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Sonic Automotive, Inc. Schedules Release of First Quarter Results and Conference Call

CHARLOTTE, N.C., May 5 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sonic Automotive, Inc. (NYSE: SAH) today announced it will release fiscal 2009 first quarter financial results on Friday, May 8, 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.earnings.com* or *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: 98605797, International callers dial (706) 645-9291.

Presentation materials for the Company's May 8, 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 right side of the screen.

About Sonic Automotive

Sonic Automotive, Inc., a Fortune 300 company based in Charlotte, N.C., is the third-largest automotive retailer in the United States operating 159 franchises. Sonic can be reached on the Web at *www.sonicautomotive.com*.

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