31.0 percent compared with 31.2 percent in the same period last year. Our gross margin rate was adversely affected by mix, as sales of our lower margin consumable and commodity categories outpaced sales in our higher margin apparel and home categories. The magnitude of this mix impact was partially offset by higher gross margin rates within categories across our assortment.

Selling, General and Administrative Expense Rate

Our selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expense rate represents SG&A expenses as a percentage of sales. See Note 3 for a description of expenses included in SG&A expense. SG&A expenses exclude depreciation and amortization. In the second quarter of 2008, our SG&A expense rate was 20.9 percent compared with 21.5 percent in the same period last year. For the six months ended August 2, 2008, our SG&A rate was 21.0 percent compared with 21.2 percent in the same period last year. During the second quarter and year-to-date periods, continued productivity gains in our stores and disciplined control of expenses across the company contributed to these expense rate improvements. Additionally, the second quarter of 2008 SG&A expense rate benefited from the timing of the occurrence of certain expenses in each year.

Depreciation and Amortization Expense Rate

Our depreciation and amortization expense rate represents depreciation and amortization expense as a percentage of sales. For the three and six months ended in the second quarter of 2008, our depreciation and amortization expense rate was 3.0 percent compared with 2.8 percent for the same periods last year. The rate unfavorability was due to sales growing at a slower pace than capital expenditures.

Store Data

During the quarter, we opened 43 new stores, including 30 general merchandise stores (22 net of store closings) and 13 SuperTarget stores.

Number of Stores and Retail Square Feet	Number of Stores			Retail Square Feet*(a)*		
	Aug. 2, 2008	Feb. 2, 2008	Aug. 4, 2007	**Aug. 2, 2008**	Feb. 2, 2008	Aug. 4, 2007
Target general merchandise stores	**1,417**	1,381	1,345	**176,171**	170,858	165,672
SuperTarget stores	**231**	210	192	**40,828**	37,087	33,890
Total	**1,648**	1,591	1,537	**216,999**	207,945	199,562

(a) In thousands, reflects total square feet, less office, distribution center and vacant space.

Credit Card Segment

We offer credit to qualified guests through our REDcard products, the Target Visa and the Target Card. Our credit card program strategically supports our core retail operations and remains an important contributor to our overall profitability. Our credit card revenues are comprised of finance charges, late fees and other revenues. The substantial majority of credit card receivables earn finance charge revenues at rates tied to the Prime Rate. In addition, we receive fees from merchants who accept the Target Visa credit card.

Credit Card Segment Results	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
(millions)	**August 2, 2008**	August 4, 2007	**August 2, 2008**	August 4, 2007
Finance charge revenue	**$ 340**	$ 305	**$ 694**	$ 601
Late fees and other revenue	**121**	109	**229**	197
Third party merchant fees	**40**	39	**78**	73
Total revenues	**501**	453	**1,001**	871
Bad debt expense	**256**	95	**437**	182
Operations and marketing expenses *(a)*	**118**	112	**234**	218
Depreciation and amortization	**5**	3	**8**	8
Total expenses	**379**	210	**679**	408
EBIT	**122**	243	**322**	463
Interest expense on nonrecourse debt collateralized by credit card receivables	**48**	30	**67**	57
Segment profitability	**$ 74**	$ 213	**$ 255**	$ 406
Average receivables funded by Target *(b)*	**$ 3,636**	$ 4,534	**$ 4,952**	$ 4,648
Segment pretax ROIC *(c)*	**8.2%**	18.8%	**10.3%**	17.5%

(a) New account and loyalty rewards redeemed by our guests reduce reported sales. Our Retail Segment charges the cost of these discounts to our Credit Card Segment, and the reimbursements of $27 million and $51 million for the three and six months ended August 2, 2008, respectively, and $25 million and $49 million for the three and six months ended August 4, 2007, respectively, are recorded as an increase to Operations and Marketing expenses within the Credit Card Segment.

(b) Amounts represent the portion of average credit card receivables funded by Target. These amounts exclude $4,875 million and $3,528 million for the three and six months ended August 2, 2008, respectively, and $2,184 million and

$2,022 million for the three and six months ended August 4, 2007, respectively, of receivables funded by nonrecourse debt collateralized by credit card receivables.

(c) ROIC is return on invested capital, and this rate represents segment profitability divided by average receivables funded by Target, expressed as an annualized rate.

Spread Analysis - Total Portfolio		**Three Months Ended August 2, 2008 Yield**		Three Months Ended August 4, 2007 Yield	
		Amount (in millions)	**Annualized Rate**	Amount (in millions)	Annualized Rate
EBIT	**$**	**122**	**5.8%** *(b)*	$ 243	14.5% *(b)*
LIBOR *(a)*			**2.5%**		5.3%
Spread to LIBOR *(c)*	**$**	**70**	**3.3%** *(b)*	$ 154	9.2% *(b)*

(a) Balance-weighted one-month LIBOR

(b) As a percentage of average receivables

(c) Spread to LIBOR is a metric used to analyze the performance of our total credit card portfolio because the vast majority of our portfolio earns finance charge revenue at rates tied to the Prime Rate, and the interest rate on all nonrecourse debt securitized by credit card receivables is tied to LIBOR.

Spread Analysis - Total Portfolio		**Six Months Ended August 2, 2008 Yield**		Six Months Ended August 4, 2007 Yield	
		Amount (in millions)	**Annualized Rate**	Amount (in millions)	Annualized Rate
EBIT	**$**	**322**	**7.6%** *(b)*	$ 463	13.9% *(b)*
LIBOR *(a)*			**2.7%**		5.3%
Spread to LIBOR *(c)*	**$**	**208**	**4.9%** *(b)*	$ 286	8.6% *(b)*

(a) Balance-weighted one-month LIBOR

(b) As a percentage of average receivables

(c) Spread to LIBOR is a metric used to analyze the performance of our total credit card portfolio because the vast majority of our portfolio earns finance charge revenue at rates tied to the Prime Rate, and the interest rate on all nonrecourse debt securitized by credit card receivables is tied to LIBOR.

We measure the performance of our overall credit card receivables portfolio by calculating the dollar spread to LIBOR at the portfolio level. Our primary measure of profitability in our Credit Card Segment is the EBIT generated by our total credit card receivables portfolio less the interest expense on nonrecourse debt collateralized by credit card receivables. We analyze this measure of profit in light of the amount of capital Target has invested in our credit card receivables. Credit Card Segment profit was $74 million in the second quarter of 2008, compared with $213 million in the same quarter last year. This decline was the result of a decline in overall portfolio yield, resulting from higher-than-expected bad debt expenses, and increased segment interest expense resulting from the sale of a 47% interest in our receivables to JPMorgan Chase. Credit Card Segment profit was $255 million for the six months ended August 2, 2008 compared with $406 million in the same period last year, due to substantially higher bad debt expense this year compared with the same period last year.

Receivables Rollforward Analysis	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
(millions)	**August 2, 2008**	August 4, 2007	**August 2, 2008**	August 4, 2007
Beginning receivables	**$ 8,420**	$ 6,510	**$ 8,624**	$ 6,711
Charges at Target	**1,021**	1,049	**1,968**	1,991
Charges at third parties	**2,258**	2,202	**4,406**	4,091
Payments	**(3,358)**	(3,205)	**(6,988)**	(6,549)
Other	**300**	350	**631**	662
Period-end receivables	**$ 8,641**	$ 6,906	**$ 8,641**	$ 6,906
Average receivables	**$ 8,511**	$ 6,718	**$ 8,479**	$ 6,670
Accounts with three or more payments (60+ days) past due as a percentage of period-end receivables	**4.5%**	3.5%	**4.5%**	3.5%
Accounts with four or more payments (90+ days) past due as a percentage of period-end receivables	**3.1%**	2.3%	**3.1%**	2.3%

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
(millions)	**August 2, 2008**	August 4, 2007	**August 2, 2008**	August 4, 2007
Allowance at beginning of period	**$ 590**	$ 504	**$ 570**	$ 517
Bad debt provision	**256**	95	**437**	182
Net write-offs	**(185)**	(90)	**(346)**	(190)
Allowance at end of period	**$ 661**	$ 509	**$ 661**	$ 509
As a percentage of period-end receivables	**7.6%**	7.4%	**7.6%**	7.4%
Net write-offs as a percentage of average receivables (annualized)	**8.7%**	5.4%	**8.2%**	5.7%

Average receivables in the second quarter increased 26.7 percent over 2007, benefiting in part from the increase in receivables resulting from last year s product change, in which we offered higher-limit Visa cards to our better and best credit-quality Target Card holders. Average receivables in the six months ended August 2, 2008 increased 27.1 percent over the same period in 2007, benefiting in part from the increase in receivables resulting from last year s product change.

Other Performance Factors

In the second quarter and first half of 2008, net interest expense was $217 million and $417 million, respectively, a $63 million and $127 million increase from the second quarter and first half of 2007, reflecting significantly higher debt balances supporting capital investment, share repurchase and the receivables portfolio, slightly offset by lower average debt portfolio interest rates.

Our effective tax rate for the second quarter of 2008 was 36.8 percent compared with 38.4 percent for the second quarter of 2007. The year-to-date effective tax rate has decreased to 36.9 percent in 2008 from 38.6 in 2007. The decreases are due in part to the favorable resolution of specific tax uncertainties in the first and second quarters.

Analysis of Financial Condition

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our financial condition remains strong. In assessing our financial condition, we consider factors such as cash flows provided by operations, capital expenditures and debt service obligations. We continue to fund our growth and execute our share repurchase program through a combination of internally-generated funds and debt financing, including notes payable under our commercial paper program.

Gross credit card receivables at quarter end were $8,641 million compared with $6,906 million at the end of the second quarter 2007, an increase of 25.1 percent. Inventory at quarter end was $7,313 million compared with $6,645 million at the end of second quarter 2007, an increase of 10.0 percent, reflecting the natural increase required to support additional square footage and sales growth and in part by the timing of the receipt of inventory in each period.

Capital expenditures for the six months ended August 2, 2008 were $1,956 million, compared with $2,363 million for the same period a year ago. This decrease was driven by lower capital expenditures for new stores, remodels and technology-related assets.

During the quarter ended August 2, 2008, we repurchased 33.8 million shares of our common stock. Of the total cash investment of $1,668 million ($49.30 per share) related to these shares, $233 million was a prior period outlay. Since the inception of our current share repurchase program, which began in the fourth quarter of 2007, we have repurchased 90.8 million shares of our common stock, for a total cash investment of $4,686 million ($51.61 per share). Refer to Note 9 for additional information.

As described in Note 5, we sold a 47 percent undivided interest in our credit card receivables for approximately $3.6 billion during the second quarter of 2008.

Outlook for Fiscal Year 2008

In our Retail Segment, we continue to maintain a cautious outlook regarding sales, especially in light of our poorer-than-expected year-to-date sales performance. We believe we are more likely to see improvement in our same store sales trends in the fourth quarter than in the third quarter, due to prior-year sales trends. Additionally, we expect our full year EBIT margin rate to decline modestly from that achieved in 2007, due principally to the adverse effect of our mix of sales on gross margin rate and to the likelihood that our depreciation expense will grow at a faster pace than our total sales.

In our Credit Card Segment, we expect to return to year-over-year growth in the dollar spread to LIBOR beginning in the fourth quarter. This outlook is driven by the expected combined benefits of our recent change in cardholder terms and continued growth in average receivables, partially offset by increased bad debt expense. In turn, this performance would restore pretax Credit Card Segment profit to a strong level. This level of performance would allow us to favorably leverage our reduced investment in Credit Card receivables, resulting in a higher pretax segment ROIC.

Our consolidated 2008 net interest expense is expected to increase due to significantly higher average net debt balances. The magnitude of the increase is partially dependent on the level of share repurchase and credit card receivables growth during the year.

We expect that there will continue to be variability between our individual quarterly and full-year effective tax rates as tax uncertainties arise and are resolved. For the full year 2008, we now expect our effective tax rate to lie in the range of 37.5 to 38.0 percent.

Finally, we expect to continue to create significant long-term value by executing share repurchase under the program announced last November. We expect to complete the program by the end of 2010 or sooner, and we have nearly attained our previously stated expectation to complete half or more of the $10 billion authorization by the end of 2008.

Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains forward-looking statements, which are based on our current assumptions and expectations. These statements are typically accompanied by the words expect, may, could, believe, would, might, anticipates, or words of similar import. The forward-looking sta this report include: the anticipated impact of new accounting pronouncements; the adequacy of our reserves in light of the expected outcome of litigation and tax uncertainties; for our Retail Segment, our outlook for sales, gross margin rate, depreciation expense, and EBIT margin; for our Credit Card Segment, our outlook for dollar spread to LIBOR, growth in average receivables, bad debt expense, our capital investment in credit card receivables, and pretax segment ROIC; our expectations with respect to consolidated interest expense and full-year effective tax rates; and our expectations regarding the timing to complete our share repurchases.

All such forward-looking statements are intended to enjoy the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended. Although we believe there is a reasonable basis for the forward-looking statements, our actual results could be materially different. The most important factors which could cause our actual results to differ from our forward-looking statements are set forth in Exhibit (99)A to Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ending May 3, 2008, which should be read in conjunction with the forward-looking statements in this report. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we do not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statement.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

There have been no material changes in our primary risk exposures or management of market risks from those disclosed in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 2, 2008.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

As of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report, we conducted an evaluation, under supervision and with the participation of management, including the chief executive officer and chief financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act). Based upon that evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective. Disclosure controls and procedures are defined by Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act as controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC s rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports filed under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the most recently completed fiscal quarter 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

For a description of legal proceedings see Note 6.

The American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 requires SEC registrants to disclose if they have been required to pay certain penalties for failing to disclose to the Internal Revenue Service their participation in listed transactions. We have not been required to pay any of the penalties set forth in Section 6707A(e)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

A description of risk factors and cautionary statements relating to forward looking information is included in Exhibit 99 (A) to our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended May 3, 2008, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The following table presents information with respect to purchases of Target common stock made during the quarter ended August 2, 2008, by Target or any affiliated purchaser of Target, as defined in Rule 10b-18(a)(3) under the Exchange Act.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased		Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Program		Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Program
May 4, 2008 through May 31, 2008	10,197,604	$	50.33	67,159,776	$	6,468,694,823
June 1, 2008 through July 5, 2008	18,246,398	$	50.04	85,406,174	$	5,555,626,528
July 6, 2008 through August 2, 2008	5,388,120	$	44.83	90,794,294	$	5,314,060,113
Total	**33,832,122**	**$**	**49.30**	**90,794,294**	**$**	**5,314,060,113**

In November 2007, our Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of $10 billion of our common stock. We intend to complete this share repurchase program within approximately three years through open market transactions and other means. Under the right combination of business results, liquidity and share price, we would expect to complete half, or more, of this program by the end of 2008. Since the inception of this share repurchase program, we have repurchased a total of 90.8 million shares of our common stock for a total cash investment of $4,686 million ($51.61 per share).

The table above includes shares of common stock reacquired from team members who wish to tender owned shares to satisfy the tax withholding on equity awards as part of our long-term incentive plans or to satisfy the exercise price on stock option exercises. In the second quarter of 2008, no such shares were acquired.

The table above includes shares reacquired upon settlement of prepaid forward contracts. For the three months ended August 2, 2008, 0.6 million shares were reacquired through these contracts. At August 2, 2008, we held long positions in prepaid forward contracts for 2.5 million shares of our common stock, for a total cash investment of $140 million, or $54.91 per share.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

Not applicable.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

a) Target Corporation held its Annual Shareholders Meeting on May 22, 2008.

b) The shareholders voted for the election of four nominees to serve as Class II directors for three-year terms expiring in 2011 and until their successors are elected. The vote was as follows:

Name of Candidate	For	Against	Withheld
Roxanne S. Austin	593,266,200	8,984,503	9,227,274
James A. Johnson	583,882,431	18,096,946	9,498,599
Mary E. Minnick	596,770,257	5,516,205	9,191,514
Derica W. Rice	596,369,180	5,748,995	9,359,801

c) The shareholders voted to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of Target Corporation for fiscal year 2008. The vote was 597,229,046 for, 5,494,399 against and 8,754,532 abstentions.

Item 5. Other Information

Not applicable.

Item 6. Exhibits

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(2)	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit (3)(ii) to the Registrant s Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 31, 1998
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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.

TARGET CORPORATION

Dated: August 29, 2008

By: /s/ Douglas A. Scovanner
Douglas A. Scovanner
Executive Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer
and Chief Accounting Officer

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