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Sonic Automotive, Inc. Schedules Release of Fourth Quarter, Year End Results and Conference Call

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Feb. 9 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sonic Automotive, Inc. (NYSE: SAH) today announced it will release fiscal 2008 fourth quarter and year end financial results on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 7:30 A.M. (Eastern). Senior management will hold a conference call at 11:00 A.M. (Eastern).

To access the live broadcast of the call over the Internet go to: www.sonicautomotive.com

A live audio of the call will be accessible to the public by calling (877) 791-3416. International callers dial (706) 643-0958. Callers should dial in approximately 10 minutes before the call begins.

A conference call replay will be available one hour following the call for seven days and can be accessed by calling: 800-642-1687, Conference ID: 85024968, International callers dial (706) 645-9291.

Presentation materials for the Company's March 3, 2009 earnings conference call will be accessible beginning the morning of the conference call on the Company's website at www.sonicautomotive.com by clicking on the "For Investors" tab and choosing "Webcasts & Presentations" on the left side of the screen.

About Sonic Automotive

Sonic Automotive, Inc., a Fortune 300 company based in Charlotte, N.C., is one of the largest automotive retailers in the United States operating 164 franchises. Sonic can be reached on the Web at www.sonicautomotive.com .

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