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SKECHERS Announces Third Quarter and First Nine Months of 2009 Financial Results

-- Record Third Quarter Net Sales of \$405.4 Million

-- Operating Income of \$32.4 Million

-- Earnings Per Diluted Share of \$0.52

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- SKECHERS USA, Inc. (NYSE:SKX), a global leader in lifestyle footwear, today announced financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2009.

Net sales for the third quarter of 2009 were \$405.4 million, compared to \$403.2 million in the third quarter of 2008, and net operating income was \$32.4 million, compared to \$24.7 million in the third quarter of 2008. Net earnings for the quarter were \$24.5 million versus net earnings of \$28.3 million in the third quarter of 2008. Net earnings per diluted share were \$0.52 on 47.1 million diluted shares outstanding, versus net earnings per diluted share of \$0.60 on 46.8 million diluted shares outstanding for the third quarter of 2008. Income tax expense was \$10.2 million during the third quarter of 2009 as compared to a tax benefit of \$3.6 million during the same period last year due to an advance pricing agreement reached with the Internal Revenue Service.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, net sales were \$1.048 billion compared to net sales of \$1.143 billion in the first nine months of 2008. Net earnings for the first nine months were \$26.8 million, compared to net earnings of \$75.8 million in the first nine months of 2008. Net earnings per diluted share in the first nine months of 2009 were \$0.57 per share on 46.6 million diluted shares outstanding, versus \$1.62 per share on 46.8 million diluted shares outstanding for the same period last year.

"Our third quarter sales reached a new record high and we saw our operating income increase by over 31 percent in spite of the continued soft retail environment," began David Weinberg, chief operating officer. "Our improved performance was driven by sales growth in the high single digits in our international business and double digit improvements in our retail channel. Our margins also improved meaningfully in the third quarter due to less close outs and clean, in-line inventory."

Gross profit for the third quarter of 2009 was \$183.7 million, compared to \$171.5 million in the third quarter of 2008. Gross margin was 45.3 percent for the third quarter of 2009, compared to 42.5 percent in the third quarter of 2008. Gross profit for the first nine months of 2009 was \$431.8 million, or 41.2 percent of net sales, versus \$500.9 million, or 43.8 percent of net sales, in the first nine months of 2008.

Robert Greenberg, SKECHERS chief executive officer, commented: "The reaction by consumers to our Fall product has been exceptional. We are hearing extremely positive reports and strong feedback from both our domestic and international accounts, and from retail stores across the U.S. and abroad. Our SKECHERS product is fresh, on-target and affordable. We continue to support our brands with multiple print and television campaigns for Fall, including a new kids spot for Luminators, and we have great in-store presence with displays that draw attention to our product. As always, we are continuing to look at opportunities to grow our business, including new product initiatives, launching new doors, developing our business in new international markets, and opening additional retail stores. In the third quarter, we launched in one of the most well-known department stores in the world, Harrods; signed international distribution agreements for India and Mexico; and added an additional five SKECHERS retail stores in the U.S. and Canada, and another 14 distributor and joint venture stores around the world. While the global economy continues to be a challenge, we are well positioned from a product, marketing and execution perspective. SKECHERS is a well-recognized brand and a financially strong company, trusted by consumers and our wholesale partners. We believe we will continue to profitably grow in both the near and long term."

"Since the start of the year, we have carefully managed our expenses and inventory, improved our cash and short-term investments to \$276 million - \$5.86 per share, and introduced successful new products for men, women and children backed by effective marketing. We believe our ample liquidity, clean inventory and fresh product position us well and will allow us to capitalize on new growth opportunities as they arise," Mr. Weinberg continued. "While the global economy continues to show signs of weakness, we believe our business is back on track based on our record third quarter sales combined with many positive indicators including healthy domestic and international backlogs, positive retail comps, and strong sell-throughs."

SKECHERS USA, Inc., based in Manhattan Beach, California, designs, develops and markets a diverse range of footwear for men, women and children under the SKECHERS name, as well as under several uniquely branded names. SKECHERS footwear is available in the United States via department and specialty stores, Company-owned SKECHERS retail stores and its e-commerce website, as well as in over 100 countries and territories through the Company's global network of distributors and subsidiaries in Canada, Brazil, Chile, and across Europe, as well as through joint ventures in Asia. For more information, please visit www.skechers.com.

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SKECHERS U.S.A., INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited)

(In thousands)

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 246,380	\$ 114,941
Short-term investments	30,000	-

Trade accounts receivable, net	204,997	175,064
Other receivables	11,037	7,816
Total receivables	216,034	182,880
Inventories	191,819	261,209
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	28,915	31,022
Deferred tax assets	11,955	11,955
Total current assets	725,103	602,007
Property and equipment, at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization	172,624	157,757
Intangible assets, less applicable amortization	4,867	5,407
Deferred tax assets	12,610	18,158
Long-term investments	-	81,925
Other assets, at cost	12,630	11,062
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 927,834	\$ 876,316
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Current installments of long-term borrowings	\$ 583	\$ 572
Short-term borrowings	525	-
Accounts payable	160,776	164,643
Accrued expenses	33,460	23,021
Total current liabilities	195,344	188,236
Long-term borrowings, excluding current installments	15,751	16,188
Total liabilities	211,095	204,424
Equity:		
Skechers U.S.A., Inc. equity	711,677	668,693
Noncontrolling interest	5,062	3,199
Total equity	716,739	671,892
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 927,834	\$ 876,316

SKECHERS U.S.A., INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Net sales	\$ 405,374	\$ 403,159	\$ 1,047,820	\$ 1,142,656
Cost of sales	221,648	231,628	616,062	641,760

Gross profit	183,726	171,531	431,758	500,896
Royalty income	418	591	1,022	1,660
	184,144	172,122	432,780	502,556
Operating expenses:				
Selling	41,245	40,911	97,568	105,037
General and administrative	110,454	106,462	304,340	304,540
	151,699	147,373	401,908	409,577
Other income (expense):				
Interest, net	(665)	354	(332)	2,295
Other, net	2,176	(828)	2,203	(81)
	1,511	(474)	1,871	2,214
Earnings before income taxes	33,956	24,275	32,743	95,193
Income tax expense (benefit from)	10,175	(3,639)	8,236	20,175
Net income	23,781	27,914	24,507	75,018
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	(679)	(375)	(2,246)	(756)
Net earnings attributable to Skechers U.S.A., Inc.	\$ 24,460	\$ 28,289	\$ 26,753	\$ 75,774
Net earnings per share attributable to Skechers U.S.A., Inc.:				
Basic	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.58	\$ 1.65
Diluted	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.57	\$ 1.62
Weighted average shares used in calculating earnings per share attributable to Skechers U.S.A, Inc.:				
Basic	46,405	46,115	46,304	46,000
Diluted	47,095	46,835	46,649	46,770

Source: SKECHERS USA, Inc.