FORM 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the fiscal year ended December 31, 1996

Commission file number 333-3346

RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

TEXAS (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 74-1733016 (I.R. S. Employer Identification No.)

8810 IH-10 EAST, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (Address of principal executive offices)

78219 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (210) 661-4511

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: NONE

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: COMMON STOCK, \$.01 PAR VALUE (Title of Class)

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 PERIODS 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 ____

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The aggregate market value of voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of March 21, 1997 was approximately \$23,302,500, based upon the last sales price on March 21, 1997 on the NASDAQ National Market for the Company's common stock. The registrant had 6,643,730 shares of Common Stock outstanding on March 21, 1997.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE PORTION'S OF REGISTRANT'S DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT TO BE FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOT LATER THAN 120 DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE REGISTRANT'S FISCAL YEAR ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO PART III OF THIS FORM 10-K. RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC.

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This Form 10-K contains certain "forward-looking" statements as such term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and information relating to the Company and its subsidiaries that are based on the beliefs of the Company's management. When used in this report, the words "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect" and "intend" and words or phrases of similar import, as they relate to the Company or its subsidiaries or Company management, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements reflect the current risks, uncertainties and assumptions related to certain factors including, without limitation, competitive factors, general economic conditions, customer relations, relationships with vendors, the interest rate environment, governmental regulation and supervision, seasonality, distribution networks, product introductions and acceptance, technological change, changes in industry practices, onetime events and other factors described herein and in other filings made by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Based upon changing conditions, should any one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should any underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described herein as anticipated, believed, estimated, expected, or intended. The Company does not intend to update these forward-looking statements.

PART I

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ITEM 1. BUSINESS

References herein to the "Company" or "Rush Enterprises" mean Rush Enterprises, Inc., a Texas corporation, its subsidiaries and Associated Acceptance, Inc., the insurance agency affiliated with the Company, unless the context requires otherwise.

GENERAL

Founded in 1965, Rush Enterprises operates a regional network of truck centers that provide an integrated one-stop source for the trucking needs of its customers, including retail sales of new Peterbilt and used heavy-duty trucks; after-market parts, service and body shop facilities; and a wide array of financial services, including the financing of new and used truck purchases, insurance products and truck leasing and rentals. The Company's truck centers are strategically located in high truck traffic areas on or near major highways in Texas, California, Oklahoma, Colorado and Louisiana. The Company is the largest Peterbilt truck dealer in North America, representing approximately 14.0% of all new Peterbilt trucks and replacement parts in its market areas. The Company was named Peterbilt Dealer of the Year for North America for the 1993-1994 year.

The Company believes that large, multi-location, full-service dealerships, which offer a large selection of new and used trucks, parts and sophisticated service and body shop facilities, are able to realize economies of scale and have a competitive advantage in the truck sales and services industry. The Company's growth strategy is to continue the expansion of its existing facilities, to open new facilities in its existing territories and to acquire additional Peterbilt dealerships in new territories.

The Company's executive offices are located at the San Antonio, Texas truck center at 8810 I.H. 10 East, San Antonio, Texas 78219, and its mailing address is P. O. Box 34630, San Antonio, Texas 78265-4630. The Company's phone number is (210) 661-4511.

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

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Heavy-duty trucks are primarily used for over-the-road and off-highway hauling of general freight and a number of vocational applications, including the hauling of petroleum, wood products, refuse, construction materials and other specialty uses. Trucks are purchased for commercial purposes and are outfitted to perform according to the specifications of the user. Customers include owner-operators, regional and national fleets, corporations and government organizations.

Trucks marketed by the Company are typically classified in the Class 8 heavy-duty truck category. Class 8 trucks are constructed on a heavy-duty chassis, which includes the engine, drive train and operations components and have a minimum gross vehicle weight ("gvw") rating above 33,000 pounds, with the typical heavy-duty truck having a gross combined weight ("gcw") of approximately 80,000 pounds. Industry-wide negotiated sales prices for new Class 8 heavy-duty trucks generally range from \$57,000 to \$100,000 and negotiated sales prices for new Peterbilt trucks generally range from \$65,000 to \$100,000, depending upon features and component specifications.

Typically, Class 8 trucks are assembled by the manufacturer utilizing certain components manufactured by other companies, including engines, transmissions, axles, wheels and other components. As trucks and truck components have become increasingly complex, including the use of computerized controls and diagnostic systems, the ability to provide state-of-the-art service for a wide variety of truck equipment has become a competitive factor in the industry. Such service requires a significant capital investment in advanced equipment, parts inventory and a high level of training of service personnel. Additionally, Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and Department of Transportation ("DOT") regulatory guidelines for service processes, including body shop, paint work and waste disposal, require sophisticated operating and testing equipment to ensure compliance with environmental and safety standards. Differentiation between truck dealers has become less dependent on pure price competition and is increasingly based on their ability to offer a wide variety of trucking services. These include the ability to provide easily accessible, efficient and sophisticated truck service, replacement parts, the ability to offer financing for truck purchases, leasing and rental programs and the ability to accept multiple unit trade-ins related to large fleet purchases.

The United States retail heavy-duty truck industry is highly fragmented with over 1,700 dealerships nationwide, including 97 Peterbilt dealerships operating 170 locations. New heavy-duty truck sales historically have shown a high correlation to the rate of change in industrial production and gross domestic product. According to data published by R. L. Polk, during 1996 new heavy-duty truck sales in the United States were 184,989 units, decreasing by 11.0% from the 207,932 units sold in 1995. Since 1991, however, annual domestic retail heavy-duty truck sales have averaged approximately 155,000 units. New Peterbilt truck registrations during the calendar year ended December 31, 1996 were 20,624, for a national market share, based on new truck registrations, of 11.1%. In the Company's seven primary market areas 18,449 new heavy-duty trucks were registered in 1996, 2,883 of which were new Peterbilts, resulting in an average market share for Peterbilts of 15.7%.

BUSINESS STRATEGY

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The Company's business strategy is to operate an integrated full-service dealer network marketing Peterbilt heavy-duty trucks and related services in the Western and Southern regions of the United States. As part of its business strategy, the Company will seek to expand its existing dealerships, establish new full-service and parts/service Peterbilt dealerships in its existing and newly appointed territories and make strategic acquisitions of additional Peterbilt heavy-duty truck dealers in new territories. The Company has successfully implemented its business strategy which has resulted in significant market penetration within both existing and new market areas. The Company's objective is to continue to build upon this base of operations and enhance its position as a leading dealer of heavy-duty trucks and related services by emphasizing the following key elements of its business strategy.

One-Stop Center. The Company has developed its "one-stop truck center" where customers can purchase new Peterbilt or used heavy-duty trucks, lease and rent heavy-duty Peterbilt trucks, as well as purchase after-market parts and accessories and have virtually any kind of truck serviced by factory-certified technicians, all at one convenient location. Rush truck centers are the sole authorized vendor for new Peterbilt trucks and replacement parts in their market areas and have expansive parts departments that display many of the parts in open showrooms in a mix tailored to local buying patterns and market trends. As part of its one-stop sales and service strategy, the Company, through Rush Financial Services, offers third-party financing and insurance products to assist customers purchasing a new or used truck, as well as truck leasing and rentals. The Company's truck centers, four of which are open 24 hours a day, six days a week for parts and service, are located on or near major highways in high truck traffic areas. The continued implementation and enhancement of its one-stop truck center concept is an integral element of the Company's business strategy.

Dealership Network. The Company believes it is one of the few organizations in the heavy-duty truck sales and service industry to operate a large, multi-state, full-service dealership network in an effort to realize economies of scale. The Company believes that its expansion and increasing economies of scale have resulted in superior purchasing power, favorable financing terms and cost savings from centralized management, which have enabled the Company to maximize profitability and offer competitive prices to its customers. In addition, the Company's dealership network and consistency in service have allowed it to reinforce relationships with fleet customers and attract those customers traveling throughout the Company's territories by guaranteeing them competitive and uniform pricing for parts and service at each of its truck centers. Management believes that this has resulted in continuing customer relationships. Furthermore, because of its large size, strong relationships with fleet customers and its ability to

handle large quantities of used truck trade-ins, the Company, unlike most dealers, markets and sells to fleets nationwide.

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The Company believes that its aggressive expansion program into California, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and most recently into Colorado, and diversification into truck-related services, including financial services, leasing, renting and service and parts, has reduced cyclicality in the Company's operations due to geographic diversity and reduced reliance on new and used truck sales. The geographic diversity of the Company's dealer network has significantly increased the Company's customer base while ameliorating the effects of certain local and regional economic downswings that more severely affect single dealership operators. Management believes that the Company's full-service concept and continued geographic expansion will help to mitigate the adverse impact on the Company's operations resulting from reduced demand for new and used heavy-duty trucks and regional economic downturns.

Rush Truck Center Development. The Company has begun to employ a branding program for its facilities, designating each as a Rush Truck Center through distinctive signage and uniform marketing programs to enhance its name recognition and to communicate the standardized high level of quality products and services throughout its truck center network. The Company believes the Rush Truck Center strategy will increase its market recognition and encourage its customers to utilize multiple locations throughout its dealership network. Currently eight locations are branded Rush Truck Centers and the Company intends to establish all of its facilities as Rush Truck Centers by December 31, 1997.

Expansion in Existing and New Territories. Since 1990, the Company has opened five facilities in its existing and new territories. As part of its expansion strategy, the Company intends to continue to open both full-service and parts/service truck centers to enhance market coverage in its existing territories and to enter newly appointed territories. In identifying new areas for expansion and acquisition, the primary focus of the Company is the market's historic level of new heavy-duty truck registrations, customer buying trends and the availability of suitable facilities. By approximately mid 1997 to late 1998, management plans to open a full-service truck center in the Texas Rio Grande Valley area, relocate and expand its existing parts/service facilities in Southern California into a full service dealership, expand an existing full service dealership in Southern California, relocate and expand its Houston, Texas dealership and open leasing locations in Denver, Colorado and San Antonio, Texas.

The parts/service truck centers offer a variety of product and service combinations, including parts, rental and leasing services; parts, service and body shop facilities; and parts only. Management often analyzes the performance of a parts/service truck center as a factor to determine whether a full-service facility is warranted in a market area. The Company's truck centers in Lufkin and Laredo, Texas, and Bossier City, Louisiana, were originally opened as parts/service facilities and later expanded into full-service dealerships. The Company also intends to continue to open parts/service facilities in areas of its territory to maximize market coverage.

PACCAR, Inc., the parent company to Peterbilt, typically evaluates the management and capitalization of a prospective dealer in determining whether to grant such prospective dealer

additional Peterbilt territories. The Company believes that its management and capitalization allow it to effectively compete for such additional dealership locations. Although the Company does not have exclusive territories, management believes that it is unlikely that PACCAR will create additional dealerships in the market areas in which the Company currently operates. The Company is not aware of any policies of PACCAR that would limit its ability to continue to acquire additional Peterbilt dealerships; however, there can be no assurance that PACCAR will not object to ownership concentration of Peterbilt dealerships beyond a certain level.

Expansion by Acquisition. The Company has, since 1990, acquired six full-service and two parts/service truck centers, and its current expansion plan focuses beyond its existing presence in Texas, California, Louisiana, Oklahoma and, most recently, Colorado. The Company's operating strategy and management systems establish a framework for continued acquisitions into the foreseeable future. Management believes that it can improve the operating results of acquired dealers as a result of economies of scale, sophisticated management information systems, purchasing power, merchandising capability and the introduction of enhanced financial services and products.

In March 1997, the Company purchased the assets of Denver Peterbilt, Inc., which consisted of two full-service Peterbilt dealerships in Denver and Greeley, Colorado. The Company believes that the acquisition of such facilities provides the Company with an immediate market presence in the state of Colorado. The purchase price was approximately \$7.9 million, funded by (i) \$6.5 million of cash and (ii) \$1.4 million of borrowings under the Company's floor plan financing arrangement with GMAC to purchased new and used truck and parts inventory. The Company also entered into an agreement whereby the principal of Denver Peterbilt, Inc. may receive additional amounts based on future sales of new Peterbilt trucks at the Colorado locations.

Any prospective acquisition which the Company may be able to negotiate would require the willingness of PACCAR to accept the Company as a Peterbilt dealer at such additional retail locations. Although the Company is constantly evaluating acquisition opportunities, as of the date of this Form 10-K, the Company does not have any agreements or understandings, written or oral, with any third party regarding a potential acquisition or business combination.

TRUCK CENTERS

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The Company currently operates ten full-service and six parts/service truck centers in Texas, California, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Colorado. Rush truck centers are strategically located in high truck traffic areas on or near major highways. The Company's original dealership opened in Houston, Texas in 1965, and, since 1990, the Company has grown through a combination of acquisitions and new store openings in its existing and newly-appointed territories. The Company currently operates three full-service truck centers in Texas, two in Southern California, two in Oklahoma, one in Louisiana and two in Colorado.

The full-service truck centers provide an integrated one-stop source for the trucking needs of its customers, including retail sales of new Peterbilt and used heavy-duty trucks; parts, service and body shop facilities; and a wide array of financial products. The Company's six parts/service

facilities offer a variety of product and service combinations in areas of the Company's markets to maximize market coverage. Four of the Company's truck centers are open 24 hours a day, six days a week for parts and services. The Company's plans include the opening of a full-service truck center in the Texas Rio Grande Valley area, the relocation and expansion a Southern California parts/service facility into a full service dealership and the relocation of the Company's Houston, Texas sales and service facilities.

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The full-service truck centers range in size from 13,500 to 73,000 square feet, with from six to 50 service bays, and are situated on lots ranging from three to 14 acres, while the parts/service facilities range in size from 2,500 to 6,200 square feet, with from six to 25 service bays, and are situated on lots ranging from 0.4 to five acres. The typical full-service Rush truck center displays between 10 and 100 new and used trucks, has six to 40 repair and maintenance service bays, four to 20 body shop bays, one to four paint bays, an open retail parts showroom ranging from 600 to 2,000 square feet, a parts warehouse ranging from 3,000 to 7,000 square feet. Facility characteristics determined by market needs.

Set forth below is a summary description of each the Company's facilities:

RUSH TRUCK CENTER LOCATION	DATE OPENED OR ACQUIRED	STATUS/ METHOD	TRUCK SALES	SERVICE	PARTS	BODY SHOP	LEASING AND RENTING	FINANCING AND INSURANCE
Existing Truck Centers								
San Antonio, TX	1968	Start-up	0	0	0	0		0
Houston, TX(1)	1988	Start-up	0					0
Houston, TX(1)	1988	Start-up		0	0	0(2)		
Houston, TX(1)	1993	Start-up		0	0		0(3)	
Houston, TX(1)	1993	Start-up		0	0	0		
Lufkin, TX	1991	Start-up	0	0	0	0		0
Laredo, TX	1993	Start-up	0	0	0	0(4)		0
Bossier City, LA .	1994	Start-up	0	0	0		0	0
Pico Rivera, CA	1994	Acquisition	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sun Valley, CA(5) .	1994	Acquisition			0			
Fontana, CA	1994	Acquisition	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulsa, OK	1995	Acquisition	0	0	0	0		0
Oklahoma City, OK .	1995	Acquisition	0	0	0	0(6)		0
Oklahoma City, OK .	1995	Acquisition		0	0		0	
Denver,	1997	Acquisition	0	0	0	0	0	0
CO(7)								
Greeley,	1997	Acquisition	0	0	0	0		0
CO(7)								
Planned Truck Centers								
Rio Grande Valley,	1996-97	Start-up	0	0	0		0	0
ТХ								
Southern CA(5)	1997-98	Start-up	0	0	0	0		
Expanded Facilities								
Pico Rivera,	1998	Acquisition	0	0	0	0	0	0
CA(8)								
Houston,	1997	Start-up	0	0	0	0	0	0
TX(1)								
San Antonio, TX(9)	1997	Start-up					0	

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- (1) The Company started a full-service dealership in Houston, Texas in 1965, which was sold in 1979. The Company reacquired the dealership in 1988. Currently, the Company is seeking to relocate the dealership, parts and service, leasing and renting and finance and insurance facilities to a new location.
- (2) Paint shop only.
- (3) Operating at another location in Houston from 1988 to 1993.
- (4) Trailer repair shop.
- (5) The Company currently plans to relocate and expand into a full service dealership by late 1998.
- (6) Body shop under construction to be completed in mid 1997.
- (7) The acquisition of the Denver, Colorado and Greeley, Colorado locations was completed in March 1997. The Company plans to start-up leasing and rental and finance and insurance operations.
- (8) The Company currently plans to expand its existing Pico Rivera, California dealership.
- (9) The Company currently plans to open a leasing and rental operation in San Antonio, Texas during mid 1997.

TRUCK SALES

New Truck Sales. Rush truck centers sell new trucks which are marketed under the Peterbilt nameplate primarily in the Class 8 diesel category. The Company also markets Class 7 Peterbilt trucks (having a gvw rating of 26,001 to 33,000 pounds), Peterbilt refuse chassis and cement mixer chassis, GMC medium-duty trucks and, at its Oklahoma facilities, Volvo Class 8 heavy-duty trucks. The Company's new Class 8 Peterbilt trucks, which are manufactured and supplied to the Company by PACCAR, constitute over 90% of all new trucks sold by the Company. Peterbilt trucks have a reputation as premium-quality vehicles which are skillfully designed and driver friendly, and are typically customized to satisfy the requirements of its customers. Peterbilt's premium reputation is an important aspect of the Company's marketing of new and used trucks and management believes that such reputation has resulted in relatively higher resale prices for used Peterbilt trucks. New heavy-duty truck sales are the largest segment of the Company's business, accounting for approximately 59% of total revenues in 1996.

The Company's customers use Peterbilt heavy-duty trucks for over-the-road and off-highway handling of virtually all materials, including general freight, petroleum, wood products, refuse and construction materials. PACCAR purchases major truck components, such as engines, transmissions, tires, wheels and axles from other manufacturers, pursuant to each customer's specifications, to assemble its new trucks. The Company sells approximately 75% of its new heavy-duty trucks according to customer order, and the remaining 25% are sold out of inventory at its truck centers. It takes between 60 days and six months for the Company to receive delivery from PACCAR on a new truck order from the time an order is placed.

A new Peterbilt heavy-duty truck typically ranges in negotiated price from \$65,000 to \$100,000, while a typical Class 8 truck ranges in negotiated price from \$57,000 to \$100,000. The Company aggressively markets to regional and national fleets, with approximately 60% of all unit sales to fleet customers (those that purchase more than five trucks in a single 12-month period) and the balance of new truck sales to other owner-operators, corporations and local governments. An important competitive issue for the Company's customers is driver retention, with a typical fleet averaging in excess of 100% driver turnover annually. Management believes Peterbilt trucks, due to their premium reputation and attractiveness to the drivers, are increasingly being used by major fleets and carriers as incentives to attract new drivers and retain existing drivers.

The Company has a competitive advantage in that it can absorb multi-unit trade-ins often associated with fleet sales of new trucks and disperse the used trucks for resale throughout its

dealership network. Because of its large size, strong relationships with fleet customers and its ability to handle large quantities of used truck trade-ins, the Company, unlike most dealers, markets and sells to fleets nationwide. Additionally, the Company believes that its attention to customer service and its broad range of trucking services, including its ability to offer truck financing and insurance, has resulted in a high level of customer loyalty. During 1996, approximately 75% of the Company's truck sales were to repeat customers. The Company sold 2,871 new trucks in 1996 compared with 2,263 in 1995.

Used Truck Sales. The Company sells used heavy-duty trucks of numerous manufacturers, including Peterbilt, Kenworth, Freightliner, Mack and Navistar. The Company is well positioned to market used heavy-duty trucks due to its ability to recondition used trucks for resale utilizing its parts and service departments and to shift inventory from location to location to satisfy customer demand. Approximately 85% of the Company's used truck fleet is comprised of trucks taken as trade-ins by new truck customers to be used as all or part of the new truck customer's down payment, and the remainder are purchased from third parties for resale on the Company's retail lots.

The Company's used truck sales staff is trained to evaluate each prospective used truck on the basis of wholesale value and the costs of delivery, reconditioning and otherwise making the truck ready for sale. In a fleet purchase of several new trucks, not all of the trucks traded in will be suitable for sale on a Rush truck center's retail lot. Trucks that are not acceptable are typically sold at wholesale. Most used trucks acquired by the Company require some reconditioning prior to resale. The reconditioning process generally takes between one and three weeks, depending on the type of services to be performed. The Company utilizes its on-site parts, service and body shop facilities to perform such reconditioning services. Unlike new trucks, the majority of the Company's used trucks are sold "as is" and without manufacturer's warranty, although manufacturers sometimes provide limited warranties on used vehicles if they have been reconditioned at a Rush truck center prior to resale or if the manufacturer's warranty is transferrable and has not yet expired.

The Company closely monitors the age and quality of its used truck inventory and transfers such inventory between truck centers in order to maximize inventory turnover, avoid inventory overstock and understock situations and satisfy customer demand. The Company sold approximately 1,349 used trucks during 1996 compared with 1,135 in 1995.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

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As part of its one-stop sales and service strategy, the Company offers third-party financing and insurance products to assist customers purchasing a new or used truck. The Company also offers truck leasing and rentals at five of its locations. Revenues from financial services were \$19.3 million in 1996, or 5.6%, of total revenues.

New and Used Truck Financing. Each new and used truck customer is directed by the Company's truck sales staff to the Company's financial services sales personnel. The Company, through Associates, the largest third-party provider of heavy-duty truck financing in North

America, and PACCAR Financial, financed approximately \$76.4 million of new and used truck purchases by customers in 1996, an increase of 43.6% from the \$53.2 million financed in 1995. The Company is one of the largest originators of Class 8 heavy-duty truck loans for Associates. At times, the Company also acts as a broker, matching truck purchasers with alternative financing sources in exchange for a fee that is determined on a case-by-case basis.

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During 1996, the Company arranged customer financing for approximately 31% of its total new and used truck sales, with approximately 64% related to new truck sales and the remaining 36% of financing related to used truck sales. The financings are typically installment contracts, which are secured by the trucks financed, and generally require a down payment of 10% to 30%, with the remaining balance financed over two to five years. The Company presents all of its financing opportunities in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana to Associates and its financing opportunities in California and Colorado to PACCAR Financial. Approximately 91% of the principal amount financed by the Company under installment contracts during 1996 was financed through Associates, with the remainder financed through PACCAR Financial. The Company's contracts with Associates and PACCAR Financial provide for payment to the Company of all finance charges in excess of a negotiated discount rate within 30 days of the date of financing. Such payments are subject to offsets resulting from the early pay-off of, or defaults under, installment contracts previously sold to Associates and PACCAR Financial by the Company. The Company has been able to negotiate favorable discount rates with Associates and PACCAR Financial because of its low historical delinquency rate, and, with respect to Associates, the large volume of trucks financed.

Associates and PACCAR Financial analyze each customer's credit risk and determine whether they will extend credit and the minimum terms for doing so. The Company evaluates the standards prescribed by Associates and PACCAR Financial and determines whether it is agreeable to completing the financing on such terms. The Company often requires an increased down payment, higher finance charges or additional collateral in order to complete the financing. The Company's agreements with Associates and PACCAR Financial limit the aggregate recourse liability of the Company for defaults under the installment contracts sold to Associates and PACCAR Financial to \$400,000 and \$200,000 per year, respectively. The Company carefully monitors its outstanding installment contracts and actively communicates with Associates and PACCAR Financial regarding delinquent accounts. Over the last five years, the default rate on loans originated by the Company has averaged less than 0.5% per year. The Company has not in the past experienced significant losses resulting from defaults on loans, and such losses have historically been significantly less than the amount of its total recourse liability.

Truck Leasing and Rental. The Company engages in full-service Peterbilt truck leasing under the PacLease trade name at five of its locations. Under the terms of a full-service lease, all parts sales, service and maintenance for the lease or rental trucks is performed at the Company's facilities. The Company has increased its lease and rental fleet from less than 100 trucks in 1993 to approximately 559 trucks at December 31, 1996. The Company owns approximately 11.0% of its lease and rental fleet, and approximately 89.0% of the fleet is leased from PACCAR. The Company was named PacLease Western Region Franchise of the Year in 1995 and Midwest Region Franchise of the Year in 1996.

The Company offers both long-term leasing and short-term rentals to its customers. Approximately 80% of the Company's fleet is leased to customers for periods ranging from two to five years, and the remainder of the trucks are rented or leased for periods ranging from one day to two years. The Company generally holds trucks in its lease and rental fleet for approximately five years and then typically sells such used trucks through its truck centers. The Company has consistently realized gains on the sale of such trucks in excess of lease purchase option values. The Company constantly monitors the age of its lease and rental fleet, and as trucks are taken out of the fleet, the Company adds new trucks as needed. The average age of trucks in the Company's lease and rental fleet is 32 months. The Company's lease and rental customers provide a market to support the Company's parts and service operations by creating additional parts sales and service work for the Company. The Company also receives a rebate from PACCAR for each Peterbilt truck purchased for use in its lease fleet.

Insurance Agency Services. The Company sells a complete line of property and casualty insurance, including collision and liability insurance on trucks, cargo insurance, standard automobile liability coverages, life, credit life and health, workers' compensation coverages and homeowner's insurance. The Company's agents are licensed in 25 states to sell insurance for various insurance companies, including Associates Insurance and Motors Insurance Corporation, which underwrite the products offered by the Company. While the Company sells a majority of its insurance products to its truck-purchasing customers, the Company also sells to the general public. The Company believes it has developed good relationships with its insurance-purchasing customers which resulted in an average renewal rate of 86% during 1996.

The Company provides insurance premium financing to its insurance customers. Lending operations are supported by the Company's insurance subsidiary's own capital base. Premiums for property and casualty insurance are typically payable at the time a policy is placed in force or renewed. The Company's premium financing services allow the insured to pay a portion of the premium when the policy is placed in force and the balance in monthly installments substantially over the life of the policy. As security, the Company retains a contractual right to cancel the insurance policy if a premium installment is not paid when due. In the event of such cancellation, the Company applies the unearned premium toward the payment obligation of the insured. Premium financing which the Company offers to its customers does not involve any credit risk since no funds are advanced to outside parties and the Company is fully secured by the unearned premiums on the financed policies.

PARTS, SERVICE AND BODY SHOP OPERATIONS

The parts, service and body shop operations of the Company provide relatively higher profit margins and tend to be less cyclical than new and used truck sales. Parts, service and body shop revenues accounted for approximately \$64.5 million, or 18.7%, of the Company's total revenues in 1996.

Parts. Each Rush truck center carries a wide variety of Peterbilt and other parts inventory, with an average of approximately 4,500 items from over 30 suppliers at each location. The Company is the sole authorized Peterbilt parts and accessories supplier in each of its markets and

estimates that approximately 80% of its service and parts functions are performed on Peterbilt heavy-duty trucks.

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The parts departments support the Company's sales and service functions. The Company utilizes its parts department when performing its repair, maintenance and body shop services, including all parts required to recondition used trucks for resale and maintain and repair the Company's lease fleet. In addition to supporting the Company's service and body shop functions, the Company markets its parts and accessories both at its truck centers and through its outside sales staff. The Company's outside sales staff markets parts directly to fleet customers, who often perform truck maintenance and repairs at their own in-house service facilities.

The Company's real-time inventory management tracking system reduces delays in parts delivery, helps maximize inventory turns and assists in controlling the potential of overstock and understock situations. The Company's inventory system also assists management in determining the appropriate parts inventory mix in each location and tailoring such inventory to local buying patterns and market trends, while monitoring product mix to optimize pricing and maximize profit margins. The Company's automated reordering system assists each truck center in maintaining the proper inventory levels and permits inventory delivery to each location, or directly to customers, typically within 24 hours from the time the order is placed. The Company provides the standard manufacturer's warranty on the parts that it sells, which is generally a 90-day to one-year replacement guarantee.

The Company displays many of its higher margin parts and accessory items in open showrooms. Open parts showrooms are typically 600 to 2,000 square feet and feature up to 1,000 parts items and accessories in a mix tailored to local buying patterns and market trends. In order to maximize turnover, open parts showrooms are located near driver lounges and other high traffic areas of its truck centers. The Company encourages qualified customers to open accounts for parts purchases.

Service and Body Shop. Rush truck centers feature various combinations of fully equipped service and body shop facilities capable of handling almost any type of truck repair on virtually any type of truck, from rebuilding entire trucks and engines to routine maintenance functions, including tune-ups, oil changes, tire balancing, front-end alignments and inspections. Rush truck centers offer such services in a relaxed and accommodating atmosphere. Most Rush truck centers have driver lounges equipped with televisions, recliners, sofas, phones and food and beverage machines to allow drivers to sleep, relax or conduct business while waiting for service to be performed. To simplify the buying process, the Rush truck centers offer "menu" pricing of service and body shop functions and offer expedited service at a premium price for certain routine repair and maintenance functions.

The Company has a total of 266 service bays, including 11 paint bays, throughout its network. The Company performs both warranty and non-warranty service work, with the cost of the warranty work being reimbursed by the manufacturer at retail consumer rates. The Company estimates that approximately 20% of its service functions are performed under manufacturers' warranties. Rush truck centers are Peterbilt designated warranty service centers and most are

authorized service centers for a number of manufacturers of heavy-duty truck components, including Cummins, Detroit Diesel, Caterpillar, Eaton and Rockwell. Manufacturers permit warranty work to be performed only at designated warranty service centers. To enhance accuracy and timeliness in payment of warranty claims, the Company maintains a computerized system for sending warranty claims to PACCAR and various other manufacturers.

The Company's service and body shop facilities, four of which are open 24 hours a day, six days a week, are equipped with state-of-the-art tools and diagnostic equipment and staffed by manufacturer-trained and certified service technicians. The Company's service technicians perform full-service truck repairs and make-ready on Peterbilt and virtually any other type of heavy-duty truck. Rush truck centers' factory-certified service employees regularly attend manufacturer-sponsored training programs to remain abreast of current diagnostic and repair and maintenance techniques. The Company employs an innovative compensation program for its service technicians designed to encourage the performance of expedited and high quality repair and maintenance services. Rather than paying service technicians on an hourly basis, each technician receives a flat rate for each service or repair performed. If a service or repair is performed incorrectly, the technician making the initial repair or service must correct the situation without additional compensation. This compensation arrangement facilitates the retention of efficient service technicians who can increase their compensation by expeditiously and accurately completing service and repairs.

The Company's body shops, which include multiple EPA approved paint bays, are fully equipped to make virtually any type of truck body repair, from complete reconstruction of truck frames damaged in accidents to repairs and replacements of hoods, body panels and fenders. Rush truck centers' body shops are also used to refurbish trucks in need of updating due to changes in industry standards or to satisfy regulatory guidelines.

SALES AND MARKETING

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The Company's aggressive expansion program and long history of operations have resulted in a customer base that is diverse in terms of geography, industry and scale of operations. The Company's customers include owner-operators, regional and national fleets, corporations and local governments, none of which accounted for more than 7% of its total sales in 1996. Because of its large size, strong relationships with fleet customers and its ability to handle large quantities of used truck trade-ins, the Company, unlike most dealers, markets and sells to fleets nationwide. Management also believes that the consistently reliable service received by customers at each Rush truck center and the Company's longevity have resulted in increased recognition of the "Rush" name, customer loyalty and continuing customer relationships. During 1996, approximately 75% of the Company's truck sales were to repeat customers.

The Company believes that large, multi-location, full-service dealerships, which offer a large selection of new and used trucks, parts and sophisticated service and body shop facilities, are able to realize economies of scale and have a competitive advantage in the truck sales and services industry. As part of its strategy, the Company has begun to employ a Rush Truck Center branding program for its facilities to enhance the Company's name recognition and to communicate the

standardized high level of quality products and services throughout its truck center network. The Company intends to brand each of its facilities as a Rush Truck Center through distinctive signage and uniform marketing programs. Currently eight locations are branded as Rush Truck Centers and the Company intends to establish all of its facilities as Rush Truck Centers by December 31, 1997.

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The Company generally promotes its trucks and related services through its sales staff, trade magazine advertisements and attendance at industry shows, including the International Truck Show and the Southwest Trucking Show. In addition to cultivating walk-in customers, the Company's sales staff also makes customer visits and participates in organizations that support industries that utilize the Company's trucks. The Company uses its proprietary direct mail database to distribute its bi-monthly truck magazine, which includes new and used truck and parts specials, and other marketing materials to over 50,000 existing and potential customers. Support of the industry is achieved through membership and support of trucking organizations, such as the American Truck Dealers and American Trucking Association. In addition, the Company has a world-wide web site on the Internet featuring truck and parts specials at http://www.rushtruckcenters.com.

The Company's new truck sales staff consists of 85 employees, including a Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing and seven regional sales managers. Used trucks are sold through 17 used truck sales personnel, including a Vice President of Used Trucks and five regional sales managers. The sales staff at each Rush truck center receives sales training, instruction on technical and operating aspects of the trucks and education with respect to the industries in which such trucks are utilized, including the waste-disposal, construction and forestry industries. The sales staff of each Rush truck center is compensated on a commission and salary basis, with a high percentage of compensation based on commission.

The Company has approximately 110 parts and service sales employees, including a Vice President of Parts and Service, one national parts director, one national service director, one national parts and service marketing director, 15 regional service managers and 10 regional parts managers. The Company sells parts in conveniently located open showrooms and parts counters at its truck centers and directly to fleet customers through its outside sales staff. The direct marketing to its fleet customers is intended to position the Company as the primary supplier of parts to such customers, who often perform truck maintenance and repairs at their own in-house service facilities.

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Personnel. Each Rush truck center is managed by a general manager who oversees the operations, personnel and the financial performance of the location, subject to the direction of the Company's corporate office. Each Rush truck center is also typically staffed by a sales manager, parts manager, service manager, sales representatives, parts employees, and other service and make-ready employees. The sales staff of each Rush truck center is compensated on a salary plus commission basis, with a high percentage of compensation based on commission, while the general manager, parts manager and service manager receive a combination of salary and performance bonus, with a high percentage of compensation based on the performance bonus. The Company believes that its employees are among the highest paid in the truck sales industry.

General managers annually prepare detailed monthly forecasts and monthly profit and loss statements based upon historical information and projected trends and an element of each general manager's compensation is determined by meeting or exceeding these operating plans. During the year, general managers regularly review their Rush truck center's progress with senior management and make appropriate adjustments as needed. All employees of the Company undergo annual performance evaluations.

The Company has been successful in retaining its senior management, general managers and other employees. The average tenure of the Company's current senior management is 14 years, and the average tenure of its current truck centers general managers is approximately 10 years with the Company. To promote communication and efficiency in operating standards, general managers and members of senior management attend several Company-wide strategy sessions per year. In addition, management personnel attend various industry-sponsored leadership and management seminars and receive continuing education on Peterbilt products, marketing strategies and management information systems.

Members of senior management regularly travel to each location to provide on-site management and support. Each location is audited twice a year for administrative record-keeping, human resources and environmental compliance matters. The Company has instituted succession planning pursuant to which employees in each truck center are groomed as assistant managers to assume management responsibilities in existing and future dealerships.

Purchasing and Suppliers. The Company believes that pricing is an important element of its marketing strategy. Because of its size, the Company benefits from volume purchases at favorable prices that permit it to achieve a competitive pricing position in the industry. The Company purchases its Peterbilt heavy-duty truck inventory and Peterbilt parts and accessories directly from PACCAR. All other manufacturers' parts and accessories, including those of Cummins, Detroit Diesel, Caterpillar and others are purchased through wholesale vendors or from PACCAR, who buys such products in bulk for resale to the Company and other Peterbilt dealers. All purchasing, volume and pricing levels and commitments are negotiated by the Company's corporate headquarters. The Company has been able to negotiate favorable terms, which facilitates the Company's ability to offer competitive prices for its products.

Management Information Systems. Each Rush truck center maintains a centralized real-time inventory tracking system which is accessible simultaneously by all locations and by the Company's corporate office. The Company utilizes the information assimilated from its management information systems to determine and monitor the appropriate inventory level at each facility. From this information, management has developed a model reflecting historic sales levels of different product lines. This information identifies the appropriate level and mix of inventory and forms the basis of the Company's operating plan. The Company's management information systems and databases are also used to monitor market conditions, sales information and assess product and expansion strategies. Information received from state and regulatory agencies, manufacturers and industry contacts allows the Company to determine market share statistics and gross volume sales numbers for its products as well as those of competitors. This information impacts ongoing operations by allowing the Company to remain abreast of changes within the market and allows management to react accordingly by realigning product lines and by adding new product lines and models.

Distribution and Inventory Management. The Company utilizes its real-time inventory management tracking system to maintain a close link between each truck center. This link allows for a timely and cost-effective sharing of managerial and sales information as well as the prompt transfer of inventory among various locations. The transfer of inventory reduces delays in delivery, helps maximize inventory turns and assists in controlling problems created by overstock and understock situations. The Company is linked directly to its major suppliers, including PACCAR and GMC, via real-time satellite communication links for purposes of ordering and inventory management. These automated reordering and satellite communication systems allow the Company to maintain proper inventory levels and permit the Company to have inventory delivered to its locations, or directly to customers, typically within 24 hours of an order being placed.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

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In March 1997, the Company purchased the assets of Denver Peterbilt, Inc., which consisted of two full-service Peterbilt dealerships in Denver and Greeley, Colorado. The Company believes that the acquisition of such facilities provides the Company with an immediate market presence in the state of Colorado. The purchase price was approximately \$7.9 million, funded by (i) \$6.5 million of cash and (ii) \$1.4 million of borrowings under the Company's floor plan financing arrangement with GMAC to purchased new and used truck and parts inventory. The Company also entered into an agreement whereby the principal of Denver Peterbilt, Inc. may receive additional amounts based on future sales of new Peterbilt trucks at the Colorado locations.

COMPETITION

There is significant competition both within the markets currently being served by the Company and in new markets into which the Company may enter. Dealer competition continues to increase based on accessibility of dealership location, the number of the Company's dealership locations, price, value, quality and design of the product as well as attention to customer service (including technical service). The Company believes that it is competitive in all of these categories. Despite being what the Company believes to be one of the largest dealers in the industry in terms of total revenues, during 1996 the Company accounted for approximately 1.6% of all new Class 8 truck sales in North America.

The Company's products compete with Class 8 and Class 7 trucks made by other manufacturers and sold through competing independent and factory-owned truck dealerships, including trucks manufactured by Navistar (International), Mack, Freightliner, Volvo, Ford, Western Star, other Class 8 trucks manufactured by PACCAR (Kenworth) and other manufacturers. Management believes it is able to effectively compete with dealerships and service providers on the basis of overall Peterbilt product quality, reputation and name recognition as well as its ability to provide full parts and service support, financing and insurance and other customer services, at easily accessible locations in high truck traffic areas on or near major highways.

DEALERSHIP AGREEMENTS

PACCAR. The Company has entered into non-exclusive dealership agreements (the "Dealership Agreements") with PACCAR with respect to each of the Company's territories. The Dealership Agreements each have current terms expiring between April 1997 and March 2000 and may be terminated by PACCAR upon a violation by the Company of the provisions contained therein. Upon the expiration of the term of the Dealership Agreements, written renewals of such agreements must be executed by PACCAR. Any termination or non-renewal of the Dealership Agreements must be done by PACCAR in accordance with both state and federal legislation designed to protect dealers from arbitrary termination or non-renewal of franchise agreements. The Automobile Dealers Day in Court Act and applicable state laws provide that termination or non-renewal of a dealership agreement must be done in "good faith" and upon a showing of "good cause" by the manufacturer for such termination or non-renewal, as those terms have been defined by statute and case law. The Company has consistently had its Dealership Agreements renewed and the Company anticipates obtaining renewals in the future. However, no assurances can be given that such renewals will be obtained.

The Company is not required to pay a royalty fee under the Dealership Agreements. Rather, the Company has agreed to stock, sell at retail and service Peterbilt trucks and products in its defined market areas. Pursuant to the terms of the Dealership Agreements, the Company is entitled to use the "Peterbilt" name, trade symbols and intellectual property. PACCAR periodically furnishes the Company general and specialized truck and parts sales and other service and technical training programs and makes available to the Company copies of service manuals and bulletins, publications and technical data to assist in the effective operation of the Company's services and parts operations. PACCAR also makes available field personnel who periodically advise the Company on sales, parts and service related subjects, including fleet sales, product quality, technical adjustments, repair, replacement and sale of products, customer relations, warranty administration, and service and parts and promotion programs for the sale of Peterbilt products.

Each of the Company's dealerships is required to establish and maintain a ratio of net working capital to total assets ranging from .05 to .25 as provided in its Dealership Agreement. If at any time a dealership's net working capital falls below the minimum requirements as determined from time to time by PACCAR, the dealership is required to take steps reasonably necessary to meet such minimum capital requirements. The Company has had no problem in the past satisfying such minimum capitalization requirements and does not anticipate any problems through fiscal 1997. The Dealership Agreements also require the Company to maintain a uniform accounting system designated by PACCAR and provide PACCAR with monthly financial and operating data.

The Company is required to provide 60 days' prior written notice to PACCAR before it enters into a written agreement to sell and service the competitive vehicles of another truck manufacturer. The purpose of the notice is to provide PACCAR with an opportunity to evaluate and discuss with the Company the likely effect of such an action on the Company, PACCAR and the other Peterbilt dealers.

In the event of a change of control of the Company, the Dealership Agreement may be immediately terminated by PACCAR. For this purpose, a change of control occurs (i) if the Dealer Principals (W. Marvin Rush, W. M. "Rusty" Rush, Robin M. Rush and other executives of the Company) in the aggregate own less than 30% of the capital stock entitled to vote on the election of directors of the Company, or (ii) if any "person" (as that term is defined under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) other than the Dealer Principals or any person who has been approved in writing by PACCAR, either (x) owns a greater percentage of the capital stock entitled to vote on the election of directors of the Company than the Dealer Principals in the aggregate, or (y) holds the office of Chairman of the Board, President or Chief Executive Officer of the Company. In the event that the Company were to find it necessary or advisable to sell any of its Peterbilt dealership locations, PACCAR retains the right of first refusal to purchase such dealership location in any proposed sale. The change of control and right of first refusal provisions may have anti-takeover effects.

In addition to its dealership agreements with PACCAR, the Company is also an authorized dealer for Volvo GM Heavy Truck Corporation ("Volvo") and General Motors Corporation ("GMC") at certain of the Company's locations.

Volvo. The Company is an authorized, exclusive retail dealer of new Volvo trucks and parts at its Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Oklahoma facilities. As part of the dealership agreement with Volvo (the "Volvo Agreement"), the Company is granted the right to use various Volvo trademarks in the conduct of its business and the benefit of Volvo materials and training. In order to remain in compliance with the terms of the Volvo Agreement, the Company must meet certain sales, service and facilities criteria established by Volvo, provide Volvo with various financial and planning documents on a regular basis and provide warranty repairs on covered Volvo trucks.

The Volvo Agreement is effective through March 31, 2000 and is renewed annually unless terminated according to the provisions of the Volvo Agreement. The occurrence of any of the following events constitutes grounds for termination by Volvo: (a) ownership of a majority of the capital stock of the Company by persons other than W. Marvin Rush and members of his family;

(b) disputes among, or actions by, the Controlling Individuals which may adversely affect the reputation of Volvo; (c) the sale by the Company of any of its principal operating assets; (d) the sale or transfer of the Volvo Agreement to an unauthorized party; and (e) the occurrence of various other material breaches enumerated in the Volvo Agreement which are typical of dealership agreements.

GMC. Under the Company's non-exclusive dealership Agreement with GMC (the "GMC Agreement"), GMC provides the Company with, among other things, trucks, parts and training in the sales and service of GMC medium-duty trucks. GMC also allows the Company to use various GMC licenses, trade symbols and intellectual property owned by GMC. The Company is obligated to conform its operations to the standards established by the GMC Agreement and ongoing reviews of the Company's facilities and operations. The obligations of the Company include maintaining minimum size and appearance standards for its dealership facilities, maintaining its accounting records in conformance with GMC standards, performing GMC warranty repairs and responsibly promoting the sale and service of GMC products throughout the Company's assigned territory.

The GMC Agreement is effective through October 31, 2000 and may be terminated by GMC in specific circumstances. The GMC Agreement is based on the personal relationship between GMC and the Dealer Operators (W. Marvin Rush, W. M. "Rusty" Rush and Robin M. Rush) and prohibits any attempted assignment, including upon the death or incapacity of one or more of the Dealer Operators, of the GMC Agreement to a third party which is not expressly approved by GMC. With regard to any proposed assignment of the GMC Agreement. The Company is also prohibited from making any transfer of more than a ten percent equity interest in the Company without the consent of GMC. Some of the additional grounds upon which GMC may terminate the GMC Agreement are: (a) material conflicts with GMC over the Company's facilities and operations; (b) misconduct by the Company or the Dealer Operators; or (c) failure to maintain the specified net capital requirement and an open line of credit pursuant to the terms of the GMC Agreement. The Company has remained in compliance with the terms of the GMC Agreement and anticipates no conflicts through 1997.

The Company believes that the change of ownership resulting from its initial public offering completed in June 1996 violated the GMC Agreement and that such agreements is terminable by GMC. The termination of the GMC Agreement would not have a material adverse impact on the Company.

FLOOR PLAN FINANCING

Substantially all of the Company's truck purchases from PACCAR are made on terms requiring payment within 15 days or less from the date of shipment of the trucks from the factory. The Company finances all, or substantially all, of the purchase price of its new truck inventory, and 75% of the loan value of its used truck inventory, under a floor plan arrangement with GMAC under which GMAC pays PACCAR directly with respect to new trucks. The Company makes monthly interest payments on the amount financed but is not required to commence loan principal

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repayments on new vehicles to GMAC for a period of 12 months and for used vehicles for a period of three months. The loan is collateralized by a lien on the vehicle. The Company's floor plan agreements with its primary lender limit the aggregate amount of borrowings based on the number of new and used trucks. As of December 31, 1996, the Company's floor plan arrangements permit the financing of up to 888 new trucks and 349 used trucks. At December 31, 1996, the Company to earn interest at the prime rate on overnight funds deposited by the Company with GMAC for up to one-half of the amount borrowed under its floor plan financing, real estate financing and revolving credit arrangements with GMAC. GMAC has indicated that it will continue to provide GMAC financing to the Company in the absence of a franchise agreement with GMC.

PRODUCT WARRANTY

PACCAR provides retail purchasers of new trucks with a limited warranty against defects in materials and workmanship, excluding certain specified components which are separately warranted by component suppliers. The Company does not otherwise provide any warranty to retail purchasers of new trucks.

The Company generally sells its used trucks "as is" and without manufacturer's warranty, although manufacturers sometimes provide limited warranties on used vehicles if they have been reconditioned at the Rush truck center prior to resale or if the manufacturer's warranty is transferrable and has not yet expired. The customer does not receive any warranty from the Company.

BACKLOG

At December 31, 1996, the Company's backlog of orders was approximately \$80.0 million, compared to \$90.0 million at December 31, 1995. The Company includes in backlog only confirmed orders. It takes between 60 days and six months for the Company to receive delivery from PACCAR once an order is placed. The Company expects to fill at least 90% of these orders by the end of 1997. The Company sells approximately 75% of its new heavy-duty trucks by customer special order, with the remainder sold out of inventory. Included in the Company's backlog as of December 31, 1996 are orders from a number of the Company's major fleet customers.

REGULATION

The Company is subject to the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act (the "Act"), Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards promulgated by the DOT and various state motor vehicle regulatory agencies. The Company believes that it is in compliance with the Act and applicable standards.

The Company's service and body shop facilities are subject to federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning environmental matters with respect to air quality and discharges into the

environment, as well as storage, shipping, disposing and manifesting of hazardous materials and hazardous and non- hazardous waste. These environmental matters are associated with the repair and maintenance of heavy-duty trucks at the Company's facilities, and no location or operation exceeds small quantity generation status. In addition, these laws and regulations affect the storing, dispensing and discharge of petroleum-based products and other waste, and require the Company to secure permits in connection with its dealership operations. The securing of permits and compliance with all laws and regulations can be costly and could, in the future, affect the Company's earnings; however, to date, the cost of permitting and compliance has not been material. Further, each dealership must comply with local governmental requirements concerning zoning, land use and environmental factors. Although the Company has not experienced difficulties in obtaining the required licensing or approvals, difficulties in obtaining such licensing or approvals in the future could result in delays in the opening of proposed new dealerships. State and local laws and regulations also require each dealership to obtain licenses to operate as a dealer in heavy-duty vehicles. The Company has obtained all necessary licenses and permits, and management believes the Company is in full compliance with all federal, state and local laws and regulations.

The Company's insurance and financing services are subject to the laws and regulations of the states in which it conducts business. These laws and regulations cover all aspects of the Company's insurance and financing business, including, with respect to insurance, licensing, regulation of insurance premiums financing rates and insurance agency legislation pertaining to insurance agencies and their affiliates; and with respect to financing, commercial finance regulations that in some states may be similar to certain consumer finance regulations, including those governing interest rates and charges, maximum amounts and maturities of credit and disclosure to debtor of certain terms of each transaction.

The Company is also subject to the regulations promulgated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA"), which regulates workplace health and safety. The Company's facilities are periodically inspected by representatives of OSHA.

TRADEMARKS

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The Peterbilt, Volvo and GMC trademarks and trade names, which are licensed from each of the respective corporations, are recognized internationally and play an important role in the marketing of the Company's products. Each corporation engages in a continuous program of trademark and trade name protection in all marketing areas. The Company does not hold any registered trade or service marks at this time, but has trademark applications pending with the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office for the name "Rush."

PRODUCT LIABILITY

Products that have been or may be sold by the Company may expose it to potential liabilities for personal injury or property damage claims relating to the use of such products. Historically, product liability claims have not been material to the Company. While the Company maintains third-party product liability insurance which it believes to be adequate, there can be no assurance

that the Company will not experience legal claims in excess of its insurance coverage, or claims which are ultimately not covered by insurance. Furthermore, if any significant claims are made against the Company or PACCAR, the Company's business may be adversely affected by related negative publicity.

EMPLOYEES

At December 31, 1996, the Company employed approximately 700 people, of which 85 were involved in new truck sales, 17 in used truck sales, 419 in parts, service and body shop services, nine in insurance agency services, five in financing services, 85 in truck leasing and rental operations and 80 in administrative, management and corporate functions.

The Company has no contracts or collective bargaining agreements with labor unions and has never experienced work stoppages. The Company considers its relations with employees to be satisfactory.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

The Company owns its truck center locations in Houston (4) and San Antonio (1), Texas, as well as 6,000 square feet of administrative office space located in San Antonio, Texas, its Oklahoma City, Oklahoma facilities, and a 4,140- acre ranch located in Cotulla, Texas. The remaining facilities operate on leased premises, with the unexpired terms of the leases ranging from six months to eight years, inclusive of options to renew. The Company has an option to terminate its leases on the Bossier City, Louisiana and Laredo, Texas locations, by providing notice and paying rent ranging from three to six months. In all cases the Company pays a fixed rent and is responsible for taxes, insurance, repairs and maintenance. For 1996, the total net rent expense for the Company's leased stores was approximately \$937,000. The building square footage of the Company's full-service truck centers range in size from 13,500 to 73,000 square feet, and are situated on lots ranging from three to 14 acres, while the parts/service facilities range in size from 2,500 to 62,000 square feet, and are situated on lots ranging from 0.4 to five acres.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND INSURANCE

From time to time, the Company is involved in certain litigation arising out of its operations in the ordinary course of business. The Company maintains liability insurance, including product liability coverage, in amounts deemed adequate by management. To date, aggregate costs to the Company for claims, including product liability actions, have not been material. However, an uninsured or partially insured claim, or claim for which indemnification is not available, could have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Company. The Company believes that there are no claims or litigation pending, the outcome of which could have a material adverse effect on the financial position or results of operations of the Company, however, due to the inherent uncertainty of litigation, there can be no assurance that the resolution of any particular claim or proceeding would not have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations for the fiscal period in which such resolution occurred.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

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No matters were submitted to a vote of the Company's shareholder's during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year ended December 31, 1996.

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON STOCK AND RELATED SHAREHOLDER MATTERS

The Company's common stock, \$0.01 par value ("Common Stock"), is listed for quotation on the Nasdaq/National Market ("NASDAQ/NMS") under the symbol "RUSH." From June 7, 1996, the date of the Company's initial public offering, the following table sets forth the high and low closing sales prices for the Common Stock for the fiscal periods indicated, as reported by the Nasdaq/NMS. The quotations represent prices in the over-the-counter market between dealers in securities, do not include retail markup, markdown or commissions and may not necessarily represent actual transactions.

	High	Low
Fiscal 1996:		
Second quarter (from June 7, 1996)	\$14.00	\$12.25
Third quarter	\$12.75	\$12.00
Fourth quarter	\$13.13	\$12.00

As of March 21, 1997, there were approximately 57 record holders of the Common Stock and approximately 500 beneficial holders of the common stock.

The Board of Directors intends to retain any earnings of the Company to support operations and to finance expansion and does not intend to pay cash dividends on the Common Stock in the foreseeable future. Any future determination as to the payment of dividends will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Company, and will depend on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements and such other factors as the Board of Directors deems relevant.

Because the Company was a S corporation prior to its initial public offering, a portion of the net income of the Company in past years has been distributed to W. Marvin Rush, and one additional distribution of approximately \$7.1 million was made simultaneously with the closing of the Company's initial public offering.

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA

The following Selected Consolidated Financial and Operating Data relating to the Company has been taken or derived from the Consolidated Financial Statements and other records of the Company. The consolidated statements of income and consolidated balance

sheets for each of the four years in the period ended December 31, 1996, have been audited by Arthur Andersen LLP, independent public accountants. The consolidated statements of income and consolidated balance sheets for the four-month period ended December 31, 1992 and for the year ended August 31, 1992 have been derived from the books and records of the Company for those periods. The Financial and Operating Data presented below may not be comparable between periods in all material respects or indicative of the Company's future financial position or results of operations due primarily to acquisitions which occurred during the periods presented, including the acquisition of the Company's California and Oklahoma operations in February 1994 and in December 1995, respectively. See Note 17 to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of such acquisitions. The Selected Consolidated Financial and Operating Data should be read in conjunction with the Company's Historical Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes and other financial information included elsewhere herein. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

	YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1992	FOUR MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1992	YEAR E 1993	NDED DECEMBEI 1994	R 31, 1995	1996
			IN THOUSAN			
SUMMARY OF INCOME STATEMENT DATA Revenues						
New and used truck sales	. ,	\$20,518	\$ 79,909	\$143,569	\$192,949	\$258,613
Parts and service	,	6,541	24,604	46,516	53,368	64,505
Lease and rental		955	2,158	5,476	10,058	13,426
Finance and insurance		143	2,247	3,774	3,980	5,855
Other	601	258	1,353	1,936	1,279	2,262
Total revenues	83,024	28,415 24,270	110,271 95,811	201,271 168.254	261,634 219,059	343,661 289,143
Gross profit	10,233	4,145 3,687 151	14,460 11,101 1,022	33,017 25,789 1,615	42,575 31,238 1,846	54,518 40,552 2,416
Operating income	,	307	2,337	5,613	9,491	11,550
Interest expense		15	998	2,048	2,886	3,053
Minority interest				123	162	
Income from continuing operations before income taxes		292	1,339	3,442	6,443	8,497
Income tax expense		292	1,339	3,442	6,443	2,295 6,202
Discontinued operations Operating income (loss)	(42)	55	325	283	(224)	
Gain on disposal	· · ·			203	1,785	
					1,785	
Income from discontinued operations	(42)	55	325	283	1,561	
Net income	\$ 1,416 ======	\$ 347 ======	\$ 1,664 ======	\$ 3,725	\$ 8,004	

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995 	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996
	(IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT	F PER SHARE DATA)
PRO FORMA INCOME STATEMENT DATA (Unaudited) Income from continuing operations before taxes	\$6,443	8,497
Pro forma adjustments to reflect federal and state income taxes(1)	2,448	3,229
Pro forma income from continuing operations	\$3,995	\$5,268
Pro forma income from continuing operations per share(2)	====== \$.93 ====	====== \$.94 =====
Weighted average shares outstanding used in the pro forma income from continuing operations per share calculation	4,297	5,590 =====

	YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1992 	FOUR-MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1992 (IN THOUSAND	1993 DS, EXCEPT OF	1994	DECEMBER 31, 1995 A)	1996
OPERATING DATA						
Number of locations						
Full-service	1	1	2	6	8	8
Parts/service	3	3	5	5	6	6
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total locations	4	4	7	11	14	14
Unit truck sales						
New trucks	623	237	982	1,705	2,263	2,871
Used trucks	675	229	647	889	1,135	1.349
Total unit trucks sales Aggregate new and used truck finance	1,298	466	1,629	2,594	3,398	4,220
contracts sold (in thousands)	\$21,295	\$10,100	\$32,188	\$45,453	\$53,165	\$76,390
Truck lease and rental units	100	100	143	345	521	559

	YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1992 	FOUR-MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1992	1993	1994	D DECEMBER 1995 	31, 1996
			(11	THOUSANDS)		
BALANCE SHEET DATA Working capital Inventories Total assets Floor plan financing Line-of-credit	\$875 6,799 13,268 4,003	\$2,213 7,960 17,683 6,023	\$(245) 14,183 29,263 10,648	\$(937) 20,755 44,185 17,325	\$626 36,517 76,079 34,294	\$24,676 36.688 109,217 42,228
borrowings	50	50	950	860	10	20
Long-term debt, including current portion Shareholders' equity	4,149 1,847	6,002 2,298	8,167 2,706	8,887 4,376	17,287 7,685	15,547 36,692

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- (1) For all periods presented prior to the Company's public offering on June 7, 1996, the Company was an S corporation and was not generally subject to corporate income taxes. The pro forma income tax provision has been computed as if the Company were subject to corporate income taxes for all periods presented based on the tax laws in effect during the respective periods. See Note 15 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.
- (2) Pro forma income from continuing operations per share was computed by dividing pro forma income from continuing operations by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding, as adjusted for the stock split of the Common Stock and giving pro forma effect for the issuance of 547,400 shares of Common Stock, at an initial public offering price of \$12.00 per share, to repay the line-of-credit borrowings made to fund the approximately \$6.0 million distribution to the Company's sole shareholder of the undistributed taxable S corporation earnings. See Notes 3 and 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.
- ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

GENERAL

Certain statements contained in this Form 10-K, including statements regarding the anticipated development and expansion of the Company's business, expenditures, the intent, belief or current expectations of the Company, its directors or its officers, primarily with respect to the future operating performance of the Company and other statements contained herein regarding matters that are not historical facts, are "forward-looking" statements (as such term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995). Because such statements include risks and uncertainties, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those discussed in other filings made by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Rush Enterprises operates a regional network of truck centers that provide an integrated one-stop source for the trucking needs of its customers, including retail sales of new Peterbilt and used heavy-duty trucks; parts, service and body shop facilities; and a wide array of financial services, including the financing of new and used truck purchases, insurance products and truck leasing and rentals.

In February 1994, the Company consummated the purchase of the assets of Engs Motor Truck Company ("Engs"), which consisted of three full-service Peterbilt dealerships located in Pico Rivera, Fontana and Ventura, California, and a parts store located in Sun Valley, California. As part of the Company's acquisition strategy, the Company closed the Ventura facility in August 1994, consolidating its operations into the remaining facilities. The purchase price was approximately \$9.6 million, funded by (i) \$3.1 million of cash, (ii) \$5.4 million of borrowings under the Company's floor plan financing with GMAC to purchase new and used truck inventory, and (iii) \$984,000 payable pursuant to a note to the seller. In June 1994 the Company purchased the related leasing and truck rental operations of Engs for \$300,000 in cash. In addition, the Company entered into a five year consulting agreement with two principals of the seller under which they are paid an aggregate of \$12,500 per month. One of the former employees of Engs became a 10% partner in the acquired business, and the Company subsequently purchased this interest in August 1995 for cash consideration of approximately \$435,000.

In March 1995, the Company sold an automobile dealership in San Antonio, Texas, for cash of approximately \$3.6 million.

In December 1995, the Company acquired the assets of Kerr Consolidated, Inc., which consisted of a full-service Peterbilt dealership and stand-alone leasing facility in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and a full-service Peterbilt dealership in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The purchase price was approximately \$10.2 million, funded by (i) \$2.7 million of cash, (ii) \$3.9 million of borrowings under the Company's floor plan financing with GMAC to purchase new and used truck and parts inventory, (iii) a \$750,000 interest-free advance against future accounts receivable from Interstate Billing Services, Inc. and (iv) \$2.8 million payable pursuant to a note to the seller. The Company also agreed to pay the principals of Kerr an aggregate consulting fee of \$2,225 per month for five years from the effective date of this offering.

In March 1997, the Company purchased the assets of Denver Peterbilt, Inc., which consisted of two full-service Peterbilt dealerships in Denver and Greeley, Colorado. The Company believes that the acquisition of such facilities provides the Company with an immediate market presence in the state of Colorado. The purchase price was approximately \$7.9 million, funded by (i) \$6.5 million of cash and (ii) \$1.4 million of borrowings under the Company's floor plan financing arrangement with GMAC to purchased new and used truck and parts inventory. The Company also entered into an agreement whereby the principal of Denver Peterbilt, Inc. may receive additional amounts based on future sales of new Peterbilt trucks at the Colorado locations.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis includes the Company's historical results of operations for 1994, 1995, 1996.

The following table sets forth for the years indicated certain financial data as a percentage of total revenues:

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	1994	1995	
New and used truck sales	71.3%	73.7%	75.3%
Parts and service	23.1	20.4	18.8
Lease and rental	2.7	3.8	3.9
Finance and insurance	1.9	1.5	1.7
Other	1.0	0.5	0.4
Total revenues	100.0	100.0	100.0
Cost of products sold	83.6	83.7	84.1
Gross profit	16.4	16.3	15.9
Selling, general and administrative expenses	12.8	11.9	11.8
Depreciation and amortization	0.8	0.7	0.7
Operating income	2.8	3.6	3.4
Interest, net	1.0	1.0	0.9
Income from continuing operations	1.8%	2.6%	2.5%
	====	====	====

FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996 COMPARED WITH FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995.

Revenues

Revenues increased by approximately \$82.0 million, or 31.4%, from \$261.6 million to \$343.7 million from 1995 to 1996. This increase was attributable to gains achieved from each of the Company's revenue categories, with the largest increase resulting from the acquisition of the Company's Oklahoma facilities in December 1995.

Sales of new and used trucks increased by approximately \$65.7 million, or 34.0%, from \$192.9 million to \$258.6 million from 1995 to 1996. Unit sales of new and used trucks increased by 26.9% and 18.9%, respectively. The average selling price of new trucks increased by 5.0% while used truck average selling prices increased by 15.9%. Unit sales increases were due to the factors described above. New truck and used truck prices increased due to product mix and increased market demand.

Parts and service sales increased by approximately \$11.1 million, or 20.9%, from \$53.4 million to \$64.5 million from 1995 to 1996, with the inclusion of the Oklahoma operations accounting for most of the increase.

Lease and rental revenues increased by approximately \$3.4 million, or 33.5%, from \$10.1 million to \$13.4 million from 1995 to 1996, primarily as a result of the acquisition of the Company's Oklahoma facilities in December 1995.

Finance and insurance revenues increased by approximately \$1.9 million, or 47.1%, from \$4.0 million to \$5.9 million from 1995 to 1996, with approximately \$800,000 in growth resulting from the acquisition of the Company's Oklahoma operations in December 1995.

Gross Profit

Gross profit increased by approximately \$11.9 million, or 28.1%, from \$42.6 million to \$54.5 million from 1995 to 1996, primarily due to the increase in revenues from the acquisition of the Oklahoma operations discussed above. Gross profit as a percentage of sales decreased slightly from 16.3% during 1995 to 15.9% during 1996. The decrease in gross margins was due to a 1% decrease in gross profit on the sale of new and used trucks, which was offset by a 1.8% increase in gross margins on parts and service sales and increased spreads on customer financings due to improved financing terms. The company believes that its increase in gross margins on parts and service activities was in part the result of integration of distribution and inventory management information systems in the Company's Oklahoma operations in December 1995 and in its California operations in April 1996.

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30 Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by approximately \$9.3 million, or 29.8%, from \$31.2 million to \$40.6 million from 1995 to 1996, primarily as a result of the increase in revenues described above. As a percentage of revenues, selling, general and administrative expenses decreased from 11.9% to 11.8%, respectively, primarily due to the spreading of fixed costs over a larger base of sales..

Interest Expense, Net

Net interest expense increased by approximately \$167,000, or 5.8%, from approximately \$2.9 million to \$3.1 million, from 1995 to 1996, respectively, primarily as a result of increased levels of floor plan financing associated with increased sales and higher inventory levels during 1996, and the acquisition of the Company's Oklahoma facilities in December 1995, offset by proceeds from the Company's initial public offering.

Income from Continuing Operations

Income from continuing operations increased by \$2.1 million, or 31.9%, from \$6.4 million to \$8.5 million, from 1995 to 1996, as a result of the factors described above

Income Taxes

As a result of the Company's initial public offering and termination of its subchapter S tax status, the Company incurred \$2.3 million in income taxes from the period of the initial public offering to December 31, 1996. The company has provided for taxes at a 38% effective rate.

FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995 COMPARED WITH FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994.

Revenues

Revenues increased by approximately \$60.4 million, or 30.0%, from \$201.3 million to \$261.6 million from 1994 to 1995. This increase was attributable to gains achieved by each of the Company's revenue categories. Approximately one- half of the increase from 1994 to 1995 is due to the inclusion in 1995 of a full year's results of the Company's California dealership operations which were acquired in February 1994. Increased activity at the Company's San Antonio dealership was the next largest contributor to revenue growth, while the balance of the improvement came throughout all other operating locations.

Sales of new and used trucks increased by approximately \$49.4 million, or 34.4%, from \$143.6 million to \$192.9 million from 1994 to 1995. Unit sales of new and used trucks increased by 32.3% and 27.7%, respectively, during 1995. While prices of new trucks remained unchanged during 1995, used truck prices increased by 16.6%. Unit increases were attributable to the factors discussed above, while price increases resulted from increased market demand.

Parts and service sales increased by approximately \$6.9 million, or 14.8, from \$46.5 million to \$53.4 million primarily as the result of the factors discussed above plus the addition of 18 service and body shop bays at the Company's facilities in San Antonio, Texas (10), Lufkin, Texas (6) and Fontana, California (2). Pricing information and decisions improved following the implementation of the Company's new management information systems installed in 1994.

Lease and rental revenues increased by approximately \$4.6 million, or 83.7%, from \$5.5 million to \$10.1 million, primarily as the result of (i) the inclusion of a full year of results from the California lease and rental operations, which were acquired by the Company in June 1994, and (ii) the addition of 65 trucks to the California lease and rental fleet during 1995.

Finance and insurance revenues increased by approximately \$200,000, or 5.3%, from \$3.8 million to \$4.0 million from 1994 to 1995, primarily as a result of the increased sales of new and used trucks discussed above and an addition to the Company's insurance sales staff. Finance and insurance revenues have limited direct costs and therefore contribute a disproportionate share of operating profits.

Gross Profit

Gross profit increased by approximately \$9.6 million, or 29.1%, from \$33.0 million to \$42.6 million from 1994 to 1995, primarily due to the increase in revenues discussed above. Gross profit as a percentage of sales increased slightly from 16.0% to 16.3% from 1994 to 1995. Higher gross margins on new truck sales and parts and service and body shop operations offset a decrease in used truck gross margins and decreased spreads from financing activities caused by rising interest rates.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by approximately \$5.4 million, from \$25.8 million to \$31.2 million, or 21.0%, from 1994 to 1995, primarily as a result of expenses associated with the California operations. The balance of the increase resulted from variable expense increases associated with higher revenues. As a percentage of revenues, selling, general and administrative expenses declined from 12.5% to 12.0% from 1994 to 1995, due primarily to the spreading of fixed costs over a larger base of sales, improved operating efficiencies from the integration of the Company's facilities in California following their acquisition in February 1994, and implementation of the Company's management information systems and distribution and management systems discussed above.

Interest Expense

Interest expense increased by approximately \$722,000, from \$2.0 million to \$2.8 million, or 35.3%, from 1994 to 1995. Almost half the increase in interest expense relates to the inclusion of California results for a full year in 1995. Increased interest expense was also due to the financing

of higher inventory levels to support sales growth as well as increases in interest rates on the Company's variable-rate borrowings and higher average outstanding debt balances.

Income from Continuing Operations

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Income from continuing operations increased by \$3.0 million, or 87.2%, from \$3.4 million to \$6.4 million from 1994 to 1995, as a result of the factors described above.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company's short-term cash needs are primarily for working capital, including inventory requirements, expansion of existing facilities and acquisitions of new facilities. These short-term cash needs have historically been financed with retention of profits and borrowings under credit facilities available to the Company.

At December 31, 1996, the Company had working capital of approximately \$24.7 million, including \$23.1 million in accounts receivable and \$36.7 million in inventories, offset by \$5.2 million of accounts payable and \$42.2 million outstanding under floor plan financing. The aggregate maximum borrowing limits under working capital lines of credit with its primary lender are approximately \$6.0 million. The Company's floor plan agreements with its primary lender limit the aggregate amount of borrowings based on the number of new and used trucks. As of December 31, 1996, the Company's floor plan arrangements permit the financing of up to 888 new trucks and 349 used trucks.

For 1996, operating activities resulted in net cash provided by operations of approximately \$109,000. The cash provided by operations was primarily due to higher levels of income and non-cash related depreciation and amortization offset by increases in accounts receivable and other current assets. Accounts receivable increased by \$6.7 million during 1996, primarily as a result of the acquisition of the Oklahoma facilities and several medium sized fleet sales made at the end of the year. Prepaid and other current assets increased by \$1.2 million during 1996 as the Company escrowed a down payment of \$1.0 million for the acquisition of Denver Peterbilt, Inc.

During 1996, the Company used \$8.1 million of net cash in investing activities, including capital expenditures of \$8.5 million in 1996 that were principally related to the expansion of its various facilities.

Net cash provided by financing activities in 1996 amounted to \$27.4 million. Cash flows from financing activities included proceeds of \$31.4 million from the Company's initial public offering and exercise of stock options, a net increase of \$7.9 million in floor plan financings and net proceeds from notes payable of \$3.1 million. The Company paid dividends of \$10.2 million to its shareholder to distribute approximately \$6.0 million of previously taxed subchapter S earnings and approximately \$4.2 million to enable its shareholder to make required tax payments.

For 1995, operating activities resulted in net cash used in operations of approximately 5.5 million. The use of cash in operations was primarily due to higher levels of accounts receivable

and inventories. Accounts receivable increased by \$7.4 million during 1995, primarily as a result of a large fleet sale made at the end of the year. Inventories increased by \$10.6 million during 1995 as the Company returned to normal inventory levels required to support increased sales volume and expansion and due to the acquisition of the Oklahoma operations.

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During 1995, the Company used \$4.6 million of net cash in investing activities, including capital expenditures of \$6.3 million in 1995 that were principally related to the expansion of its San Antonio facilities, the purchase of trucks for its lease fleet, the purchase of a new corporate aircraft and other capital spending. The Company also used net cash of \$2.7 million in the acquisition of its Oklahoma operations in December 1995 and received \$3.6 million from the sale of discontinued operations.

Net cash provided by financing activities in 1995 amounted to \$11.4 million. Cash flows from financing activities included a net increase of \$13.1 million in floor plan financings and net proceeds from notes payable of \$2.8 million. The Company paid dividends of \$3.6 million on the Company's S corporation earnings to enable its shareholder to make required tax payments.

During 1996, the Company arranged financing for approximately 31% of its total new and used truck sales, with approximately 64% related to new truck sales and the remaining 36% of financing related to used truck sales. The Company's new and used truck financing is typically provided through Associates and PACCAR Financial. The Company financed approximately \$76.4 million of new and used truck purchases in 1996. The Company's contracts with Associates and PACCAR Financial provide for payment to the Company of all finance charges in excess of a negotiated discount rate within 30 days of the date of financing, with such payments subject to offsets resulting from the early pay-off, or defaults under, installment contracts previously sold to Associates and PACCAR Financial by the Company. The Company's agreements with Associates and PACCAR Financial limit the aggregate liability of the Company for defaults under the installment contracts sold to Associates and PACCAR Financial to \$400,000 and \$200,000 per year, respectively.

Substantially all of the Company's truck purchases from PACCAR are made on terms requiring payment within 15 days or less from the date of shipment of the trucks from the factory. The Company finances all, or substantially all, of the purchase price of its new truck inventory, and 75% of the loan value of its used truck inventory, under a floor plan arrangement with GMAC under which GMAC pays PACCAR directly with respect to new trucks. The Company makes monthly interest payments on the amount financed but is not required to commence loan principal repayments prior to sale on new vehicles to GMAC for a period of 12 months and for used vehicles for a period of three months. At December 31, 1996, the Company had \$42.2 million outstanding under its floor plan financing arrangement with GMAC. GMAC permits the Company to earn, for up to one-half of the amount borrowed under its floor plan financing arrangement with GMAC. Following this offering GMAC will increase the amount of funds that the Company can earn interest at the prime rate to include one-half of the outstanding floor plan financing, real estate financing and the line of credit extended by GMAC.

The Company's business is moderately seasonal. Seasonal effects on new truck sales related to the seasonal purchasing patterns of any single customer type are mitigated by the Company's diverse customer base, including small and large fleets, governments, corporations and owner operators. However, truck, parts and service operations historically have experienced higher volumes of sales in the second and third quarters. The Company has historically received benefits from volume purchases and meeting vendor sales targets in the form of cash rebates, which are typically received in the fourth quarter, resulting in a seasonal increase in gross profit.

Cyclicality

The Company's business, as well as the entire retail heavy-duty truck industry, is dependent on a number of factors relating to general economic conditions, including fuel prices, interest rate fluctuations, economic recessions and customer business cycles. In addition, unit sales of new trucks have historically been subject to substantial cyclical variation based on such general economic conditions. Although industry-wide domestic retail sales of heavy-duty trucks exceeded 200,000 units for the first time in 1995 according to R.L. Polk, new order volume declined toward the end of that year and the industry recorded approximately 185,000 new truck registrations in 1996. The industry forecasts a decline of approximately 8% in heavy-duty new truck sales in 1997. Although the Company believes that its geographic expansion and diversification into truck-related services, including financial services, leasing, rentals and service and parts, will reduce the overall impact to the Company resulting from general economic conditions affecting heavy-duty truck sales, the Company's operations may be materially and adversely affected by any continuation or renewal of general downward economic pressures or adverse cyclical trends.

Effects of Inflation

The Company believes that the relatively moderate inflation over the last few years has not had a significant impact on the Company's revenue or profitability. The Company does not expect inflation to have any near-term material effect on the sales of its products, although there can be no assurance that such an effect will not occur in the future.

35 ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Rush Enterprises, Inc.

Annual Financial Statements

Report of Independent Public Accountants

Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1995 and 1996.

Consolidated Statements of Income for the years ended December 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996.

Consolidated Statements of Shareholder's Equity for the years ended December 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors of Rush Enterprises, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Rush Enterprises, Inc. (a Texas corporation), and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1995 and 1996, and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1996. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Rush Enterprises, Inc., and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1995 and 1996, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1996, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

San Antonio, Texas March 3, 1997

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

DECEMBER 31, 1995 AND 1996

(In Thousands, Except Shares and Per Share Amounts)

	1995	1996
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS: Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable, net	\$ 2,149 16,411	\$ 21,507 23,064
Inventories Prepaid expenses and other	36,517 266	36,688 1,503
Total current assets PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net OTHER ASSETS, net	55,343 17,560 3,176	82,762 23,222 3,233
Total assets		\$109,217 =======
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES: Floor plan notes payable Current maturities of long-term debt Advances outstanding under lines of credit Trade accounts payable Dividends payable Accrued expenses	10 7,591 1,615	\$ 42,228 2,115 20 5,157 - 8,566
Total current liabilities		58,086
LONG-TERM DEBT, net of current maturities		13,412
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	-	1,027
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 17)		
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY: Preferred stock, par value \$.01 per share; 1,000,000 shares authorized; 0 shares outstanding in 1995 and 1996 Common stock, par value \$.01 per share; 25,000,000 shares authorized;	-	-
3,750,000 shares outstanding in 1995 and 6,643,730 in 1996 (Note 3) Additional paid-in capital Retained earnings	38 735 6,912	66 33,342 3,284
Total shareholders' equity	7,685	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 76,079 =======	\$ 109,217 ======

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994, 1995 AND 1996

(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

	1994	1995	1996
REVENUES: New and used truck sales Parts and service Lease and rental Finance and insurance Other		\$ 192,949 53,368 10,058 3,980 1,279	\$ 258,613 64,505 13,426 5,855 1,262
Total revenues COST OF PRODUCTS SOLD		261,634 219,059	343,661 289,143
GROSS PROFIT SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION	33 017	42,575 31,238 1,846	54 518
OPERATING INCOME	5,613	9,491	11,550
INTEREST INCOME (EXPENSE): Interest income Interest expense Total interest expense	2,048 2,048 2,048	2,886	1,118 4,171
MINORITY INTEREST		162	
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAXES	3,442	6,443	8,497
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	-		2,295
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS		6,443	
DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS: Operating income (loss) Gain on disposal	283	(224)	
INCOME FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS	283	1,561	-
NET INCOME		\$ 8,004	
UNAUDITED PRO FORMA DATA (Note 5):			
Income from continuing operations before income taxes Pro forma adjustments to reflect federal and state income taxes		\$6,443 2,448	\$ 8,497 3,229
Pro forma income from continuing operations after provision for income taxes		\$ 3,995 =======	\$ 5,268
Pro forma income from continuing operations per share		\$.93 =======	\$.94 =======
Weighted average shares outstanding used in the pro forma income from continuing operations per share calculation		4,297 ======	

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994, 1995 AND 1996

(In Thousands)

Common Stock, Rush Enterprises, Inc.				
	Shares Issued and Outstanding	\$.01 Par Value	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings
BALANCE, December 31, 1993	3,750	\$ 38	\$ 735	\$ 1,933
NET INCOME	-	-	-	3,725
DIVIDENDS DECLARED	-	-	-	(2,055)
BALANCE, December 31, 1994	3,750	38	735	3,603
NET INCOME	-	-	-	8,004
DIVIDENDS DECLARED	-	-	-	(4,695)
BALANCE, December 31, 1995	3,750	38	735	6,912
NET INCOME, January 1, 1996, through June 11, 1996	-	-	-	2,918
DIVIDENDS DECLARED	-	-	-	(8,559)
REORGANIZATION FROM S CORPORATION TO C CORPORATION	-	-	1,271	(1,271)
OPTIONS EXERCISED	19	-	205	-
ISSUANCE OF COMMON STOCK, net of issuance costs	2,875	28	31,131	-
NET INCOME, June 12, 1996, through December 31, 1996	-	-	-	3,284
BALANCE, December 31, 1996	6,644	\$ 66 ======	\$33,342 ======	\$ 3,284 ======

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994, 1995 AND 1996

(In Thousands)

	1994	1995	1996
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Net income from continuing operations Adjustments to reconcile net income from continuing operations to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities-	\$3,442	\$ 6,443	\$ 6,202
Depreciation and amortization Provision for deferred income tax expense	1,615	-	
Minority interest Change in receivables Change in inventories Change in other current assets	123 (5,685) 1,738 14	(7,407) (10,591)	(6,653) (171)
Change in accounts payable Change in accrued liabilities	2,140 2,989	2,678	(1,237) (2,434) 959
Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operations Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations	6,376 (479)	(6,252) 785	109 -
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	5,897	(5,467)	109
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Acquisition of property and equipment			
Proceeds from the sale of property and equipment Acquisitions of dealerships and leasing operations Proceeds from the sale of discontinued operations	- (8,878) -	3,601	-
Investment by (purchase of) minority interest Change in other assets	150 (265)		
Net cash used in investing activities		(4,633)	(8,135)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Proceeds from the sale of common stock, net of issuance costs Proceeds from notes payable Principal payments on notes payable Draws (payments) on floor plan financing, net Draws (payments) on line of credit, net Dividends paid	2,356 (2,620) 6,677 (90) (1,512)	(3,623)	31,364 3,150 (4,900) 7,934 10 (10,174)
Net cash provided by financing activities		11,398	
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(653)	1,298	19,358
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	1,504	851	2,149
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year	\$ 851 =======	\$ 2,149	
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION: Cash paid during the year for- Interest	\$ 2,272	\$ 2,552	\$ 4,254
Income taxes	,	\$ - ========	'

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1994, 1995 AND 1996

1. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS:

Rush Enterprises, Inc. (the Company), was incorporated in June 1996 under the laws of the State of Texas.

The Company, founded in 1965, operates a regional network of 14 truck centers that provide an integrated one-stop source for the trucking needs of its customers, including retail sales of new Peterbilt and used heavy-duty trucks; parts, service and body shop facilities; and financial services, including assisting in the financing of new and used truck purchases, insurance products and truck leasing and rentals. The Company's truck centers are located in areas on or near major highways in Texas, California, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

In February 1994, the Company acquired a 90 percent interest in South Coast Peterbilt (South Coast) and Translease- California. In August 1995, the Company purchased the remaining 10 percent minority interest (see Note 17).

In March 1995, the Company sold its Rush Pontiac-GMC dealership to a third party. Rush Pontiac-GMC sold passenger automobiles and small- to medium-used trucks to the general public. The results of operations and net assets of this division have been presented as discontinued operations for all years presented (see Note 4).

In December 1995, the Company purchased substantially all the assets of Kerr Consolidated, Inc. (Kerr), and began operations of Oklahoma Trucks, Tulsa Trucks and Translease-Oklahoma. Kerr's primary line of business is the sale of new Peterbilt and used heavy-duty trucks, parts, leasing and service (see Note 17).

As part of the corporate reorganization on June 12, 1996 (see Note 3), Associated Acceptance, Inc. (Associates), came under the control of the Company and, thus, 100 percent of the financial position and results of operations of Associates has been included in the Company's consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 1996. The Company has restated 1994 and 1995's shareholders' equity to reflect Associates as part of the Company's consolidated shareholders' equity consistent with the 1996 financial statement presentation. The restatement was not material to the Company's shareholders' equity.

All significant interdivision and intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified for comparative purposes.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Estimates in Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market value. Cost is determined by specific identification for new and used truck inventory and by utilizing the first-in, first-out methods for tires, parts and accessories. Property and equipment are being depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the useful life of the improvement, or the term of the lease, whichever is shorter. Both the straight-line and double declining-balance methods of depreciation are used. The cost, accumulated depreciation and amortization and estimated useful lives are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	Decemb	0er 31	Estimated
	1995	1996	Life (Years)
Land	\$ 2,874	\$ 4,714	- 31 - 39
Buildings and improvements Leasehold improvements	5,384 980	8,004 1,569	7 - 10
Machinery and shop equipment Furniture and fixtures	2,219 1,692	3,035 2,907	5 - 7 5 - 7
Transportation equipment Leased vehicles	3,386 5,337	3,792 4,769	2 - 5 3 - 7
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(4,312)	(5,568)	
	\$ 17,560 =======	\$ 23,222 ======	

Allowance for Doubtful Receivables and Repossession Losses

The Company provides an allowance for doubtful receivables and repossession losses after considering historical loss experience and other factors, which might affect the collectibility of accounts receivable and the ability of customers to meet their obligations on finance contracts sold by the Company.

Other Assets

Other assets primarily consist of approximately \$2,800,000 of goodwill acquired by the Company as part of the Kerr acquisition in 1995 and long-term deposits. The goodwill is being amortized on a straight-line basis over an estimated useful life of 30 years. Accumulated amortization at December 31, 1995 and 1996, was approximately \$8,000 and \$140,000, respectively. Periodically, the Company assesses the appropriateness of the asset valuations of goodwill and the related amortization period.

Income Taxes

Effective with the corporate reorganization on June 12, 1996 (see Note 3), the Company adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes" (SFAS 109). SFAS 109 requires recognition of deferred tax liabilities and assets for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in a company's financial statements or tax returns. Under this method, deferred tax liabilities and assets are determined based on the differences between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities using currently enacted tax rates in effect for the years in which the differences are expected to reverse.

Revenue Recognition Policies

Income on the sale of vehicles is recognized when the seller and customer execute a purchase contract and there are no significant uncertainties related to financing or delivery. Finance income related to the sale of a vehicle is recognized over the period of the respective finance contract on the effective interest rate method if the finance contract is retained by the Company. During 1994, 1995 and 1996, no finance contracts were retained for any significant length of time by the Company but were generally sold, with limited recourse, to certain finance companies concurrent with the sale of the related vehicle. Gain or loss is recognized by the Company upon the sale of such finance contracts to the finance companies, net of a provision for estimated repossession losses and early repayment penalties. Leasing income is recognized over the period of the related lease agreement. Parts and services revenue is earned at the time the Company sells the parts to its customers, or at the time the Company completes the service work order related to service provided to the customer's vehicle.

Statement of Cash Flows

Cash and cash equivalents generally consist of cash and other money market instruments. The Company considers any temporary investments that mature in three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents for reporting cash flows.

Noncash activities during the periods indicated were as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31		mber 31
	1994	1995 	1996
Liabilities incurred in connection with property and equipment acquisitions Liabilities incurred in connection with acquisitions of	\$-	\$ 2,022	\$2,901
dealerships and leasing operations	984	3,550	-

New Accounting Pronouncements

In March 1995, Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 121, "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to Be Disposed Of" (FAS 121), was issued. Under FAS 121, an impairment loss must be recognized, for long-lived assets and certain identifiable intangibles to be held and used by an entity, whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. FAS 121 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 1995, and must be adopted on a prospective basis. Restatement of previously issued financial statements is not permitted. The Company adopted FAS 121 prospectively in the first quarter of 1996. The adoption of FAS 121 did not have a material effect on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 125, "Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities," in June 1996 (SFAS 125). This statement provides accounting and reporting standards for, among other things, the transfer and servicing of financial assets, such as factoring receivables with recourse. This statement is effective for transfers and servicing of financial assets occurring after December 31, 1996, and is to be applied prospectively. Earlier or retroactive application is not permitted. The Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 127, "Deferral of the Effective Date of Certain Provisions of FASB Statement No. 125" (SFAS 127). SFAS 127 moves forward some, but not all, of the provisions of SFAS 125 to December 31, 1997. The Company believes the adoption of this statement will not have an impact on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company. In March 1997, Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 128, "Earnings Per Share" (SFAS 128), was issued. SFAS 128 specifies the computation, presentation and disclosure requirements for earnings per share (EPS) for entities with publicly held common stock or potential common stock. SFAS 128 is effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 1997, including interim periods. Earlier application is not permitted. SFAS 128 requires restatement of all prior period EPS data presented. The Company believes the adoption of this statement will not have an impact on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company.

3. INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING AND CORPORATE REORGANIZATION:

The Company filed a Registration Statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission for an underwritten offering of 2,875,000 shares of common stock, including underwriters' overallotment option, which became effective on June 12, 1996 (the Offering). The Company used the net proceeds of the Offering to retire certain debt obligations, fund potential acquisition opportunities which may arise in the future and for general corporate purposes.

As part of the Offering on June 12, 1996, the Company terminated its S corporation federal tax election and was subject to federal and certain state income taxes from that date forward. On June 12, 1996, the Company paid the S corporation shareholder approximately \$8.6 million representing the undistributed accumulated earnings of the S corporation prior to June 12, 1996.

Following the Offering, there were 6,625,000 common shares outstanding, including 3,750,000 owned by the shareholder of the predecessor S corporation.

The weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding as of December 31, 1996, was 5,345,192.

Dividends declared, paid or payable for the years ended December 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996, were related to the Company's sole shareholder prior to the reorganization and Offering.

As part of the reorganization, the Company acquired, as a wholly owned subsidiary, a managing general agent (the MGA) to manage all of the operations of Associated Acceptance, Inc. (AA). The MGA is responsible for funding the operations of AA, directing the use of AA's assets and incurring liabilities on AA's behalf in exchange for the MGA receiving any and all net income of AA. W. Marvin Rush, the sole shareholder of AA, is prohibited from the sale or transfer of the capital stock of AA under the MGA agreement, except as designated by the Company. Therefore, the financial position and operations of AA have been included as part of the Company's consolidated financial position and results of operations.

4. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS:

In March 1995, the Company sold its Pontiac-GMC Truck division and, therefore, has accounted for these operations as discontinued operations. Under the terms of the sales agreement, the Buyer purchased the new car and truck inventory. The Company received approximately \$3,601,000 for the sale of the dealership.

The results of the division's operations and cash flows have been classified as discontinued operations for all periods presented in the consolidated statements of income and cash flows. All assets and liabilities of the Pontiac-GMC Truck division were sold prior to December 31, 1995.

Sales revenues applicable to Rush Pontiac-GMC were \$30,305,000 and \$6,435,000 for the years ended December 31, 1994 and 1995, respectively.

5. PRO FORMA INFORMATION (UNAUDITED):

Pro Forma Income From Continuing Operations and Income From Continuing Operations Per Share (Unaudited)

Pro forma income from continuing operations and pro forma income from continuing operations per share have been determined assuming that the Company had been taxed as a C corporation for federal and certain state income tax purposes since January 1, 1995.

Pro forma income from continuing operations per share had been computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding of the Company. Weighted average common shares for all periods presented prior to the Offering have been increased by 547,400 shares to reflect the number of shares that would have to have been sold at the offering price per share to repay an approximate \$6,000,000 distribution of undistributed S corporation earnings as of December 31, 1995.

Pro Forma Balance Sheet (Unaudited)

The balance sheet at December 31, 1995, would have been effected by the following transactions, as if such transactions occurred on that date:

- (1) The payment of a distribution of \$6,000,000 which represented substantially all of the Company's undistributed S corporation earnings at December 31, 1995. Such distribution of undistributed earnings would be funded by draws on the Company's line of credit which would be repaid by a portion of the proceeds from the Offering.
- (2) An estimated \$520,000 deferred tax liability, which would be required as a reduction of retained earnings had the Company terminated its S corporation status at December 31, 1995. (See Note 15.)
- (3) The reclassification of the remaining balance of retained earnings to additional paid-in capital.

6. SUPPLIER AND CUSTOMER CONCENTRATION:

Major Suppliers and Dealership Agreements

The Company has entered into dealership agreements with various companies (Distributors). These agreements are nonexclusive agreements that allow the Company to stock, sell at retail and service trucks and products of the Distributors in the Company's defined market. The agreements allow the Company to use the Distributor's name, trade symbols and intellectual property and expire as follows:

Distributor	Expiration Dates
PACCAR	April 1997 to
	March 2000
GMC	October 2000
Volvo	March 2000

These agreements impose a number of restrictions and obligations on the Company, including restrictions on a change in control of the Company and the maintenance of certain required levels of working capital. Violation of such restrictions could result in the loss of the Company's right to purchase the Distributor's products and use the Distributor's trademarks. As of December 31, 1996, the Company's management believes it was in compliance with all the restrictions of its dealership agreements.

The Company purchases most of its new vehicles and parts from PACCAR, the maker of Peterbilt trucks and parts, at prevailing prices charged to all franchised dealers. Sales of new Peterbilt trucks accounted for 95 percent of the Company's new vehicle sales for the years ended December 31, 1995 and 1996.

Primary Lender

The Company purchases its new and used truck inventories with the assistance of a floor plan financing program from a single financial institution. Such financial institution also provides the Company with lines of credit which allow borrowings of up to \$6,000,000 and various variable interest rate notes.

The loan agreements with this financial institution generally provide that such agreements may be terminated at the option of the lender with notice of 120 days. Further, the agreements provide that the occurrence of certain events, including termination of the Company's GMC dealership agreement, will be considered events of default under agreements. In the event that the Company's financing becomes insufficient, or its relationship terminates with the current primary lender, the Company would need to obtain similar financing from other sources. Management believes it can obtain additional floor plan financing or alternative financing if necessary. (See Note 9.)

The Company is currently renegotiating the loan agreement which the Company believes will increase the line-of-credit borrowing limit to \$8,000,000.

Concentrations of Credit Risks

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to significant concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable.

The Company places its cash and cash equivalents with what it considers to be quality financial institutions. At December 31, 1996, the Company had deposits in excess of federal insurance totaling approximately \$4,400,000.

Concentrations of credit risk with respect to trade receivables are reduced because a large number of geographically diverse customers make up the Company's customer base, thus, spreading the trade credit risk. A majority of the Company's business, however, is concentrated in the United States heavy-duty trucking market and related aftermarkets. The Company controls credit risk through credit approvals and by selling certain trade receivables without recourse. Related to the Company's finance contracts, after the finance contract is entered into, the Company generally sells the contracts to a third party. The finance contracts are sold with recourse, but the annual amount of recourse losses which can be put to the Company is contractually limited. (See Note 16.) Historically, bad debt expense associated with the Company's accounts receivable and finance contracts has not been material.

7. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

The Company's accounts receivable, net, consisted of the following as of December 31, 1995 and 1996 (in thousands).

	1995	1996
Trade accounts receivable from sale of vehicles Other trade receivables Warranty claims Related parties Other accounts receivable	\$ 12,428 1,925 706 784 856	\$ 19,771 1,673 1,610 - 617
Less- Allowance for doubtful receivables and repossession losses	(288)	(607)
Total	\$ 16,411 =======	\$ 23,064 ======

Accounts receivables-related parties represents receivables with entities in which the stockholder and/or key members of the Company's management have a controlling interest. These receivables are primarily related to short-term advances made by the Company or receivables as a result of arm's-length transactions between the Company and the related parties. For the years ended December 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996, the Company had sales to one of its related parties of approximately \$535,000, \$770,000 and \$939,000, respectively.

8. INVENTORIES:

The Company's inventories consisted of the following as of December 31, 1995 and 1996 (in thousands):

	1995	1996
New vehicles	\$ 21,870	\$ 17,514
Used vehicles Parts and accessories	5,490 8,744	7,926 10,360
Tires	413	888
Total	\$ 36,517 =======	\$ 36,688 ======

9. FLOOR PLAN NOTES PAYABLE AND LINES OF CREDIT:

Floor Plan Notes Payable

Floor plan notes are financing agreements to facilitate the Company's purchase of new and used trucks. These notes are collateralized by the inventory purchased and accounts receivable arising from the sale thereof. The Company's floor plan notes have interest rates at prime plus a percentage rate as determined by the finance provider, as defined in the agreement. The interest rate applicable to these agreements was 8.25 percent at December 31, 1995 and 1996. The amounts borrowed under these agreements are due when the related truck inventory (collateral) is sold and the sales proceeds are collected by the Company. These lines are discretionary and may be modified, suspended or terminated at the election of the lender, at any time.

The Company's floor plan agreements with its primary lender limit the borrowing capacity based on the number of new and used trucks that may be financed. As of December 31, 1996, the aggregate amounts of unit capacity for new and used trucks are 888 and 349, respectively, and the availability for new and used trucks is 379 and 125, respectively.

Inventories, new and used vehicles at cost based on specific	
identification	\$ 25,440
Truck sale related accounts receivable	19,770
Total	\$ 45,210
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Floor plan notes payable	\$ 42,228
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Lines of Credit

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The Company has a separate line-of-credit agreement with a financial institution which provides for an aggregate maximum borrowing of \$6,000,000, with advances generally limited to 75 percent of new parts inventory and eligible accounts receivable (as defined). Advances bear interest at prime. Advances under the line-of-credit agreement are secured by new parts inventory. The line-of-credit agreement contains financial covenants which include the maintenance of a certain level of tangible net worth (as defined). The Company was in compliance with these covenants at December 31, 1996. Either party may terminate the agreement with 60 days written notice. As of December 31, 1995 and 1996, advances outstanding under the various line-of-credit agreements amounted to \$20,000. As of December 31, 1996, \$5,980,000 was available for future borrowings. This line is discretionary and may be modified, suspended or terminate at the election of the lender.

10. LONG-TERM DEBT:

Long-term debt is comprised of the following as of December 31, 1995 and 1996 (in thousands):

	1995	1996
Variable interest rate term notes Fixed interest rate term notes Advance from related party	\$ 5,139 11,248 890	\$ 5,305 10,222 -
Total debt Less- Current maturities	17,277 (3,600)	15,527 (2,115)
	\$ 13,677 =======	\$ 13,412

Advance from related party was a short-term advance from a company controlled by the Company's sole shareholder. The advance carried interest at prime rate and was paid in 1996.

As of December 31, 1996, debt maturities are as follows (in thousands):

1997	\$	2,115
1998		2,615
1999		1,660
2000		1,720
2001		3,358
Thereafter		4,059
	\$	15,527
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The Company's variable interest rate notes are with the Company's primary lender and have an interest rate of prime, which was 8.25 percent at December 31, 1996. Monthly payments of these notes range from \$2,708 to \$9,922, plus interest. Maturities of these notes range from January 1999 to February 2011.

The Company's fixed interest rate notes are primarily with financial institutions and have interest rates ranging from 7.5 percent to 10.5 percent at December 31, 1996. Monthly payments on the notes range from \$223 to \$26,662, including principal and interest. Maturities of these notes range from January 1997 to November 2012.

The proceeds from the issuance of the variable and fixed rate notes were used primarily to acquire land, buildings and improvements, transportation equipment and leased vehicles. The notes are secured by the assets acquired by the proceeds of such notes.

11. DISCLOSURES ABOUT FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS:

In December 1991, Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 107 (SFAS 107), "Disclosures About Fair Value of Financial Instruments," was issued. SFAS 107 requires disclosures of the fair value of financial instruments. The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instrument held by the Company:

- Current assets and current liabilities- The carrying value approximates fair value due to the short maturity of these items.
- Long-term debt The fair value of the Company's long-term debt is based on secondary market indicators. Since the Company's debt is not quoted, estimates are based on each obligation's characteristics, including remaining maturities, interest rate, credit rating, collateral, amortization schedule and liquidity. The carrying amount approximates fair value.

12. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLANS:

The Company has a defined contribution pension plan (the Rush Plan) which is available to all Company employees and the employees of certain affiliates, except employees of South Coast, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. As of December 31 of every year, each employee who has completed one year of continuous service is entitled to enter the Rush Plan. Participating employees may contribute from 2 percent to 10 percent of total gross compensation. The Company, at its discretion, contributed an amount equal to 25 percent of the employees' contributions. During the years ended December 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996, the Company incurred expenses of approximately \$115,000, \$127,000 and \$166,000, respectively, related to the Rush Plan.

South Coast also has a defined contribution pension plan (the South Coast Plan) which is available to all employees of South Coast. As of January 1 and July 1 of every year, each employee who has completed one year of continuous service is entitled to enter the South Coast Plan. Participating employees do not contribute. South Coast, at its discretion, contributes an amount equal to 2.5 percent of the employees' compensation. During the years ended December 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996, South Coast incurred expenses of approximately \$117,000, \$166,000 and \$185,000, respectively, related to the South Coast Plan.

The Company currently does not provide any postretirement benefits other than pensions nor does it provide any postemployment benefits.

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13. LEASES:

Vehicle Leases

The Company leases vehicles primarily over periods ranging from one to six years under operating lease arrangements. This equipment is subleased to customers under various agreements in its own leasing operation. Generally, the Company is required to incur all operating costs and pay a minimum rental and an excess mileage charge based on maximum mileage over the term of the lease. Vehicle lease expenses for the years ended December 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996, were approximately \$2,600,000, \$4,076,000 and \$5,528,000, respectively.

Minimum rental commitments for noncancelable vehicle leases in effect at December 31, 1996, are as follows (in thousands):

1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 Thereafter		\$	6,320 5,516 4,294 2,773 1,508 1,344
	Total	 \$ ==	21,755 ======

Customer Vehicle Leases

A Company division leases both owned and leased vehicles to customers primarily over periods of one to six years under operating lease arrangements. The leases require a minimum rental and a contingent rental based on mileage. Rental income during the years ended December 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996, consisted of minimum payments of approximately \$3,600,000, \$5,915,000 and \$10,250,000, respectively, and contingent rentals of approximately \$600,000, \$2,076,000 and \$4,188,000, respectively. Minimum lease payments to be received for noncancelable leases and subleases in effect at December 31, 1996, are as follows (in thousands):

1997		\$ 7,592
1998		6,544
1999		5,071
2000		3,284
2001		1,983
Thereafter		1,714
	Total	\$26,188
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Other Leases - Land and Buildings

The Company leases various facilities under operating leases which expire at various times through 2006. Rental expense for the years ended 1994, 1995 and 1996 was \$712,000, \$762,000 and \$937,000, respectively. Future minimum lease payments under noncancelable leases at December 31, 1996, are as follows (in thousands):

1997		\$ 461
1998		455
1999		429
2000		415
2001		335
Thereafter		1,516
	Total	\$ 3,611
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14. STOCK OPTIONS AND STOCK PURCHASE WARRANTS:

In October 1995, Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" (SFAS 123), was issued. SFAS 123 defines a fair value based method of accounting for employee stock options or similar equity instruments and encourages all entities to adopt that method of accounting for all of their employee stock compensation plans. Under the fair value based method, compensation cost is measured at the grant date based on the value of the award and is recognized over the service period of the award, which is usually the vesting period. However, SFAS 123 also allows entities to continue to measure compensation costs for employee stock compensation plans using the intrinsic value method of accounting prescribed by APB Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" (APB 25). The Company has adopted SFAS 123 effective January 1, 1996, and has elected to remain with the accounting prescribed by APB 25. The Company has not presented the pro forma information required by SFAS 123 as the pro forma net income and net income per share would not have been materially different than actual results.

In April 1996, the Board of Directors and shareholders adopted the Rush Enterprises, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan (the Incentive Plan). The Incentive Plan provides for the grant of stock options (which may be nonqualified stock options or incentive stock options for tax purposes), stock appreciation rights issued independent of or in tandem with such options (SARs), restricted stock awards and performance awards.

The aggregate number of shares of common stock subject to stock options or SARs that may be granted to any one participant in any one year under the Incentive Plan is 100,000 shares. The Company has 500,000 shares of common stock reserved for issuance upon exercise of any awards granted under the Company's Incentive Plan.

In connection with the Offering, the Company agreed to issue to the Representatives of the Underwriters and their designees, for their own accounts, warrants to purchase an aggregate of 250,000 shares of common stock. The warrants are exercisable during the four-year period commencing June 12, 1997, at an exercise price per share equal to \$14.40.

In April 1996, the Company granted options under the Incentive Plan to purchase an aggregate of 19,403 shares to 18 employees, all of which are fully vested. The options were exercisable at \$10.80, the fair value of the options at the date of grant. During the year, 18,730 options were exercised and 673 options were forfeited. All transactions were valued at the weighted average exercise price of \$10.80.

On April 8, 1996, the Board of Directors of the Company declared a dividend of one common share purchase right (a Right) for each share of common stock outstanding. Each Right entitles the registered holder to purchase from the Company one share of common stock at a price of \$35.00 per share (the Purchase Price). The Rights are not exercisable until the distribution date, as defined. The Rights will expire on April 7, 2006 (the Final Expiration Date), unless the Final Expiration Date is extended or unless the Rights are earlier redeemed or exchanged by the Company.

15. INCOME TAXES:

Prior to the Offering of the Company's common stock, the Company maintained the status of S corporation for federal and certain state income tax purposes. As an S corporation, the Company was generally not responsible for income taxes.

Upon the closing of the Offering, the Company's S corporation election terminated and the Company was reorganized as described in Note 3. Accordingly, the Company became subject to federal and state income taxes from that date forward.

Prior to consummation of the Offering, the Company made distributions of the Company's undistributed S corporation earnings to its shareholder. As of December 31, 1995, such undistributed S corporation earnings aggregated approximately \$6,000,000 (excluding accrued dividends payable of \$1,615,000 as of December 31, 1995). The Company paid the undistributed S corporation earnings through draws on the Company's lines of credit which were repaid from the proceeds of the Offering.

In addition, upon the Company's termination of its S corporation status, the Company provided deferred income taxes for cumulative temporary differences between the tax basis and financial reporting basis of its assets and liabilities at the date of termination. If the termination had occurred at December 31, 1995, the net deferred income tax liability, calculated in accordance with SFAS 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes," would have approximated \$520,000 (unaudited). The tax liability is primarily due to basis differences of \$920,000 related to property and equipment, net of \$400,000, in deferred tax assets associated with inventories and with accruals and reserves deducted for financial reporting purposes but not for tax purposes. This deferred tax liability is charged against income from continuing operations in the period the Company's tax status changes.

Provision for Income Taxes

The unaudited pro forma provision for income taxes represents the estimated income taxes on income from continuing operations that would have been reported under SFAS 109 had the Company been a taxable entity for both state and federal income tax purposes as of the beginning of the years ended December 31, 1995 and 1996. The pro forma income tax provision for the years ended December 31, 1995, and 1996, and actual tax provision for the year ended December 31, 1996, are summarized as follows (in thousands):

		Pro Forma	
	1995	1996	1996
	(Unai	udited)	
Current provision-			
Federal State	\$ 1,945 230	\$ 2,189 257	\$ 1,002 266
	2,175	2,446	1,268
Deferred provision-			
Federal State	245 28	714 69	1,035 (8)
	273	783	1,027
Provision for income taxes	\$ 2,448 =======	\$ 3,229 ======	\$ 2,295 ======

The following summarizes the tax effect of significant cumulative temporary differences that are included in the net deferred income tax liability as of December 31, 1996 (in thousands):

Differences in depreciation and amortization Accruals and reserves not deducted for tax purposes until paid Other, net	\$ 1,392 (240) (125)
	\$ 1,027

A reconciliation of taxes based on the federal statutory rate of 34 percent and the unaudited pro forma and actual provisions for income taxes for the years ended December 31, 1995 and 1996, are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	Pro Forma		Actual
	1995	1996	1996
	 (Unau	udited)	
Income taxes at the federal statutory rate State income taxes, net of federal benefit Other, net	\$ 2,191 170 87	\$ 2,889 216 124	\$1,897 230 168
Provision for income taxes	\$ 2,448 ======	\$ 3,229 ======	\$2,295 =====

16. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

The Company is contingently liable to finance companies for the notes sold to such finance companies related to the sale of trucks. The Company's recourse liability related to sold finance contracts is limited to 15 to 25 percent of the outstanding amount of each note sold to the finance company with the aggregate recourse liability for 1996 being limited to \$600,000. The Company provides an allowance for repossession losses and early repayment penalties.

Finance contracts sold with recourse during the years ended December 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996, were \$45,453,000, \$53,165,000 and \$76,390,000, respectively.

The Company is involved in various claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. The Company believes it is unlikely that the final outcome of any of the claims or proceedings to which the Company is a party would have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations, however, due to the inherent uncertainty of litigation, there can be no assurance that the resolution of any particular claim or proceeding would not have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations for the fiscal period in which such resolution occurred.

The Company has consulting agreements with individuals for an aggregate monthly payment of \$15,725. The agreements expire in 1999 through 2001.

17. ACQUISITIONS:

In February 1994, South Coast acquired substantially all of the operations of an existing Peterbilt truck dealership in Southern California. The purchase price was approximately \$9,562,000 consisting of \$3,139,000 in cash, \$5,439,000 in floor plan financing for inventory and a note to the seller in the amount of \$984,000. South Coast was initially owned 90 percent by the Company and 10 percent was owned by a minority interest owner.

In June 1994, South Coast acquired substantially all of the operations of an existing truck leasing company in Southern California. The purchase price was \$300,000.

The acquisitions have been accounted for as purchases; operations of the businesses acquired have been included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements from their respective dates of acquisition. The purchase price has been allocated based on the fair values of the assets at the date of acquisition as follows (in thousands).

Inventories	\$ 8,310
Property and equipment	1,327
Leased assets	225
Total	\$ 9,862
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In August 1995, the Company purchased the minority interest in South Coast. The Company paid approximately \$435,000 for the remaining 10 percent ownership interest.

In December 1995, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets and leasing operations of Kerr, an existing Peterbilt truck dealership in Oklahoma. The purchase price was approximately \$10,155,000 consisting of approximately \$2,690,000 in cash, floor plan financing for inventory of \$3,915,000, a note payable to a financial institution of \$750,000 and a note to the seller for \$2,800,000. During the first quarter of 1996, the Company acquired land and buildings related to the acquisition of certain assets of Kerr for approximately \$1,700,000. The Company paid approximately \$425,000 in cash and entered into mortgage notes payable of approximately \$1,275,000 due in monthly installments of principal and interest over approximately 10 years. Also, concurrent with the closing of this transaction, the Company entered into a construction loan of approximately \$638,000 for new buildings to be constructed at the Oklahoma operation beginning in 1996.

The acquisition has been accounted for as a purchase; operations of the business acquired have been included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements from the respective date of acquisition. The purchase price has been allocated based on the fair values of the assets at the date of acquisition as follows (in thousands):

Inventories	\$ 6,981
Property and equipment	345
Leased assets	29
Goodwill	2,800
Total	\$ 10,155

The following unaudited pro forma summary presents information as if the Kerr acquisitions, and the minority interest in South Coast acquisition and the sale of the Rush Pontiac-GMC dealership (see Note 4) had occurred at the beginning of fiscal year 1995. The pro forma information is provided for information purposes only. It is based on historical information and does not necessarily reflect the actual results that would have occurred nor is it necessarily indicative of future results of operations of the Company. In preparing the pro forma data, adjustments have been made to reflect the impact of income tax expense for the respective periods and the weighted average common shares outstanding used in the computation of income from continuing operations per share has been increased to reflect the number of shares at the Offering price necessary to fund repayment of the line of credit drawn to pay the \$6 million distribution of undistributed S corporation earnings. The following summary is for the year ended December 31, 1995 (unaudited) (in thousands, except per

Revenues from continuing operations	\$ 333,279
Income from continuing operations after pro forma provision for income taxes	\$ 4,277
Income from continuing operations per share	========= \$ 1.00 =======

18. UNAUDITED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA:

(In thousands, except per share amounts.)

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
1996				
Operating revenues	\$78,671	\$84,492	\$ 87,132	\$ 93,366
Operating income	2,392	2,961	3,000	3,197
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	1,452	2,006	2,447	2,592
Pro forma income from continuing operations after provision	,		,	
for income taxes	880	1,244	1,537	1,607
Pro forma income from continuing operations per share	\$.21	\$.26	\$.23	\$.24
1995				
Operating revenues	\$63,323	\$65,340	\$ 64,673	\$ 68,298
Operating income	1,758	2,165	2,247	3,321
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	1,128	1,454	1,506	2,355
Income from discontinued operations	1,560	. 1	· -	-
Pro forma income from continuing operations after provision				
for income taxes	699	902	934	1,460
Pro forma income from continuing operations per share	\$.16	\$.21	\$.22	\$.34

19. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

On March 3, 1997, the Company caused its wholly owned subsidiary, Rush Truck Centers of Colorado, Inc., to acquire substantially all of the assets of Denver Peterbilt, Inc., for total consideration of approximately \$7.9 million consisting of approximately \$6.5 million in cash and floor plan financing for inventory of \$1.4 million. The Company will account for the acquisition as a purchase.

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The information called for by item 10 of Form 10-K is incorporated herein by reference to such information included in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 1997 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, under the captions "Election of Directors" and "Executive Officers."

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information called for by item 11 of Form 10-K is incorporated herein by reference to such information included in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 1997 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, under the caption "Compensation of Executive Officers."

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The information called for by item 12 of Form 10-K is incorporated herein by reference to such information included in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 1997 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, under the caption "Principal Shareholders and Stock Ownership of Management."

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

The information called for by item 13 of Form 10-K is incorporated herein by reference to such information included in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 1997 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, under the caption "Certain Transactions."

PART IV

ITEM 14. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES, AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K.

Index to Financial Statements

(a) The following documents are filed as part of this Annual Report or are incorporated by reference as indicated:

1. The following financial statements are included under Item 8:

Report of Independent Public Accountants

Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1995 and 1996

Consolidated Statements of Income for the years ended December 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996 $\,$

Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity for the years ended December 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 1994, 1995 and 1996.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

2. The following financial statement schedules are included under Item 14:

Exhibit 11.1 Computation of net income and pro forma earnings per share

3. Exhibits.

1996).

TIFICATION OF EXHIBIT

3.1. Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996). 3.2. Bylaws of the Registrant, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the Company's

Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996). 4.1. Specimen of certificate representing Common Stock, \$.01 par value, of the Registrant (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10,

- 4.2. Form of Representatives' Warrant Agreement, including form of Representatives' Warrant (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 4.3. Rights Agreement dated April 8, 1996 between Rush Enterprises, Inc. and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, Trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- Dealer Sales and Service Agreement (heavy-duty truck) dated October 5, 1995, between Peterbilt Motors Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Peterbilt-GMC Truck, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
 Dealer Sales and Service Agreement (heavy-duty truck) dated November 1, 1995, between Peterbilt Motors
- 10.2. Dealer Sales and Service Agreement (heavy-duty truck) dated November 1, 1995, between Peterbilt Motors
 Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
 10.3. Dealer Sales and Service Agreement (heavy-duty truck) dated October 10, 1995, between Peterbilt Motors
- Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Ark-La-Tex Peterbilt, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996). 10.4. Dealer Sales and Service Agreement (heavy-duty truck) dated October 30, 1995, between Peterbilt Motors
- Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Houston Peterbilt, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996). 10.5. Dealer Sales and Service Agreement (heavy-duty truck) dated December 1, 1995, between Peterbilt Motors
- Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
 Amendment to Dealer Sales and Service Agreements (heavy-duty truck) dated April 1, 1996, between Peterbilt
- 10.6. Amendment to Dealer Sales and Service Agreements (heavy-duty truck) dated April 1, 1996, between Peterbilt Motors Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.6 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.7. Dealer Sales and Service Agreement (medium-duty truck) dated October 5, 1995 between Peterbilt Motors Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Peterbilt -- GMC Trucks, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.8. Dealer Sales and Service Agreement (medium-duty truck) dated February 2, 1994 between Peterbilt Motors Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.8 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).

- 10.9. Dealer Sales and Service Agreement (medium-duty truck) dated January 10, 1995 between Peterbilt Motors Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Ark-La-Tex Peterbilt, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.9 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.10. Dealer Sales and Service Agreement (medium-duty truck) dated December 30, 1994 between Peterbilt Motors Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Houston Peterbilt, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.10 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.11. Dealer Sales and Service Agreement (medium-duty truck) dated December 1, 1995, between Peterbilt Motors Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.11 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.12. Amendment to Dealer Sales and Service Agreements (medium-duty truck) dated April 1, 1996 between Peterbilt Motors Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.12 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.13. GMC Truck Division Dealer Sales and Service Agreement dated July 9, 1992 between General Motors Corporation, GMC Truck Division and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Rush Pontiac -- GMC Truck Center (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.13 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.14. GMC Truck Division Dealer Sales and Service Agreement dated January 17, 1996 between General Motors Corporation, GMC Truck Division and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.14 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.15. Dealer Sales and Service Agreement dated January 26, 1996 between Volvo GM Heavy Truck Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.15 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.16. Franchise Agreement dated July 28, 1994 between PACCAR Leasing Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Translease Corp. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.16 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.17. Franchise Agreement Addendum dated December 1, 1995 between PACCAR Leasing Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Translease Corp. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.17 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.18. Agreement for Acquisition of Secured Retail Installment Paper dated March 14, 1996 between PACCAR Financial Corp. and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.18 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.19. Letter Agreement dated January 5, 1996 between Rush Enterprises, Inc. for South Coast Peterbilt and PACCAR Financial Corp. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.19 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).

- 10.20. Alternative Reserve Program Letter Agreement dated February 1, 1994 between Associates Commercial Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Truck Sales & Service, Inc., Houston Peterbilt, Inc., Lufkin Peterbilt Inc. and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.20 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.21. Alternative Reserve Program Letter Agreement dated January 1, 1996 between Associates Commercial Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.21 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.22. Dealer Agreement for General Motors Retail Truck Financing Plan for GMC and Chevrolet Dealers effective August 1, 1984 between Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Truck Sales & Service, Inc. and Associates Commercial Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.22 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.23. Dealer Agreement dated November 13, 1986 between Associates Commercial Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Truck Sales & Service, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.23 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.24. Associates / Rush Enterprises, Inc. Dealer Agreement Addendum dated December 8, 1986 to Dealer Agreement dated November 13, 1986 between Associates Commercial Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Truck Sales & Service, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.24 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.25. Dealer Agreement dated January 13, 1988 between Associates Commercial Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Houston Peterbilt, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.25 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.26. Dealer Agreement dated February 1, 1994 between Associates Commercial Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Lufkin Peterbilt, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.26 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.27. Dealer Agreement dated February 1, 1994 between Associates Commercial Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.27 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.28. Peterbilt Distributor Limited Liability Truck Financing Agreement dated July 21, 1983 between Associates Commercial Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Truck Sales & Service, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.28 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.29. Peterbilt Distributor Limited Liability Truck Financing Agreement dated January 13, 1988 between Associates Commercial Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Houston Peterbilt, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.29 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).

- 10.30. Peterbilt Distributor Limited Liability Truck Financing Agreement dated February 1, 1994 between Associates Commercial Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Lufkin Peterbilt, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.30 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
 10.31. Peterbilt Distributor Limited Liability Truck Financing Agreement dated February 1, 1994 between Associates Commercial Corporation and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.31 of the
- Commercial componential and south coast receipting (incorporated incorporated incorporated incorporated incorporated incorporated incorporated incorporated present incorporated incorporat
- Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
 10.33. Credit Balance Agreement dated April 3, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Rush Pontiac-GMC Truck Center, San Antonio Peterbilt, ARK-LA-TEX Peterbilt, Houston Peterbilt, Lufkin Peterbilt, Laredo Peterbilt, Hummer of South Texas and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.33 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.34. Letter dated March 11, 1996 from General Motors Acceptance Corporation to Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.34 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.35. Loan Agreement dated June 19, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Peterbilt-GMC Truck, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.35 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.36. Promissory Note dated June 19, 1995, in the original principal amount of \$5,000,000, payable by Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Peterbilt-GMC Truck, Inc. to General Motors Acceptance Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.36 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.37. Wholesale Security Agreement dated June 19, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Peterbilt-GMC Truck, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.37 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.38. Agreement Amending the Wholesale Security Agreement dated June 19, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Peterbilt-GMC Truck, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.38 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.39. Assignment of DPP Vehicle Proceeds dated June 19, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Peterbilt-GMC Truck, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.39 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.40. Guaranty Agreement dated June 19, 1995 by W. Marvin Rush on behalf of Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Peterbilt-GMC Truck, Inc. and accepted by General Motors Acceptance Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.40 of

the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).

- 10.41. Revolving Line of Credit Loan and Security Agreement dated December 1, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Tulsa Trucks, Inc. in the maximum principal amount of \$1,100,000.00 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.41 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.42. Promissory Note dated December 1, 1995, in the original principal amount of \$1,100,000.00, payable by Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks, Inc. to General Motors Acceptance Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.42 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.43. Wholesale Security Agreement dated November 30, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.43 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.44. Agreement Amending the Wholesale Security Agreement and Conditionally Authorizing the Sale of New Floor Plan Vehicles on a Delayed Payment Privilege Basis dated November 30, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.44 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
 10.45. Guaranty dated November 30, 1995 by W. Marvin Rush on behalf of Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks,
- 10.45. Guaranty dated November 30, 1995 by W. Marvin Rush on behalf of Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks, Inc. and accepted by General Motors Acceptance Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.45 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.46. Revolving Line of Credit Loan and Security Agreement dated December 1, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Tulsa Trucks, Inc. in the maximum principal amount of \$900,000.00 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.46 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.47. Promissory Note dated December 1, 1995, in the original principal amount of \$900,000.00, payable by Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Tulsa Trucks, Inc. to General Motors Acceptance Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.47 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.48. Wholesale Security Agreement dated November 30, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Tulsa Trucks, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.48 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.49. Agreement Amending the Wholesale Security Agreement and Conditionally Authorizing the Sale of New Floor Plan Vehicles on a Delayed Payment Privilege Basis dated November 30, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Tulsa Trucks, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit

10.49 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).

- 10.50. Guaranty dated November 30, 1995 by W. Marvin Rush on behalf of Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Tulsa Trucks, Inc. and accepted by General Motors Acceptance Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.50 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.51. Guaranty Agreement dated December 1, 1995 by W. Marvin Rush in favor of General Motors Acceptance Corporation in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 on behalf of Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks, Inc. and Tulsa Trucks, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.51 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.52. Revolving Line of Credit Loan and Security Agreement dated December 18, 1995 between Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks, Inc. and General Motors Acceptance Corporation in the maximum principal amount of \$800,000.00 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.52 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.53. Promissory Note dated December 18, 1995, in the original principal amount of \$800,000.00, payable by Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks, Inc. to General Motors Acceptance Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.53 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.54. Revolving Line of Credit Loan and Security Agreement dated December 18, 1995 between Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Tulsa Trucks, Inc. and General Motors Acceptance Corporation in the maximum principal amount of \$700,000.00 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.54 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.55. Promissory Note dated December 18, 1995, in the original principal amount of \$700,000.00, payable by Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Tulsa Trucks, Inc. to General Motors Acceptance Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.55 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.56. Guaranty Agreement dated December 18, 1995 by W. Marvin Rush in favor of General Motors Acceptance Corporation in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 on behalf of Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks, Inc. and Tulsa Trucks, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.56 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.57. Revolving Promissory Note dated March 18, 1993, in the maximum principal amount of \$450,000.00, payable by Rush Enterprises, Inc. to The Frost National Bank of San Antonio (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.57 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.58. Dealership Purchase Contract dated November 10, 1995 between Kerr Consolidated, Inc. and Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.58 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).

- 10.59. Real Estate Purchase Agreement dated November 10, 1995 between Kerr Consolidated, Inc. and Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.59 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996). Promissory Note dated December 1, 1995, in the original principal amount of \$2,800,000.00 payable by Rush
- 10.60. Enterprises, Inc. to Kerr Consolidated, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.60 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).

Real Estate Mortgage dated December 1, 1995, in the original principal sum of \$2,800,000.00 payable by Rush Enterprises, Inc. to Kerr Consolidated, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.61 of the 10.61. Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).

Real Estate Lease Agreement effective December 1, 1995 between Kerr Consolidated, Inc. and Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.62 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996). 10.62.

- 10.63. Escrow Instructions dated February 24, 1994 to Commerce Escrow Company regarding purchase of assets from Engs Motor Truck Company by Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.63 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.64. Secured Purchase Money Promissory Note dated February 1, 1994, in the original principal amount of \$984,000.00, payable by Rush Enterprises, Inc. to Engs Motor Truck Company, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.64 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- Continuing Unlimited Guaranty dated February 24, 1994 by W. M. Rush and Thomas McKellar in favor of Engs Motor Truck Company, Edward W. Engs and Stewart R. Engs on behalf of South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.65 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 10.65. 1996).
- Lease Modification Agreement dated February 1, 1994 between Richard R. Shade and Barbara S. Lateer, Trustees of the Ruth R. Shade Trust, et al, Engs Motor Truck Company and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by 10.66. reference to Exhibit 10.66 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.67. Lease Modification Agreement dated February 1, 1994 between Angelus Block Company, Inc., Engs Motor Truck Company and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.67 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- Lease Modification Agreement dated February 1, 1994 between Angelus Block Company, Inc., Engs Motor Truck 10.68. Company and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.68 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).

- 10.69. Lease dated February 1, 1994 between Edward W. Engs and Stuart R. Engs, and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.69 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
 10.70. Lease dated February 1, 1994 between Engs Motor Truck Company and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein herein)
- 10.70. Lease dated February 1, 1994 between Engs Motor Truck Company and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.70 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.71. Contract Termination and Release dated September 29, 1995 by and among South Coast Peterbilt, Rush Enterprises, Inc., Tom McKellar, Inc. and Tom McKellar (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.71 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.72. Termination Agreement dated September 29, 1995 by and among Rush Enterprises, Inc., Tom McKellar, Inc. and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.72 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.73. Lease Agreement effective November 1, 1992, between Pete Gallegos and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Laredo Peterbilt, Inc., as amended August 31, 1994 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.73 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.74. Commercial Lease dated July 31, 1992, between R. L. Lehman and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Lufkin Peterbilt, Inc., as amended through June 1, 1995 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.74 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.75. Lease Agreement dated September 17, 1993 between McBray Realty, Inc. and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Ark-La-Tex Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.75 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
 10.76. Right of First Refusal dated April 1, 1996 between Peterbilt Motors Company and W. Marvin Rush (incorporated
- 10.76. Right of First Refusal dated April 1, 1996 between Peterbilt Motors Company and W. Marvin Rush (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.76 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.77. Right of First Refusal dated April 1, 1996 between Peterbilt Motors Company and Barbara Rush (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.77 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.78. Right of First Refusal dated April 1, 1996 between Peterbilt Motors Company and W. M. "Rusty" Rush (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.78 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.79. Right of First Refusal dated April 1, 1996 between Peterbilt Motors Company and Robin Rush (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.79 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.80. Form of Indemnity Agreement between Rush Enterprises, Inc. and the members of its Board of Directors (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.80 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.81. Form of Employment Agreement between W. Marvin Rush, W.M. "Rusty" Rush and Robin M. Rush (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.81 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).

- 10.82. Form of Employment Agreement between Rush Enterprises, Inc., D. Jeffery Michell, David C. Orf, B.J. Tanner, Brent Hughes, J.M. "Spike" Lowe, Donald Teague, Ralph West and John Hiltabiddle (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.82 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- Tax Indemnification Agreement between Rush Enterprises, Inc., Associated Acceptance, Inc. and W. Marvin Rush (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.83 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on 10.83. Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- Rush Enterprises, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.84 of the 10.84. Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- Form of Rush Enterprises, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan Stock Option Agreement (incorporated herein by 10.85. reference to Exhibit 10.85 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.86. Revolving Line of Credit Loan and Security Agreement dated February 24, 1994, between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba South Coast Peterbilt in the maximum principal amount of \$3,000,000.00 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.86 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996). Demand Promissory Note dated February 24, 1994, in the original principal amount of \$3,000,000.00, payable by
- 10.87. Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba South Coast Peterbilt to General Motors Acceptance Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.87 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- General Security Agreement dated February 2, 1994 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.88 of the 10.88. Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.89. Guaranty dated February 2, 1994 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.89 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.90. Real Estate Lien Note dated July 1, 1993, in the principal amount of \$1,238,000.00, payable by Rush Enterprises, Inc. to Associates Commercial Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.90 of
- the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996). Promissory Note dated December 7, 1995, in the original principal amount of \$1,900,000.00, payable by Rush Enterprises, Inc. to General Electric Capital Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.91 10.91.
- of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996). Aircraft Chattel Mortgage dated December 4, 1995, as amended, between Rush Enterprises, Inc. as Mortgagor and 10.92. General Electric Capital Corporation as Mortgagee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.92 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).

- Individual Guaranty dated December 4, 1995, between General Electric Capital Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.93 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996). Dealership Purchase Contract dated December 9, 1996 by and among Rush Truck Centers of Colorado, Inc., Rush Enterprises, Inc., Denver Peterbilt, Inc., and Greg Lessing. (Filed herewith). Computation of pro forma earnings per share. 10.93.
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Name	State of Incorporation	Names Under Which Subsidiary Does Business
Rush Truck Centers of Texas, Inc.	Delaware	Creative Concepts Advertising Agency Hou-Tex Industrial and Truck Supply Houston Peterbilt, Inc. Laredo Peterbilt, Inc. Lufkin Peterbilt, Inc. Rush Truck Center San Antonio Peterbilt, Inc. San Antonio Peterbilt-GMC Truck, Inc. Translease World Wide Tires
Rush Truck Centers of Oklahoma, Inc.	Delaware	Oklahoma Trucks, Inc. Translease Tulsa Trucks, Inc.
Rush Truck Centers of California, Inc., Which Will do Business in California as Complete Rush Truck Centers	Delaware	South Coast Peterbilt Translease World Wide Tires
Rush Truck Centers of Louisiana, Inc.	Delaware	Ark-La-Tex Peterbilt, Inc. Translease
Los Cuernos, Inc.	Delaware	Los Cuernos Ranch
Rush Administrative Services, Inc.	Delaware	None
AiRush, Inc.	Delaware	None
Rush Truck Leasing, Inc.	Delaware	None
Rush Truck Centers of Colorado, Inc.	Delaware	Rush Truck Centers, Inc.

23.1Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP27.1Financial Data Schedule.

(a) Reports on Form 8-K:None

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC.

By: /s/ W. MARVIN RUSH Date: March 25, 1997 W. Marvin Rush Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities on the dates indicated:

Signature	Capacity	Date
/s/ W. MARVIN RUSH	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer,	March 25, 1997
W. Marvin Rush	Director (Principal Executive Officer)	
/s/ W. M. "RUSTY" RUSH	President, Director	March 25, 1997
W. M. "Rusty" Rush		
/s/ ROBIN M. RUSH	Executive Vice President, Secretary,	March 25, 1997
Robin M. Rush	Treasurer and Director	
/s/ RONALD J. KRAUSE Ronald J. Krause	Director	March 25, 1997
/s/JOSEPH M. DUNN	Director	March 25, 1997
Joseph M. Dunn		
/s/MARTIN A NAEGELIN, JR.	Vice President and	March 25, 1997
Martin A. Naegelin, Jr.	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	

EXHIBIT NO.	IDENTIFICATION OF EXHIBIT
3.1.	Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
3.2.	Bylaws of the Registrant, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
4.1.	Specimen of certificate representing Common Stock, \$.01 par value, of the Registrant (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
4.2.	Form of Representatives' Warrant Agreement, including form of Representatives' Warrant (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
4.3.	Rights Agreement dated April 8, 1996 between Rush Enterprises, Inc. and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, Trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
10.1.	Dealer Sales and Service Agreement (heavy-duty truck) dated October 5, 1995, between Peterbilt Motors Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Peterbilt-GMC Truck, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
10.2.	Dealer Sales and Service Agreement (heavy-duty truck) dated November 1, 1995, between Peterbilt Motors Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
10.3.	Dealer Sales and Service Agreement (heavy-duty truck) dated October 10, 1995, between Peterbilt Motors Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Ark-La-Tex Peterbilt, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
10.4.	Dealer Sales and Service Agreement (heavy-duty truck) dated October 30, 1995, between Peterbilt Motors Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Houston Peterbilt, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
10.5.	Dealer Sales and Service Agreement (heavy-duty truck) dated December 1, 1995, between Peterbilt Motors Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
10.6.	Amendment to Dealer Sales and Service Agreements (heavy-duty truck) dated April 1, 1996, between Peterbilt Motors Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.6 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).

- 10.7. Dealer Sales and Service Agreement (medium-duty truck) dated October 5, 1995 between Peterbilt Motors Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Peterbilt -- GMC Trucks, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.8. Dealer Sales and Service Agreement (medium-duty truck) dated February 2, 1994 between Peterbilt Motors Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.8 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.9. Dealer Sales and Service Agreement (medium-duty truck) dated January 10, 1995 between Peterbilt Motors Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Ark-La-Tex Peterbilt, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.9 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.10. Dealer Sales and Service Agreement (medium-duty truck) dated December 30, 1994 between Peterbilt Motors Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Houston Peterbilt, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.10 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.11. Dealer Sales and Service Agreement (medium-duty truck) dated December 1, 1995, between Peterbilt Motors Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.11 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.12. Amendment to Dealer Sales and Service Agreements (medium-duty truck) dated April 1, 1996 between Peterbilt Motors Company and Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.12 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.13. GMC Truck Division Dealer Sales and Service Agreement dated July 9, 1992 between General Motors Corporation, GMC Truck Division and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Rush Pontiac -- GMC Truck Center (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.13 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.14. GMC Truck Division Dealer Sales and Service Agreement dated January 17, 1996 between General Motors Corporation, GMC Truck Division and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.14 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.15. Dealer Sales and Service Agreement dated January 26, 1996 between Volvo GM Heavy Truck Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.15 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.16. Franchise Agreement dated July 28, 1994 between PACCAR Leasing Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Translease Corp. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.16 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.17. Franchise Agreement Addendum dated December 1, 1995 between PACCAR Leasing Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Translease Corp. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.17 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).

- 10.18. Agreement for Acquisition of Secured Retail Installment Paper dated March 14, 1996 between PACCAR Financial Corp. and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.18 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
 10.19. Letter Agreement dated January 5, 1996 between Rush Enterprises, Inc. for South Coast Peterbilt and PACCAR
- 10.19. Letter Agreement dated January 5, 1996 between Rush Enterprises, Inc. for South Coast Peterbilt and PACCAR Financial Corp. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.19 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.20. Alternative Reserve Program Letter Agreement dated February 1, 1994 between Associates Commercial Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Truck Sales & Service, Inc., Houston Peterbilt, Inc., Lufkin Peterbilt Inc. and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.20 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.21. Alternative Reserve Program Letter Agreement dated January 1, 1996 between Associates Commercial Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.21 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.22. Dealer Agreement for General Motors Retail Truck Financing Plan for GMC and Chevrolet Dealers effective August 1, 1984 between Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Truck Sales & Service, Inc. and Associates Commercial Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.22 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.23. Dealer Agreement dated November 13, 1986 between Associates Commercial Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Truck Sales & Service, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.23 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.24. Associates / Rush Enterprises, Inc. Dealer Agreement Addendum dated December 8, 1986 to Dealer Agreement dated November 13, 1986 between Associates Commercial Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Truck Sales & Service, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.24 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.25. Dealer Agreement dated January 13, 1988 between Associates Commercial Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Houston Peterbilt, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.25 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.26. Dealer Agreement dated February 1, 1994 between Associates Commercial Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Lufkin Peterbilt, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.26 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.27. Dealer Agreement dated February 1, 1994 between Associates Commercial Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.27 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.28. Peterbilt Distributor Limited Liability Truck Financing Agreement dated July 21, 1983 between Associates Commercial Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San

Antonio Truck Sales & Service, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.28 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).

- 10.29. Peterbilt Distributor Limited Liability Truck Financing Agreement dated January 13, 1988 between Associates Commercial Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Houston Peterbilt, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.29 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.30. Peterbilt Distributor Limited Liability Truck Financing Agreement dated February 1, 1994 between Associates Commercial Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Lufkin Peterbilt, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.30 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- Peterbilt Distributor Limited Liability Truck Financing Agreement dated February 1, 1994 between Associates Commercial Corporation and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.31 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
 Dealer Financing Agreement dated July 30, 1993 between Interstate Billing Service, Inc. and Rush Enterprises,
- 10.32. Dealer Financing Agreement dated July 30, 1993 between interstate Billing Service, inc. and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Translease Corp. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.32 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.33. Credit Balance Agreement dated April 3, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Rush Pontiac-GMC Truck Center, San Antonio Peterbilt, ARK-LA-TEX Peterbilt, Houston Peterbilt, Lufkin Peterbilt, Laredo Peterbilt, Hummer of South Texas and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.33 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.34. Letter dated March 11, 1996 from General Motors Acceptance Corporation to Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.34 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.35. Loan Agreement dated June 19, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Peterbilt-GMC Truck, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.35 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.36. Promissory Note dated June 19, 1995, in the original principal amount of \$5,000,000, payable by Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Peterbilt-GMC Truck, Inc. to General Motors Acceptance Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.36 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.37. Wholesale Security Agreement dated June 19, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Peterbilt-GMC Truck, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.37 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.38. Agreement Amending the Wholesale Security Agreement dated June 19, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Peterbilt-GMC Truck, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.38 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).

- 10.39. Assignment of DPP Vehicle Proceeds dated June 19, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Peterbilt-GMC Truck, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.39 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.40. Guaranty Agreement dated June 19, 1995 by W. Marvin Rush on behalf of Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba San Antonio Peterbilt-GMC Truck, Inc. and accepted by General Motors Acceptance Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.40 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.41. Revolving Line of Credit Loan and Security Agreement dated December 1, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Tulsa Trucks, Inc. in the maximum principal amount of \$1,100,000.00 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.41 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.42. Promissory Note dated December 1, 1995, in the original principal amount of \$1,100,000.00, payable by Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks, Inc. to General Motors Acceptance Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.42 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.43. Wholesale Security Agreement dated November 30, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.43 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.44. Agreement Amending the Wholesale Security Agreement and Conditionally Authorizing the Sale of New Floor Plan Vehicles on a Delayed Payment Privilege Basis dated November 30, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.44 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.45. Guaranty dated November 30, 1995 by W. Marvin Rush on behalf of Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks, Inc. and accepted by General Motors Acceptance Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.45 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.46. Revolving Line of Credit Loan and Security Agreement dated December 1, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Tulsa Trucks, Inc. in the maximum principal amount of \$900,000.00 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.46 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.47. Promissory Note dated December 1, 1995, in the original principal amount of \$900,000.00, payable by Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Tulsa Trucks, Inc. to General Motors Acceptance Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.47 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.48. Wholesale Security Agreement dated November 30, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Tulsa Trucks, Inc.

(incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.48 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).

- 10.49. Agreement Amending the Wholesale Security Agreement and Conditionally Authorizing the Sale of New Floor Plan Vehicles on a Delayed Payment Privilege Basis dated November 30, 1995 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Tulsa Trucks, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.49 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.50. Guaranty dated November 30, 1995 by W. Marvin Rush on behalf of Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Tulsa Trucks, Inc. and accepted by General Motors Acceptance Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.50 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.51. Guaranty Agreement dated December 1, 1995 by W. Marvin Rush in favor of General Motors Acceptance Corporation in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 on behalf of Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks, Inc. and Tulsa Trucks, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.51 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.52. Revolving Line of Credit Loan and Security Agreement dated December 18, 1995 between Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks, Inc. and General Motors Acceptance Corporation in the maximum principal amount of \$800,000.00 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.52 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.53. Promissory Note dated December 18, 1995, in the original principal amount of \$800,000.00, payable by Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks, Inc. to General Motors Acceptance Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.53 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.54. Revolving Line of Credit Loan and Security Agreement dated December 18, 1995 between Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Tulsa Trucks, Inc. and General Motors Acceptance Corporation in the maximum principal amount of \$700,000.00 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.54 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.55. Promissory Note dated December 18, 1995, in the original principal amount of \$700,000.00, payable by Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Tulsa Trucks, Inc. to General Motors Acceptance Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.55 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.56. Guaranty Agreement dated December 18, 1995 by W. Marvin Rush in favor of General Motors Acceptance Corporation in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 on behalf of Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Oklahoma Trucks, Inc. and Tulsa Trucks, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.56 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.57. Revolving Promissory Note dated March 18, 1993, in the maximum principal amount of \$450,000.00, payable by Rush Enterprises, Inc. to The Frost National Bank of San

Antonio (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.57 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).

- 10.58. Dealership Purchase Contract dated November 10, 1995 between Kerr Consolidated, Inc. and Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.58 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.59. Real Estate Purchase Agreement dated November 10, 1995 between Kerr Consolidated, Inc. and Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.59 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.60. Promissory Note dated December 1, 1995, in the original principal amount of \$2,800,000.00 payable by Rush Enterprises, Inc. to Kerr Consolidated, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.60 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- Real Estate Lease Agreement effective December 1, 1995 between Kerr Consolidated, Inc. and Rush Enterprises,
 Real Estate Lease Agreement effective December 1, 1995 between Kerr Consolidated, Inc. and Rush Enterprises,
- 10.62. Real Estate Lease Agreement effective December 1, 1995 between Kerr Consolidated, Inc. and Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.62 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.63. Escrow Instructions dated February 24, 1994 to Commerce Escrow Company regarding purchase of assets from Engs Motor Truck Company by Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.63 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.64. Secured Purchase Money Promissory Note dated February 1, 1994, in the original principal amount of \$984,000.00, payable by Rush Enterprises, Inc. to Engs Motor Truck Company, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.64 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.65. Continuing Unlimited Guaranty dated February 24, 1994 by W. M. Rush and Thomas McKellar in favor of Engs Motor Truck Company, Edward W. Engs and Stewart R. Engs on behalf of South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.65 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.66. Lease Modification Agreement dated February 1, 1994 between Richard R. Shade and Barbara S. Lateer, Trustees of the Ruth R. Shade Trust, et al, Engs Motor Truck Company and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.66 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.67. Lease Modification Agreement dated February 1, 1994 between Angelus Block Company, Inc., Engs Motor Truck Company and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.67 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.68. Lease Modification Agreement dated February 1, 1994 between Angelus Block Company, Inc., Engs Motor Truck Company and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.68 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).

- 10.69. Lease dated February 1, 1994 between Edward W. Engs and Stuart R. Engs, and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.69 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
 10.70. Lease dated February 1, 1994 between Engs Motor Truck Company and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein herein)
- 10.70. Lease dated February 1, 1994 between Engs Motor Truck Company and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.70 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.71. Contract Termination and Release dated September 29, 1995 by and among South Coast Peterbilt, Rush Enterprises, Inc., Tom McKellar, Inc. and Tom McKellar (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.71 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.72. Termination Agreement dated September 29, 1995 by and among Rush Enterprises, Inc., Tom McKellar, Inc. and South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.72 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.73. Lease Agreement effective November 1, 1992, between Pete Gallegos and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Laredo Peterbilt, Inc., as amended August 31, 1994 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.73 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.74. Commercial Lease dated July 31, 1992, between R. L. Lehman and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Lufkin Peterbilt, Inc., as amended through June 1, 1995 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.74 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.75. Lease Agreement dated September 17, 1993 between McBray Realty, Inc. and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba Ark-La-Tex Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.75 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
 10.76. Right of First Refusal dated April 1, 1996 between Peterbilt Motors Company and W. Marvin Rush (incorporated
- 10.76. Right of First Refusal dated April 1, 1996 between Peterbilt Motors Company and W. Marvin Rush (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.76 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.77. Right of First Refusal dated April 1, 1996 between Peterbilt Motors Company and Barbara Rush (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.77 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.78. Right of First Refusal dated April 1, 1996 between Peterbilt Motors Company and W. M. "Rusty" Rush (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.78 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.79. Right of First Refusal dated April 1, 1996 between Peterbilt Motors Company and Robin Rush (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.79 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.80. Form of Indemnity Agreement between Rush Enterprises, Inc. and the members of its Board of Directors (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.80 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.81. Form of Employment Agreement between W. Marvin Rush, W.M. "Rusty" Rush and Robin M. Rush (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.81 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).

- 10.82. Form of Employment Agreement between Rush Enterprises, Inc., D. Jeffery Michell, David C. Orf, B.J. Tanner, Brent Hughes, J.M. "Spike" Lowe, Donald Teague, Ralph West and John Hiltabiddle (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.82 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- Tax Indemnification Agreement between Rush Enterprises, Inc., Associated Acceptance, Inc. and W. Marvin Rush (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.83 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on 10.83. Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- Rush Enterprises, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.84 of the 10.84. Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- Form of Rush Enterprises, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan Stock Option Agreement (incorporated herein by 10.85. reference to Exhibit 10.85 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.86. Revolving Line of Credit Loan and Security Agreement dated February 24, 1994, between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba South Coast Peterbilt in the maximum principal amount of \$3,000,000.00 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.86 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996). Demand Promissory Note dated February 24, 1994, in the original principal amount of \$3,000,000.00, payable by
- 10.87. Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba South Coast Peterbilt to General Motors Acceptance Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.87 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- General Security Agreement dated February 2, 1994 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.88 of the 10.88. Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.89. Guaranty dated February 2, 1994 between General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. dba South Coast Peterbilt (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.89 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).
- 10.90. Real Estate Lien Note dated July 1, 1993, in the principal amount of \$1,238,000.00, payable by Rush Enterprises, Inc. to Associates Commercial Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.90 of
- the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996). Promissory Note dated December 7, 1995, in the original principal amount of \$1,900,000.00, payable by Rush Enterprises, Inc. to General Electric Capital Corporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.91 10.91.
- of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996). Aircraft Chattel Mortgage dated December 4, 1995, as amended, between Rush Enterprises, Inc. as Mortgagor and 10.92. General Electric Capital Corporation as Mortgagee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.92 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996).

- Individual Guaranty dated December 4, 1995, between General Electric Capital Corporation and Rush Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.93 of the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-03346 on Form S-1 filed April 10, 1996). Dealership Purchase Contract dated December 9, 1996 by and among Rush Truck Centers of Colorado, Inc., Rush Enterprises, Inc., Denver Peterbilt, Inc., and Greg Lessing. (Filed herewith). Computation of pro forma earnings per share. 10.93.
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21.1 Subsidiaries of the Company.

Name	State of Incorporation	Names Under Which Subsidiary Does Business
Rush Truck Centers of Texas, Inc.	Delaware	Creative Concepts Advertising Agency Hou-Tex Industrial and Truck Supply Houston Peterbilt, Inc. Laredo Peterbilt, Inc. Lufkin Peterbilt, Inc. Rush Truck Center San Antonio Peterbilt, Inc. San Antonio Peterbilt-GMC Truck, Inc. Translease World Wide Tires
Rush Truck Centers of Oklahoma, Inc.	Delaware	Oklahoma Trucks, Inc. Translease Tulsa Trucks, Inc.
Rush Truck Centers of California, Inc., Which Will do Business in California as Complete Rush Truck Centers	Delaware	South Coast Peterbilt Translease World Wide Tires
Rush Truck Centers of Louisiana, Inc.	Delaware	Ark-La-Tex Peterbilt, Inc. Translease
Los Cuernos, Inc.	Delaware	Los Cuernos Ranch
Rush Administrative Services, Inc.	Delaware	None
AiRush, Inc.	Delaware	None
Rush Truck Leasing, Inc.	Delaware	None
Rush Truck Centers of Colorado, Inc.	Delaware	Rush Truck Centers, Inc.

23.1Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP27.1Financial Data Schedule.

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DATED DECEMBER 9, 1996

BY AND AMONG

RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF COLORADO, INC.

RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC.

DENVER PETERBILT, INC.

AND

GREG LESSING

COVERING THE PURCHASE OF SPECIFIED ASSETS OF

DENVER PETERBILT, INC.

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ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT

THIS ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made and entered into this 9th day of December, 1996, by and among (i) Denver Peterbilt, Inc., a Colorado corporation ("Seller"), (ii) Greg Lessing, the owner of all of the capital stock of Seller ("Shareholder"), (iii) Rush Truck Centers of Colorado, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Purchaser"), and (iv) Rush Enterprises, Inc., a Texas corporation ("Rush"), as the sole shareholder of Purchaser and as the guarantor of all of Purchaser's liabilities, obligations, covenants and agreements under this Agreement.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Seller is the owner of all right, title and interest in and to the assets described in Section 2.1 hereto (the "Assets"), with such Assets being the assets currently used in the conduct of the heavy duty truck sales and service business and various related businesses operated by Seller in Denver and Greeley, Colorado (collectively, the "Business");

WHEREAS, Seller desires to sell the Assets to Purchaser and Purchaser desires to acquire the Assets from Seller, all pursuant to this Agreement as hereinafter provided; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to set forth certain representations, warranties and covenants made by each to the other as an inducement to the execution and delivery of this Agreement, and to set forth certain additional agreements related to the transactions contemplated hereby;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises, the mutual representations, warranties and covenants herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. GENERAL DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the respective meanings set forth below:

1.1 Affiliate. "Affiliate" of any Person shall mean any Person Controlling, Controlled by or under common Control with such Person.

1.2 Best Knowledge. "Best Knowledge" shall mean both what a Person knew as well as what the Person should have known had the person exercised reasonable diligence. When used with respect to a Person other than a natural person, the term "Best Knowledge" shall include matters that are known to the directors, officers, and employees of the Person.

1.3 Control. "Control" and all derivations thereof shall mean the ability to either (i) vote (or direct the vote of) 50% or more of the voting interests in any Person or (ii) direct the affairs of another, whether through voting power, contract or otherwise.

1.4 Environmental Liability. "Environmental Liability" shall mean any Damages as that term is defined in Section 13.1 arising from or with respect to a breach of the warranties and representations in Section 4.17, Waste Materials, Waste Materials Contamination, any Environmental Claim, any Environmental Permit or any Requirement of Environmental Law.

1.5 Governmental Authority. "Governmental Authority" shall mean any and all foreign, federal, state or local governments, governmental institutions, public authorities and governmental entities of any nature whatsoever, and any subdivisions or instrumentalities thereof, including, but not limited to, departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, agencies, courts, administrations and panels, and any divisions or instrumentalities thereof, whether permanent or ad hoc and whether now or hereafter constituted or existing.

1.6 Governmental Requirement. "Governmental Requirement" shall mean any and all laws (including, but not limited to, applicable common law principles), statutes, ordinances, codes, rules, regulations, interpretations, guidelines, directions, orders, judgments, writs, injunctions, decrees, decisions or similar items or pronouncements, promulgated, issued, passed or set forth by any Governmental Authority.

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1.7 Material Adverse Effect. "Material Adverse Effect" shall mean any matter concerning Seller, the Assets or the Business, other than a change in general business or industry conditions affecting substantially all businesses similar to the Business, which results in net income of Seller for the 12-month period ending February 28, 1997, being less than \$1,100,000, or any damage or destruction to any of the Assets which cannot reasonably be expected to be repaired within six months.

1.8 Payments. All payments and all dollar amounts required by this Agreement shall be in United States Dollars.

1.9 Person. "Person" shall mean any natural person, any Governmental Authority and any entity the separate existence of which is recognized by any Governmental Authority or Governmental Requirement, including, but not limited to, corporations, partnerships, joint ventures, joint stock companies, trusts, estates, companies and associations, whether organized for profit or otherwise.

1.10 Schedule. "Schedule" shall mean the Schedules to this Agreement, unless otherwise stated. The Schedules to this Agreement may be attached to this Agreement or may be set forth in a separate document denoted as the Schedules to this Agreement, or both.

1.11 Section. "Section" shall mean the Section of this Agreement, unless otherwise stated.

1.12 Taxes. "Tax" and "Taxes" shall mean any and all income, excise, franchise or other taxes and all other charges or fees imposed or collected by any Governmental Authority or pursuant to any Governmental Requirement, and shall also include any and all penalties, interest, deficiencies, assessments and other charges with respect thereto.

2. PURCHASE AND SALE OF THE ASSETS; CLOSING DATE.

2.1 Assets to be Purchased. The Assets to be purchased from Seller are the following assets held by Seller as of the Closing for use in connection with the Business:

- (a) all new 1996 and 1997 Peterbilt motor vehicles inventory,
- (b) all new, current and returnable parts and accessories inventory in unbroken lots and original packages and all chassis kits,
- (c) all miscellaneous inventories, including gas, diesel fuel, oil, grease, paint and body shop materials,
- (d) all work in progress and sublet repairs on vehicles in Seller's parts and service departments,
- (e) all of Seller's furniture, fixtures and office equipment (including related software),
- (f) all shop equipment and special tools, and all parts and accessories equipment,
- (g) all company vehicles not included in the Excluded Assets,
- (h) all signs, and all promotional, advertising and training materials,
- (i) all sales files and customer lists, and all warranty and service and customer service and repair files,

(j) all intangible assets of Seller to do business in Denver, Colorado, and Greeley, Colorado, as a Peterbilt dealer, including any and all Dealer Sales and Service Agreements between Seller and Peterbilt, and to the extent assignable, the New Motor Vehicle Dealer's Licenses, and any other permits or licenses issued by any department or agency of the State of Colorado for Seller's dealerships and the name "Denver Peterbilt",

(k) subject to agreement on price pursuant to Section3.1(f) below, all used vehicles,

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(m) all accounts receivable from finance companies, and all related contingent obligations but only to the extent that Seller shall have received, prior to Closing, written confirmation from PACCAR Financial Corporation and Associated Commercial Corporation that the existing Limited Liability Recourse Repurchase Agreements will survive Closing, and

(n) all customer deposits and agreements to sell Peterbilt vehicles ordered but not delivered to the customer at the time of Closing.

All other assets of Seller not described in this Section 2.1, including the assets described on Schedule 2.1 (the "Excluded Assets"), shall not be sold by Seller to Purchaser.

2.2 Purchase and Sale. Subject to the terms and conditions herein contained, Seller agrees to sell, assign, transfer and deliver the Assets to Purchaser at the Closing (as hereinafter defined), free and clear of any liens or encumbrances of any nature whatsoever (except for liens, encumbrances or obligations, if any, expressly assumed by Purchaser hereunder). Subject to the terms and conditions herein contained, Purchaser agrees to purchase from Seller the Assets in consideration for the Purchase Price (as hereinafter defined) payable as set forth in Section 3.

2.3 Delivery of Assets and Transfer Documents. At the Closing, Seller and the Shareholder shall take all steps necessary to put Purchaser in possession of the Assets, free and clear of any liens or encumbrances of any nature whatsoever (except for liens, encumbrances or obligations, if any, expressly assumed by Purchaser hereunder), and shall deliver to Purchaser (i) a duly executed general warranty bill of sale covering the Assets, in the form of and containing substantially the same terms and provisions as the General Warranty Bill of Sale and Assignment of Contract Rights included in Schedule 2.3, (ii) duly executed title and transfer documents covering any assets for which there exists a certificate of title, and (iii) such other duly executed transfer and release documents as Purchaser free and clear of any liens or encumbrances of any nature whatsoever (except for liens, encumbrances or obligations, if any, expressly assumed by Purchaser hereunder).

2.4 Closing; Closing Date. Subject to the terms and conditions herein contained, the consummation of the transactions referenced above shall take place (the "Closing") on or before March 1, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the offices of Seller in Denver, Colorado, or at such other time, date and place as Purchaser and Seller shall in writing designate; provided, however, that Purchaser shall have the right to delay the Closing up to and including April 30, 1997, in accordance with Sections 8.6 and 8.7 and Seller shall have the right to delay the Closing up to and including September 1, 1997, in accordance with Article 10. The date of the Closing is referred to herein as the "Closing Date".

3. PURCHASE PRICE.

3.1 Price and Payment. Subject to adjustment as provided in Article 26 with respect to prorations, deposits and certain other items, the aggregate consideration to be paid by Purchaser for the Assets is as follows:

(a) \$6,000,000, plus

(b) an amount equal to Dealer Cost (as defined in Section 3.2 below) for each vehicle of Seller described in Section 2.1(a), payable, at the option of Purchaser, by the Assumption and Agreement to pay the floor plan financing obligations of Seller under the financing arrangements listed on Schedule 4.8 with respect to such vehicles (and obtaining Seller's release therefrom), plus

(c) an amount equal to the replacement cost of the items described in Sections 2.1(b) and (c), plus

(d) an amount equal to the Seller's actual cost of the work in process and sublet repairs described in Section 2.1(d), plus

(e) an amount equal to the depreciated book value (determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied) at Closing of the items described in Sections 2.1(e), (f) and (g), less \$250,000, plus

(f) an amount to be agreed upon by Seller and Purchaser for the items described in Sections 2.1(k) and (l) (provided that if Seller and Purchaser cannot agree on the amount to be paid for any Asset described in these Sections, such Asset shall be an Excluded Asset), plus

(g) an amount equal to the book value (determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied) at Closing of the assets described in Section 2.1(m) subject to verification of outstanding amounts and such guarantees by Seller and Shareholder as Purchaser shall reasonably require, plus

(h) \$2,000,000, which sum shall become payable in accordance with the terms of this Section 3.1 when Purchaser shall have sold its 500th new Peterbilt truck (the "Performance Criteria"). If Purchaser shall default in the payment of any amounts due to Seller under this Section 3.1(h), Purchaser shall be liable for interest thereon at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, and all costs of collection, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

The Purchase Price shall be payable by (a) payment of all amounts specified in Sections 3.1(b) - (g) above in cash at Closing, (b) \$6,000,000 in cash at Closing (subject to the adjustment provisions in Section 26), and (c) subject to the offset rights set forth in Section 25, and subject to the Performance Criteria having been satisfied, payment of the amounts specified in Section 3.1(h) in cash at the end of the calendar month in which the Performance Criteria are satisfied, but in no event earlier than at the end of the 24 month period following the Closing Date.

3.2 Assumed Obligations. At the Closing, Purchaser shall assume and agree to timely discharge (a) the obligations of Seller under all contracts and agreements transferred by Seller to Purchaser under this Agreement that are (i) listed and described on Schedule 4.8 or on the updated list of contracts required by Section 10.4 and (ii) accepted in writing by Purchaser pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.8 or Section 7.2 or 10.4, (b) if included in the Purchase Price under Section 3.1(b), the floor plan financing obligations of Seller under the financing arrangements listed on Schedule 4.8 with respect to the vehicles described in Section 2.1(a), but only to the extent of the Dealer Cost (as defined below) of such vehicles, and Purchaser shall obtain a release of Seller's liability thereunder, and (c) certain vacation and sick leave obligations of Seller pursuant to Section 24.3; provided that Purchaser specifically does not assume any liabilities of Seller under any contracts or agreements with respect to any breaches of such contracts or agreements occurring on or before the Closing Date or any damages to third parties resulting from acts, events or omissions occurring on or before the Closing Date. "Dealer Cost" shall mean manufacturer's invoice price to Seller, reduced by the amount of all manufacturer's rebates, allowances and other price reductions paid or credited to Seller on such vehicle (other than the manufacturer's reimbursement for dealer preparation and delivery expenses and any floor plan interest credits for such vehicle), plus Seller's actual cost and expense of installation of dealer-installed options on such vehicle. Except as specifically set forth in this Section 3.2, Purchaser shall not assume, and shall not be treated as having assumed, any liability or obligation of Seller of any nature whatsoever.

3.3 Payment for Noncompetition Agreements. As consideration for the execution and delivery at the Closing of the noncompetition agreement of Seller and Shareholder as contemplated by Article 15 hereof, Purchaser shall pay jointly to Seller and Shareholder the amount of \$10,000 on the first day of the calendar month following the Closing Date and continuing on the first day of each consecutive calendar month thereafter until such time as the amounts specified in Section 3.1(h) shall have been paid. If Purchaser shall default in the payment of any amounts due to Seller under this Section 3.3, Purchaser shall be liable for interest thereon at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, and all costs of collection, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

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3.4 Sales and Use Tax. Purchaser shall pay to any Sales and Use Tax in connection with consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement up to a maximum of \$35,000, and Seller shall be responsible for payment to a Governmental Authority of all Sales and Use Tax in excess of \$35,000 in connection with such consummation.

3.5 Allocation of Purchase Price. The Purchase Price shall be allocated among the Assets to the extent relevant for income tax purposes in accordance with Section 1060 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and Schedule 3.5 attached hereto. The parties agree to report the transactions contemplated by this Agreement for tax purposes in accordance with the allocation shown on Schedule 3.5, and each party will indemnify and hold each other party harmless from any loss, cost, damage, additional tax or expense (including attorneys' fees) arising from any failure by the indemnifying party to so report such transactions.

4. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF SELLER AND THE SHAREHOLDER. Seller and the Shareholder hereby jointly and severally represent and warrant to Purchaser as follows:

4.1 Incorporation. Seller is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Colorado, and is duly authorized, qualified and licensed under all applicable Governmental Requirements to carry on its business in the places and in the manner as now conducted. Seller is not qualified as a foreign corporation in any jurisdiction, and Seller is not required to qualify or otherwise be authorized to do business as a foreign corporation in any jurisdiction in order to carry on any of its businesses as now conducted or to own, lease or operate the Assets.

4.2 Share Capital. The Shareholder in the aggregate owns all of the outstanding capital stock of Seller, and there are no options, rights or other grants currently outstanding for the acquisition or purchase of any shares of the capital stock of Seller.

4.3 Financial Statements. Seller has delivered to Purchaser copies of the following financial statements for Seller, all of which financial statements are included in Schedule 4.3 hereto:

(a) Unaudited Balance Sheet of Seller (the "Reference Balance Sheet") as of October 31, 1996, (the "Balance Sheet Date") and Unaudited Income Statement of Seller for the ten-month period ended on the Balance Sheet Date; and

(b) Audited Balance Sheets, Income Statements and Statements of Changes in Financial Position for each of Seller's two (2) most recent fiscal years.

All financial statements supplied to Purchaser by Seller, whether or not included in Schedule 4.3 hereto, are and will be true and accurate in all respects, have been and will be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods indicated, and do and will present fairly the financial condition of Seller as of the dates and for the periods indicated thereon. The Reference Balance Sheet reflects, as of the Balance Sheet Date, all liabilities, debts and obligations of any nature of Seller, whether accrued, absolute, contingent or otherwise, and whether due, or to become due, including, but not limited to, liabilities, debts or obligations on account of Taxes to the extent such items are required to be reflected on such balance sheet under generally acceptable accounting principles consistently applied.

4.4 Events Since the Balance Sheet Date. Since the Balance Sheet Date, there has not been:

(a) any change in the condition (financial or otherwise) or in the properties, assets, liabilities, business or prospects of the Business, except normal and usual changes in the ordinary course of business, none of which has been adverse and all of which in the aggregate have not been adverse;

(b) any labor trouble, strike or any other occurrence, event or condition affecting the employees of Seller that adversely affects the condition (financial or otherwise) of the Assets or the Business;

(c) any breach or default by Seller or, to the Best Knowledge of Seller and Shareholder, by any other party, under any agreement or obligation included in the Assets or by which any of the Assets are bound;

(d) any damage, destruction or loss (whether or not covered by insurance) adversely affecting the Assets or the Business;

(e) to the Best Knowledge of Seller and Shareholder, any legislative or regulatory change adversely affecting the Assets or the Business;

(f) any change in the types, nature, composition or quality of the services of the Business, any adverse change in the contributions of any of the service lines of the Business to the revenues or net income of such Business, or any adverse change in the sales, revenue or net income of the Business;

(g) any transaction related to or affecting the Assets or the Business other than transactions in the ordinary course of business of Seller; or

(h) any other occurrence, event or condition that has adversely affected (or can reasonably be expected to adversely affect) the Assets or the Business.

4.5 Customer List. Schedule 4.5 sets forth a true, correct and complete list of all customers of the Business to which Seller has sold or provided products or services during the two (2) years immediately preceding the date hereof. Such list provides an accurate statement of the gross revenues received from each such customer by the Business during the ten-month period ended October 31, 1996. Two (2) days prior to the Closing Date, Seller will deliver to Purchaser a true, correct and complete update of this list as of the three (3) days prior to the Closing Date, and immediately prior to the Closing, Seller will deliver to Purchaser a true, correct and complete update of this list as of the Closing Date, in each case noting all deletions therefrom and additions thereto and updating all information contained thereon, and conspicuously marking all changes from the previous list or update, as the case may be.

Taxes and Governmental Returns. As of the date hereof, all Tax 4.6 returns, information returns and governmental reports of every nature required by any Governmental Authority or Governmental Requirement to be filed by Seller or which include or should include Seller, including, but not limited to, those relating to Taxes of any nature to which Seller or any of its business is subject ("Governmental Returns"), have been filed for all periods ending on or before the date hereof (except for any returns not yet due), and all Taxes shown to be due and payable on such Governmental Returns or on any assessments related to such Governmental Returns have been paid. All such Governmental Returns and reports and the information and data contained therein have been properly and accurately compiled and completed, fairly present the information purported to be shown therein, and reflect all Tax liabilities of Seller for the periods covered by such Governmental Returns. Except as specifically disclosed in this Agreement or the Schedules hereto, Seller has no unpaid liability for any Taxes of any nature whatsoever for any period prior to the date hereof. The Governmental Returns of Seller or that include Seller have not been audited, and are not now under audit, by any Governmental Authority. There are no agreements, waivers or other arrangements providing for an extension of time with respect to the assessment of any Taxes of any nature against Seller or with respect to

any Governmental Return filed by Seller or that include Seller, or any suits or other actions, proceedings, investigations or claims now pending or threatened against Seller with respect to any Taxes or any matters under discussion with any Governmental Authority relating to any Taxes, or any claims for additional Taxes asserted by any Governmental Authority.

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4.7 Employee Matters. Schedule 4.7A sets forth a true and complete list of the names of and current annual compensation paid by Seller to each employee of Seller utilized in connection with the operation of the Business. With respect to each employee hired after November 6, 1986, a copy of the Form I-9 completed pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, has been attached to Schedule 4.7A. Except as specifically described on Schedule 4.7B, Seller has no employee benefit plans (including, but not limited to, pension plans and health or welfare plans), arrangements or understandings, whether formal or informal. Purchaser will have no liability with respect to any such plans as a result of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Seller does not now and has never contributed to a "multiemployer plan" as defined in section 4001(a)(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). Seller has complied with all applicable provisions of ERISA and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder and neither Seller nor any trustee, administrator, fiduciary, agent or employee thereof has at anytime been involved in a transaction that would constitute a "prohibited transaction" within the meaning of Section 406 of ERISA. Seller is not a party to any collective bargaining or other union agreements. Seller has not, within the last five years, had or been threatened with any union activities, work stoppages or other labor trouble with respect to its employees which had or might have had a material adverse effect on any of the Business. To the Best Knowledge of Seller and the Shareholder, no union activities, work stoppages or other labor trouble with respect to the employees of any of the customers or suppliers of the Business are pending or threatened which might have an adverse effect on the Business. Other than wage increases in the ordinary course of business, since the Balance Sheet Date Seller has not made any commitment or agreement to increase the wages or modify the conditions or terms of employment of any of the employees of Seller used in connection with the Business, and between the date of this Agreement and the Closing Date, Seller will not make any agreement to increase the wages or modify the conditions or terms of employment of any of the employees of Seller used in connection with the Business without the prior written approval of Purchaser.

4.8 Contracts and Agreements. Schedule 4.8 sets forth a true and complete list of and briefly describes (including termination date) all of the following contracts, agreements, leases, licenses, plans, arrangements or commitments, written or oral, that relate to the Assets or the Business (including all amendments, supplements and modifications thereto):

> (a) all contracts, agreements or commitments in respect of the sale of products or services or the purchase of raw materials, supplies or other products or utilities;

(b) all offers, tenders or the like outstanding and capable of being converted into an obligation of Seller by the passage of time or by an acceptance or other act of some other person or entity or both;

(c) all sales, agency or distributorship agreements or franchises or legally enforceable commitments or obligations with respect thereto;

(d) all collective bargaining agreements, union agreements, employment agreements, consulting agreements or agreements providing for the services of an independent contractor;

(e) all profit-sharing, pension, stock option, severance pay, retirement, bonus, deferred compensation, group life and health insurance or other employee benefit plans, agreements, arrangements or commitments of any nature whatsoever, whether or not legally binding, and all agreements with any present or former officer, director or shareholder of Seller;

(f) all loan or credit agreements, indentures, guarantees (other than endorsements made for collection), mortgages, pledges, conditional sales or other title retention agreements, and all equipment financing obligations, lease and lease-purchase agreements relating to or affecting the Assets or the Business;

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(g) all leases related to the Assets or the Business;

(h) all performance bonds, bid bonds, surety bonds and the like, all contracts and bids covered by such bonds, and all letters of credit and guaranties;

(i) all consent decrees and other judgments, decrees or orders, settlement agreements and agreements relating to competitive activities, requiring or prohibiting any future action;

(j) all accounts, notes and other receivables, and all security therefor, and all documents and agreements related thereto;

(k) all contracts or agreements of any nature with Shareholder, or any Affiliate of Shareholder; and

(1) all contracts, commitments and agreements entered into outside the ordinary course of the operation of the Business.

All of such contracts, agreements, leases, licenses, plans, arrangements and commitments and all other such items included in the Assets but not specifically described above (collectively, the "Contracts") are valid, binding and in full force and effect in accordance with their terms and conditions and there is no existing default thereunder or breach thereof by Seller, or, to the Best Knowledge of Seller and Shareholder, by any other party to the Contracts, or any conditions which, with the passage of time or the giving of notice or both, might constitute such a default by Seller, or, to the Best Knowledge of Seller and Shareholder, by any other party to the Contracts, and the Contracts will not be breached by or give any other party a right of termination as a result of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. To the Best Knowledge of Seller and Shareholder there is no reason why any of the Contracts (i) will result in a loss to Purchaser on completion by performance or (ii) cannot readily be fulfilled or performed by Purchaser with the Assets on time without undue or unusual expenditure of money or effort. Copies of all of the documents (or in the case of oral commitments, descriptions of the material terms thereof) relevant to the Contracts listed in Schedule 4.8 have been delivered by Seller to Purchaser, and such copies and/or descriptions are true, complete and accurate and include all amendments, supplements or modifications thereto. After reviewing the Contracts, Purchaser may, at its sole option, choose not to assume one or more of the Contracts, and, within 30 days of receipt by Purchaser of all information reasonably requested by Purchaser with respect to the Contracts, Purchaser shall notify Seller of which Contracts, if any, Purchaser does not intend to assume hereunder. Except for Contracts, if any, that Purchaser notifies Seller that it will not assume, all of the Contracts are and shall be included in the Assets. All of the Contracts may be assigned to Purchaser without the approval or consent of any Person, or, if such approval or consent is required, it will be obtained by Seller and delivered to Purchaser at or prior to the Closing; provided, however, that if any Contract is not assignable, Purchaser shall not assume such Contract and Seller shall remain responsible for the performance thereunder.

4.9 Effect of Agreement. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will not (i) result in any breach of any of the terms or conditions of, or constitute a default under, the Articles of Incorporation or other charter documents or bylaws of Seller, or any commitment, mortgage, note, bond, debenture, deed of trust, contract, agreement, license or other instrument or obligation to which Seller is now a party or by which Seller or any of its properties or assets may be bound or affected; (ii) result in any violation of any Governmental Requirement applicable to Seller, the Assets or the Business; (iii) cause Purchaser to lose the benefit of any right or privilege included in the Assets; (iv) relieve any Person of any obligation (whether contractual or otherwise) or enable any Person to terminate any such obligation or any right or benefit enjoyed by Seller or to exercise any right under any agreement in respect of the Assets or the Business; or (v) require notice to or the consent, authorization, approval or order of any Person (except as may be contemplated by the last sentence of Section 4.8). To the Best Knowledge of Seller and Shareholder, the business relationships of clients, customers and suppliers of the Business will not be

adversely affected by the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

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Properties, Assets and Leasehold Estates. Seller owns or has 4.10 the right to use (pursuant to a valid lease or license disclosed on Schedule 4.8) all operating assets and properties necessary for Seller to conduct the Business in the manner presently conducted by Seller, and all of such operating assets and properties (or, in the case of leased assets, the leases covering such assets) are included in the Assets. Seller has good and marketable title to all the Assets, free and clear of all mortgages, liens, pledges, conditional sales agreements, charges, easements, covenants, assessments, options, restrictions and encumbrances of any nature whatsoever. The plants, structures, equipment, vehicles and other tangible properties included in the Assets and the tangible property leased by Seller under leases included in the Assets are in good operating condition and repair, normal wear and tear excepted, and are capable of being used for their intended purpose in the Business as now conducted. The Assets include all existing warranties and service contracts with respect to any of the Assets to the extent the same are capable of being assigned to Purchaser. During the past two years, there has not been any significant interruption of the Business due to the breakdown or inadequate maintenance of any of the Assets. All plants, structures, equipment, vehicles and other tangible properties included in the Assets, and the present use of all such items, conform to all applicable Governmental Requirements, and no notice of any violation of any such Governmental Requirements relating to such assets or their use has been received by Seller. The Assets include all easements, rights of ingress and egress, and utilities and services necessary for the conduct of the Business. Neither the whole nor any portion of any real property to be conveyed to Purchaser hereunder has been condemned or otherwise taken by any public authority, nor, to the Best Knowledge of Seller and Shareholder, is any such condemnation or taking threatened or planned.

4.11 Intangible Property. The operation of the Business as now conducted by Seller does not require the use of or consist of any rights under any trademarks, trade names, brand names, service marks or copyrights other than "Peterbilt" and "Denver Peterbilt".

4.12 Suits, Actions and Claims. Except as set forth in Schedule 4.12, (i) there are no suits, actions, claims, inquiries or investigations by any Person, or any legal, administrative or arbitration proceedings in which Seller is engaged or which are pending or, to the Best Knowledge of Seller and Shareholder, threatened against or affecting Seller or any of its properties, assets or business, or to which Seller is or might become a party, or which question the validity or legality of the transactions contemplated hereby, (ii) no basis or grounds for any such suit, action, claim, inquiry, investigation or proceeding exists, and (iii) there is no outstanding order, writ, injunction or decree of any Governmental Authority against or affecting Seller or any of its properties, assets or business. Without limiting the foregoing, neither Seller nor Shareholder has any Best Knowledge of any state of facts or the occurrence of any event forming the basis of any present or potential claim against Seller.

4.13 Licenses and Permits; Compliance With Governmental Requirements. Schedule 4.13 sets forth a true and complete list of all licenses and permits necessary for the conduct of the Business. Seller has all such licenses and permits validly issued to it and in its name, and all such licenses and permits are in full force and effect. True and correct copies of all such licenses and permits are included in Schedule 4.13. No violations are or have been recorded in respect of such licenses or permits and no proceeding is pending or, to the Best Knowledge of Seller and Shareholder, threatened seeking the revocation or limitation of any of such licenses or permits. All such licenses and permits that are subject to transfer are included in the Assets. Seller has complied with all Governmental Requirements applicable to its business, and all Governmental Requirements with respect to the distribution and sale of products and services by it.

4.14 Authorization. Each of Seller and Shareholder has full legal right, power, and authority to enter into and deliver this Agreement and to consummate the transactions set forth herein and to perform all the terms and conditions hereof to be performed by them. The execution and delivery of this Agreement by Seller and Shareholder and the performance by each of them of the transactions contemplated herein have been duly and validly authorized by all requisite corporate action of Seller and by Shareholder, and this Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by Seller and Shareholder and is the legal, valid and binding obligation of each of them, enforceable against each of them in accordance with its terms, except

as limited by applicable bankruptcy, moratorium, insolvency or other similar laws affecting generally the rights of creditors or by principles of equity.

4.15 No Untrue Statements. The statements, representations and warranties of Seller and Shareholder set forth in this Agreement and the Schedules and in all other documents and information furnished to Purchaser and its representatives in connection herewith do not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements, representations and warranties made not misleading. To the Best Knowledge of Seller and Shareholder, there is no fact or matter that is not disclosed to Purchaser in this Agreement or the Schedules that materially and adversely affects or, so far Seller or Shareholder can now reasonably foresee, could materially and adversely affect the condition (financial or otherwise) of any of the Assets or the Business or the ability of Seller or Shareholder to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement.

4.16 Records. The books, records and minutes kept by Seller with respect to the Assets and the Business, including, but not limited to, all customer files, service agreements, quotations, correspondence, route sheets and historic revenue data of Seller, have been kept properly and contain records of all matters required to be included therein by any Governmental Requirement or by generally accepted accounting principles, and such books, records and minutes are true, accurate and complete and (except for corporate minute books and stock records) are included in the Assets.

4.17 Environmental Protection Laws.

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(a) For purposes of this Section 4.17, unless the context otherwise specifies or requires, the following terms shall have the meaning herein defined:

(i) "Waste Materials" shall mean

(A) any "hazardous waste" as defined by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, 42. U.S.C. Sections 6901 et seq., as amended from time to time, and regulations promulgated thereunder;

(B) any "hazardous substance" as defined by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601, et seq., as amended from time to time;

- (C) asbestos;
- (D) polychlorinated biphenyls;

(E) underground storage tanks, whether empty, filled or partially filled with any substance;

(F) any other substance the presence of which is prohibited by any Governmental Requirement; and

(G) any other substance which by any Governmental Requirement requires special handling or notification of any federal, state or local governmental entity in its collection, storage, treatment, recycling, or disposal.

(ii) "Waste Materials Contamination" shall mean the presence of Waste Materials on, in or under any property whatsoever which is associated with or is in any way related to the Assets or the Business, including the improvements, facilities, soil, ground, water or air.

(b) All business conducted by Seller, including but not limited to the Business, has been and is being operated, and the assets of Seller, including but not limited to the Assets, have been and are being used and were obtained, in all respects in compliance with all Governmental Requirements.

(c) Seller is not now, and has not been, in violation of any Governmental Requirement. The Assets, the Business and all of the operations of Seller are in full compliance with all Governmental Requirements relating to Waste Materials, and no judicial or administrative actions, including non-compliance orders or demand letters, are pending that relate to such Governmental Requirements. Without in any way limiting the foregoing, Seller and Shareholder hereby jointly and severally specifically represent and warrant that:

> (i) Seller has complied with all applicable Governmental Requirements relating to pollution and environmental control;

(ii) Seller is not in violation of any of the permits described in or required to be described on Schedule 4.13 or any Governmental Requirement regulating emissions, discharges or releases (including solids, liquids and gases) into the environment or the proper transportation, handling, storage, treatment or disposal of materials;

(iii) Seller has received all permits and approvals with respect to emissions, discharges or releases (including solids, liquids and gases) into the environment and the proper transportation, handling, storage, treatment and disposal of materials required for the operation of the businesses of Seller as presently conducted;

(iv) Seller has kept all records and made all filings required by applicable Governmental Requirements with respect to emissions, discharges or releases (including solids, liquids and gases) into the environment and the proper transportation, handling, storage, treatment and disposal of materials;

(v) All hazardous waste, hazardous materials and hazardous substances attributable to the Assets, the Business or the operations of Seller on, in or under any real property owned or leased by Seller have been removed and no past or present disposal, spill, or other release of hazardous waste, hazardous materials or hazardous substances attributable to the Assets, the Business or the operations of Seller on, in, under or adjacent to any real property owned or leased by Seller will subject Purchaser to corrective or response action or any other liability under any Governmental Requirement or the common law;

(vi) No investigation, administrative order, consent order and agreement, litigation or settlement with respect to Waste Materials or Waste Materials Contamination is proposed, threatened, anticipated or in existence with respect to the Assets or the Business. None of the Assets are currently on, and to the Best Knowledge of Seller and Shareholder, after diligent investigation and inquiry, have ever been on, any federal or state "Superfund" or "Superlien" list.

(vii) Seller does not have any contingent liabilities under any Governmental Requirement to any Person and whether or not such contingent liability is required pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles to be reflected on the financial statements of Seller, in connection with any emission, discharge or release of any hazardous or toxic waste, substance or constituent or any other substance into the environment; and

(viii) Seller has not handled, treated, stored, generated, transported or disposed of any Waste Material in contravention of any Governmental Requirement, and there have been no acts or omissions of Seller or any of its agents or employees that would result in liability under any Governmental Requirement. (d) Seller has, and has listed on Schedule 4.13, all necessary environmental and operations permits for operations relating to the Business or the Assets.

There have not been nor will there be (i) any (e) violation of any Requirement of Environmental Law or Environmental Permits (as those terms are hereinafter defined) of Seller or Shareholder occurring between December 31, 1986 and the Closing Date, (ii) any acts, omissions, conditions, facts, or circumstances occurring or existing between December 31, 1986 and the Closing Date with respect to the Assets, the Business or the operations of Seller which give rise to Environmental Claims (as hereinafter defined) before or after the date hereof, and (iii) any failure of Seller on Shareholder to obtain or maintain, between December 31, 1986 and the Closing Date, any Environmental Permit. For purposes of this Section 4.17(e) the term "Environmental Claim" means any action, lawsuit, claim or proceeding by any Person relating to the Assets or the Business or the operations or the business of Seller which seeks to impose liability for (i) noise, (ii) pollution or contamination or threatened pollution or contamination of the air, surface water, groundwater or land, (iii) solid, gaseous or liquid waste generation, handling, treatment, storage, disposal or transportation, (iv) exposure to hazardous or toxic substances or (v) non-compliance with any Requirement of Environmental Law. An "Environmental Claim" includes, without limitation, a proceeding to terminate a permit or license to the extent that such a proceeding attempts to redress violations of the applicable permit or license or any Requirement of Environmental Law as alleged by any Governmental Authority. For purposes of this Section 4.17(e) the term "Environmental Permit" means any permit, license, approval or other authorization related to, used in connection with or necessary for the operation or use of the Business or the Assets, or the operations or the businesses of Seller under any applicable Requirement of Environmental Law. For purposes of this Section 4.17(e)the term "Requirement of Environmental Law" means all Governmental Requirements related to health or the environment, including, but not limited to, all Governmental Requirements that relate to (i) noise, (ii) pollution or protection of the air, surface water, groundwater or land, (iii) solid, gaseous or liquid waste generation, handling, treatment, storage, disposal or transportation, (iv) exposure to hazardous or toxic substances, or (v) any other matters related to health or the environment.

4.18 Brokers and Finders. No broker or finder has acted for Seller or Shareholder in connection with this Agreement or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and no broker or finder is entitled to any brokerage or finder's fee or to any commission in respect thereof based in any way on agreements, arrangements or understandings made by or on behalf of Seller or Shareholder.

4.19 Deposits. Seller does not now hold any deposits or prepayments by third parties with respect to any of the Assets or the Business which are not reflected as liabilities on the Reference Balance Sheet.

4.20 Work Orders. There are no outstanding work orders or contracts relating to any portion of the Assets from or required by any policy of insurance, fire department, sanitation department, health authority or other governmental authority nor is there any matter under discussion with any such parties or authorities relating to work orders or contracts.

4.21 Telephone Numbers. All telephone numbers used by Seller in connection with the Business are included in the Assets and will not be used by Seller or Shareholder following the Closing. Seller does not guarantee that the phone company will transfer such telephone numbers to Purchaser.

5. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF PURCHASER AND RUSH. Purchaser and Rush jointly and severally represent and warrant to Seller and Shareholder as follows:

5.1 Incorporation. Purchaser is a corporation duly organized and validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and is qualified to do business in the State of Colorado. Purchaser is not aware of any reason it cannot satisfy all Governmental Requirements in order to carry on the Business as presently conducted.

5.2 Authorization. Purchaser has full legal right and corporate power to enter into and deliver this Agreement and to consummate the transactions set forth herein and to perform all the terms and conditions

hereof to be performed by it. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by Purchaser and is a legal, valid and binding obligation of Purchaser enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as limited by applicable bankruptcy, moratorium, insolvency or other laws affecting generally the rights of creditors or by principles of equity.

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5.3 Brokers and Finders. No broker or finder has acted for Purchaser in connection with this Agreement or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and no broker or finder is entitled to any brokerage or finder's fee or to any commission in respect thereof based in any way on agreements, arrangements or understandings made by or on behalf of Purchaser.

5.4 Effect of Agreement. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will not (i) result in any breach of any of the terms or conditions of, or constitute a default under, the Articles of Incorporation or other charter documents or bylaws of Purchaser, or any commitment, mortgage, note, bond, debenture, deed of trust, contract, agreement, license or other instrument or obligation to which Purchaser is now a party or by which Purchaser or any of its properties or assets may be bound or affected; or (ii) result in any violation of any Governmental Requirement applicable to Purchaser.

5.5 Suits, Actions and Claims. There are no suits, actions, claims, inquiries or investigations by any Person, or any legal, pending or, to the Best Knowledge of Purchaser, threatened against or affecting Purchaser or any of its properties, assets or business, or to which Purchaser is or might become a party, or which question the validity or legality of the transactions contemplated hereby which could result in a material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, of Purchaser.

5.6 Authority and Enforceability. Rush has the full legal right and corporate power to enter into and deliver this Agreement and to consummate the transactions set forth herein, and to perform all of the terms and conditions hereof to be performed by it. This Agreement constitutes the valid and binding obligation of Rush, enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as limited by applicable bankruptcy, moratorium, insolvency and other laws affecting the rights of creditors or by principles of equity.

5.7 No Defaults or Violations. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will not (i) result in any breach of any of the terms and conditions of, or constitute a default under, the Articles of Incorporation or other charter documents or bylaws of Rush or any commitment, mortgage, note, bond, debenture, deed of trust, contract, agreement, license or other instrument or obligation to which Rush is now a party or by which Rush or any of its properties or assets may be bound or affected; or (ii) result in any violation of any Governmental Requirement applicable to Rush, except to the extent that any such breach, default or violation would not materially adversely affect the condition, financial or otherwise, of Rush.

5.8 Subsidiary Status. Rush is the sole shareholder of Purchaser and there are no options, rights or other grants currently outstanding for the acquisition or purchase of any shares of the capital stock of Purchaser.

6. NATURE OF STATEMENTS AND SURVIVAL OF INDEMNIFICATIONS, GUARANTEES, REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF SELLER AND SHAREHOLDER. All statements of fact contained in this Agreement or in any written statement (including financial statements), certificate, schedule or other document delivered by or on behalf of Seller or Shareholder pursuant to this Agreement or in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby shall be deemed representations and warranties of Seller and Shareholder hereunder. All indemnifications, guarantees, covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made by Seller or Shareholder hereunder or pursuant hereto or in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby shall survive the Closing.

6A. NATURE OF STATEMENTS AND SURVIVAL OF INDEMNIFICATIONS, GUARANTEES, REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF PURCHASER AND RUSH. All statements of fact contained in this Agreement or in any written statement (including financial statements), certificate, schedule or other document delivered by or on behalf of Purchaser or Rush pursuant to this Agreement or in connection with the

transactions contemplated hereby shall be deemed representations and warranties of Purchaser and Rush hereunder. All indemnifications, guarantees, covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made by Purchaser or Rush hereunder or pursuant hereto or in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby shall survive the Closing.

7. CONTRACTS PRIOR TO THE CLOSING DATE.

7.1 Approval of Contracts. Except in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practice, Seller shall not enter into or amend any contracts related to the Business or the Assets between the date hereof and the Closing Date unless approved in writing by Purchaser. Seller will provide all information relating to each such contract or amendment that is requested by Purchaser to enable Purchaser to make an informed decision regarding approval of such contract or amendment. The failure of Purchaser to respond to any written request by Seller for consent to any of the foregoing actions within 24 hours after receipt of such request by W. Marvin Rush, W. M. "Rusty" Rush, Robin M. Rush or David Orf, on behalf of Purchaser, shall be deemed to be consent by Purchaser to such action. For these purposes a confirmed fax addressed to any of the foregoing individuals will constitute receipt at the time of confirmation.

7.2 Contracts Included in Assets. Any contracts, agreements or commitments (or amendments to such items) related to the Business or the Assets that are entered into by Seller between the date hereof and the Closing Date and are approved in writing by Purchaser (after review of true, correct and accurate copies of such items) shall be included in the Assets (with no addition to the Purchase Price) and shall be assumed by Purchaser pursuant to Section 3.2.

8. COVENANTS OF SELLER AND SHAREHOLDER PRIOR TO CLOSING DATE. Seller and Shareholder hereby covenant and agree that between the date of this Agreement and the Closing Date:

8.1 Access to Information. Seller shall afford to the officers and authorized representatives of Purchaser access to the plants, properties, books and records of Seller related to the Assets and the Business and shall furnish Purchaser with such financial and operating data and other information regarding the Assets and the Business and as Purchaser may from time to time reasonably request.

8.2 General Affirmative Covenants. Seller shall, and Shareholder shall cause Seller to:

(a) conduct the Business only in the ordinary course;

(b) maintain the Assets in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted;

(c) perform all its obligations under agreements relating to or affecting the Assets or the Business;

(d) keep in full force and effect adequate insurance coverage on the Assets and the operation of the Business;

(e) use its best efforts to maintain and preserve the Business, and retain its present employees, customers, suppliers and others having business relations with it;

(f) duly and timely file all reports or returns required to be filed with any Governmental Authority, and promptly pay all Taxes levied or assessed upon it or its properties or upon any part thereof;

(g) duly observe and conform to all Governmental Requirements relating to the Assets or its properties or to the operation and conduct of its business and all covenants, terms and conditions upon or under which any of its properties are held;

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(h) remove and have released, by payment or otherwise, all liens and encumbrances of any nature whatsoever on the Assets (except for liens and encumbrances, if any, specifically assumed by Purchaser pursuant to this Agreement);

(i) duly and timely take all actions necessary to carry out the transactions contemplated hereby;

(j) deliver to Purchaser on or before the 15th day of each month true and correct unaudited monthly balance sheets and statements of income for the Business for the immediately preceding month; and

(k) deliver to Purchaser on or before the Closing Date a true and correct audited annual balance sheet, statement of income and statement of changes in financial position for the year ended December 31, 1996, together with any additional financial information reasonably requested by Purchaser to allow Purchaser to timely comply with its reporting requirements under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), all in form and substance sufficient to allow Purchaser to timely comply with such reporting requirements; and

(1) preserve and maintain the goodwill of the Business.

8.3 General Negative Covenants. Seller shall not take, and Shareholder will not permit Seller to take, any of the following actions without the prior written consent of Purchaser:

(a) entering into or amending or assuming any contract, agreement, obligation, lease, license or commitment related to the Business or the Assets (or of a type included in the Assets) other than in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.1;

(b) except in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practice, selling, leasing, abandoning or otherwise disposing of any of the fixed Assets, including, but not limited to, real property, machinery, equipment or other operating properties;

(c) engaging in any activities or transactions that might adversely affect the Assets or the Business;

(d) increasing the compensation of any officer or employee of Seller, other than normal compensation adjustments in the ordinary course of the Business consistent with past practice; or

(e) selling or agreeing to sell 10 or more new trucks in any single transaction or any series of related transactions at a gross margin of less than 3 1/2%, or purchasing or agreeing to purchase 10 or more used trucks.

The failure of Purchaser to respond to any written request by Seller for consent to any of the foregoing actions within 24 hours after receipt of such request by W. Marvin Rush, Rusty Rush, Robin Rush or David Orf, on behalf of Purchaser, shall be deemed to be consent by Purchaser to such action. For these purposes a confirmed fax addressed to any of the foregoing individuals will constitute receipt at the time of confirmation.

8.4 Disclosure of Misrepresentations and Breaches. If any of the representations or warranties of Seller or Shareholder hereunder are determined by Seller or Shareholder to have been incorrect when made, or are determined by Seller or Shareholder to be incorrect as of any date subsequent to the date hereof, or if any of the covenants of Seller or Shareholder contained in this Agreement have not been complied with timely, then Seller and Shareholder shall immediately notify Purchaser to such effect (provided that such notice shall in no way limit the rights of Purchaser under Articles 10 and 23 to terminate this Agreement or refuse to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby).

8.5 Government Filings. Seller and Shareholder shall cooperate with Purchaser and its representatives in the preparation of any documents or other material that may be required by any

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Governmental Authority in connection with the Assets or the Business or the transactions contemplated hereby.

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8.6 Access to and Inspection of Premises, Facilities and Equipment. Seller shall afford to the officers and authorized representatives of Purchaser access to the premises, facilities and tangible assets included in the Assets for the purpose of inspecting such premises, facilities and equipment in such manner as Purchaser shall deem appropriate, including, but not limited to, an environmental inspection and audit. If upon completion of such inspection Purchaser finds any conditions which Purchaser, in its sole discretion, considers to be unacceptable, Purchaser may, in addition to its rights to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Articles 10 and 23, delay the Closing under Section 2.4 up to and including the earlier of (i) 10 days after remedy of the condition to Purchaser's satisfaction, or (ii) April 30, 1997. Purchaser shall provide Seller and Shareholder with a detailed written description of such unacceptable condition and shall give Seller and Shareholder a reasonable opportunity to cure such condition before it may elect to terminate this Agreement.

8.7 Inspection of Underground Storage Tanks. Within five days prior to the Closing, Seller shall (i) cause all underground storage tanks located on the premises leased by Purchaser in accordance with Article 14 to be inspected for leakage and operating condition by independent third party inspectors acceptable to Purchaser and (ii) deliver to Purchaser a written report of the inspection as prepared by such inspectors. If Purchaser, in its sole discretion, considers any items in the inspection report to be unacceptable, then Purchaser may, in addition to its rights to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Articles 10 and 23, delay the Closing Date under Section 2.4 up to and including the earlier of (i) 10 days after remedy of the condition to Purchaser's satisfaction, or (ii) April 30, 1997.

9. COVENANTS REGARDING THE CLOSING.

9.1 Covenants of Seller. Seller and Shareholder hereby covenant and agree that they shall (i) use commercially reasonable efforts to cause all of their representations and warranties set forth in this Agreement to be true on and as of the Closing Date, (ii) use commercially reasonable efforts to cause all of their obligations that are to be fulfilled on or prior to the Closing Date to be so fulfilled, (iii) use commercially reasonable efforts to cause all conditions to the Closing set forth in this Agreement to be satisfied on or prior to the Closing Date, and (iv) deliver to Purchaser at the Closing the certificates, updated lists, opinion of counsel, notices, consents, authorizations, approvals, agreements, leases, transfer documents, receipts, and amendments contemplated by Article 10 (with such additions or exceptions to such items as are necessary to make the statements set forth in such items accurate, provided that if any of such additions or exceptions cause any of the conditions to Purchaser's obligations hereunder as set forth in Article 10 not to be fulfilled, such additions and exceptions shall in no way limit the rights of Purchaser under Articles 10 and 23 to terminate this Agreement or refuse to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby).

Covenants of Purchaser and Rush. Purchaser and Rush hereby 9.2 covenant and agree that each of them shall (i) use commercially reasonable efforts to cause all of their respective representations and warranties set forth in this Agreement to be true on and as of the Closing Date, (ii) use commercially reasonable efforts to cause all of their respective obligations that are to be fulfilled on or prior to the Closing Date to be so fulfilled, (iii) use commercially reasonable efforts to cause all conditions to the Closing set forth in this Agreement to be satisfied on or prior to the Closing Date (provided that failure by Purchaser or Rush to comply with a second requirement for information under the HSR Act or to comply with any requested divestiture of assets or to enter into any consent or similar order or agreement shall not constitute a failure of Purchaser or Rush to use commercially reasonable efforts), and (iv) deliver to Seller at the Closing the certificate contemplated by Article 11 (with such additions or exceptions to such certificate as are necessary to make the statements set forth in such certificate accurate, provided that if any of such additions or exceptions cause any of the conditions to Seller's obligations hereunder as set forth in Article 11 not to be fulfilled, such additions and exceptions shall in no way limit the rights of Seller under Articles 11 and 23 to terminate this Agreement or to refuse to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby).

9.3 Inventory Audit. Within five days prior to Closing, Seller and Purchaser shall each appoint one or more representatives knowledgeable in the heavy duty truck business, and shall cause such representatives to conduct an audit (in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied) of the inventory of the Assets as of the Closing Date. Each party shall bear their cost of conducting such audit.

9A. COVENANTS AFTER THE CLOSING.

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9A.1 Covenants of Purchaser. Within 30 days after the end of each calendar month ending prior to payment in full of the portion of the Purchase Price described in Section 3.1(h), Purchaser shall notify Shareholder of the number of new Peterbilt motor vehicles sold by Purchaser during such calendar month.

10. CONDITIONS TO OBLIGATIONS OF PURCHASER. The obligations of Purchaser hereunder are, at the option of Purchaser, subject to the satisfaction, on or prior to the Closing Date, of the following conditions (any of which may be waived by Purchaser, in its sole discretion):

10.1 Accuracy of Representations and Warranties and Fulfillment of Covenants. The representations and warranties of Seller and Shareholder contained in this Agreement shall be true and correct on and as of the Closing Date with the same effect as though such representations and warranties had been made on and as of such date except to the extent any inaccuracy would not have a Material Adverse Effect. Each and all of the agreements and covenants of Seller and Shareholder to be performed on or before the Closing Date pursuant to the terms hereof shall have been performed except to the extent any failure would not have a Material Adverse Effect. Seller and Shareholder shall have delivered to Purchaser a certificate dated the Closing Date and executed by Seller and Shareholder to all such effects or disclosing any such representation or warranty not so true and correct or any such agreement or covenant not so performed.

10.2 No Governmental Actions. No action or proceeding before any Governmental Authority shall have been instituted or threatened to restrain or prohibit the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and Seller and Shareholder shall have delivered to Purchaser a certificate dated the Closing Date and executed by Seller and Shareholder stating they have no Best Knowledge of any such items. No Governmental Authority shall have taken any other action as a result of which the management of Purchaser reasonably deems it inadvisable to proceed with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement except to the extent any such action would not have a Material Adverse Effect.

10.3 No Material Adverse Change. No Material Adverse Effect shall have occurred since the Balance Sheet Date, and Seller shall have delivered to Purchaser a certificate dated the Closing Date and executed by Seller and Shareholder to such effect.

10.4 Update of Contracts. Seller and Shareholder shall have delivered to Purchaser an accurate list, as of the Closing Date, showing (i) all agreements, contracts and commitments of the type listed on Schedule 4.8 entered into since the date of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, amendments, if any, to the items listed on Schedule 4.8), and (ii) all other agreements, contracts and commitments related to the Business or the Assets entered into since the date of this Agreement, together with true, complete and accurate copies of all documents (or in the case of oral commitments, descriptions of the material terms thereof) relevant to the items on the list (the "New Contracts"). Purchaser shall have the opportunity to review the New Contracts, and shall have the right to delay the Closing for up to five (5) days if it in its sole discretion Purchaser deems such a delay necessary to enable it to adequately review the New Contracts. All of the New Contracts that are approved in writing by Purchaser prior to the Closing, as it may be delayed, (whether such approval by Purchaser is given before or after Seller executes the New Contract) shall be included in the Assets (with no addition to the Purchase Price) and the future obligations of Seller thereunder shall be assumed by Purchaser pursuant to Section 3.2. Any New Contracts that are not approved in writing by Purchaser prior to the Closing, as it may be delayed, shall remain the sole obligation of Seller and shall not be assumed by Purchaser, and Purchaser shall have no obligation or liability with respect thereto.

10.5 No Material Adverse Information. The investigations with respect to Seller, the Assets and the Business performed by Purchaser's professional advisors and other representatives shall not have revealed any Material Adverse Effect.

10.6 Notices and Consents. No notice to or consent, authorization, approval or order of any Person shall be required for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (except for notices that have been duly and timely given and consents, authorizations and approvals that have been obtained), and Seller and Shareholder shall have delivered to Purchaser a certificate dated the Closing Date and executed by Seller and Shareholder to such effect. True and correct copies of all required notices, consents, authorizations and approvals shall have been delivered to Purchaser and shall be satisfactory in form and substance to Purchaser and its counsel. 10.7 Noncompetition Agreements. Each of Seller and Shareholder

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10.7 Noncompetition Agreements. Each of Seller and Shareholder shall have entered into and delivered a fully executed Noncompetition Agreement as contemplated by Article 15.

10.8 Lease. Purchaser shall have received a fully executed and delivered Lease Agreement as contemplated by Article 14 hereof.

10.9 Corporate Approval. Each of Seller and Shareholder shall have taken or caused to be taken all necessary or desirable actions, steps and corporate proceedings (whether by directors, shareholders or otherwise) to approve and authorize the transfer of the Business and the Assets by Seller to Purchaser, and to approve and authorize the execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Seller, and Seller and Shareholder shall have delivered to Purchaser at Closing a certificate to all such effects.

10.10 Transfer and Assignment Documents. Seller shall have delivered to Purchaser all documents reasonably necessary or required to effectively transfer and assign the Business and the Assets to Purchaser (including, without limitation, all required consents), such transfers and assignments to convey good and marketable title to the Assets to Purchaser, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances whatsoever (except for liens, encumbrances and obligations, if any, specifically assumed by Purchaser pursuant to this Agreement), and to be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Purchaser and its counsel.

10.11 Liens Released. Each and every lien or encumbrance of any nature, if any, relating to the Assets shall have been terminated and released and proof thereof delivered to the Purchaser (except for liens and encumbrances, if any, specifically assumed by Purchaser pursuant to this Agreement).

10.12 Ordinary Course of Business. During the period from the date of this Agreement until Closing, Seller shall have carried on the Business in accordance with Sections 8.2 and 8.3, except to the extent that violations of the provisions of any one or more of the provisions of Sections 8.2(a) through (g) and (l) and 8.3(b) and (c) would not result in a Material Adverse Effect, and the Seller and Shareholder shall have delivered to Purchaser at Closing a certificate to that effect.

10.13 Other Documents. Seller and Shareholder shall have delivered or caused to be delivered all other documents, agreements, resolutions, certificates or declarations as Purchaser or its attorneys may have reasonably requested.

10.14 Dealer License. Purchaser shall have obtained written approval to be licensed as a New Motor Vehicle Dealer by the appropriate department or agency of the State of Colorado to do business as a Peterbilt dealer at the present locations of the dealerships; provided, however, that Purchaser shall use its reasonable best efforts to secure such approval prior to Closing.

10.15 Inventory Audit. The inventory audit contemplated by Section 9.3 shall have been completed.

11. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO OBLIGATIONS OF SELLER. The obligations of Seller hereunder are, at its option, subject to the satisfaction, on or prior to the Closing Date, of the following conditions (any of which may be waived by Seller in its sole discretion):

11.1 Accuracy of Representations and Warranties and Fulfillment of Covenants. The representations and warranties of Purchaser contained in this Agreement shall be true and correct on and as of the Closing Date with the same effect as though such representations and warranties had been made on and as of such date. Each of the agreements and covenants of Purchaser to be performed on or before the

Closing Date shall have been performed. Purchaser shall have delivered to Seller a certificate dated the Closing Date and executed by Purchaser to all such effects.

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11.2 Delivery of Purchase Price. Purchaser shall have paid to Seller the Purchase Price as required by this Agreement, subject in all respects to the provisions of Article 26 below.

11.3 Receivables Guarantee. Rush shall have agreed to guarantee any recourse obligations of Seller required in connection with the sale by Seller of accounts receivable generated with respect to the Business prior to the Closing Date in consideration for the agreement of Seller and Shareholder to reimburse Rush for any amounts paid under such guarantee.

11.4 Governmental Approvals. All necessary government and regulatory approvals have been obtained, and all required waiting periods under the HSR Act shall have expired or been terminated.

12. SPECIAL CLOSING AND POST-CLOSING COVENANTS.

12.1 Delivery of Funds and Other Assets Collected by Seller; Power of Attorney. To the extent Seller receives any funds or other assets in payment of receivables, or in connection with any other Assets, being sold to Purchaser pursuant hereto, Seller shall immediately deliver such funds and assets to Purchaser and take all steps necessary to vest title to such funds and assets in Purchaser. Seller hereby designates Purchaser and its officers as Seller's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution, to execute or endorse for the benefit of Purchaser any checks, notes or other documents included in the Assets or received by Purchaser in payment of or in substitution or exchange for any of the Assets. Seller hereby acknowledges and agrees that the power of attorney set forth in the preceding sentence is coupled with an interest, and further agrees to execute and deliver to Purchaser from time to time any documents or instruments reasonably requested by Purchaser to evidence such power of attorney.

12.2 Change of Name of Seller. Immediately upon the occurrence of the Closing, Seller shall cease using, and thereafter not use, the name "Denver Peterbilt" and all derivations thereof in connection with any business enterprise or investment activity, including but not limited to the sale of new or used trucks or other motor vehicles, except with respect to the filing and use of the "Denver Peterbilt" tradename in connection with securing dealer license plates for vehicles of Shareholder and with collection of accounts receivable of Seller existing on the Closing Date. Within one year after the Closing Date, Seller will take all actions necessary to change its corporate name to a name other than "Denver Peterbilt" or a derivation thereof.

12.3 Access to Files. For a period of five years after the Closing or such longer term as Seller or Shareholder may require if Seller or Shareholder is then involved in litigation or under investigation or audit by a governmental agency or bureau relating to Seller or the Assets, Purchaser shall maintain and give Seller and Shareholder and their respective representatives full access to, and shall permit Seller and Shareholder and their respective representatives, at their own expense, to make photocopies of, all originals of the files and records relating to Seller or the Assets.

12.4 Exchange Act Filing; Cooperation. After the Closing, Seller shall, at the cost and expense of Purchaser, reasonably cooperate with and provide information to Purchaser as is necessary for Purchaser to comply with its reporting obligations under the Exchange Act.

13. INDEMNITY BY SELLER AND SHAREHOLDER.

13.1 Indemnity. Seller and the Shareholder (the "Indemnifying Parties") shall, and hereby do, jointly and severally indemnify, hold harmless and defend Purchaser and its officers, directors, employees, agents, consultants, representatives and Affiliates (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") at all times from and after the date of Closing, from and against any and all penalties, demands, damages, punitive damages, losses, liabilities, suits, costs, costs of any settlement or judgment, claims of any and every kind whatsoever, refund obligations (including, without limitation, interest and penalties thereon), remediation costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and reduced by the amount of any federal

income tax benefits utilized by Purchaser), of or to any of the Indemnified Parties ("Damages"), which may now or in the future be paid, incurred or suffered by or asserted against the Indemnified Parties by any Person resulting or arising from or incurred in connection with any one or more of the following (provided that this Section 13.1 shall not apply to any items that have been expressly assumed by Purchaser under this Agreement):

(a) any liability or claim for liability (whether in contract, in tort or otherwise, and whether or not successful) of or against Seller or Shareholder or related in any way to the business or assets of any of them;

(b) any liability or claim for liability (whether in contract, in tort or otherwise, and whether or not successful) related in any way to the Assets or the Business to the extent such liability or claim for liability arises in connection with any action, omission or event occurring on or prior to the Closing Date (including, but not limited to, claims for product liability with respect to products manufactured, distributed or sold by Seller on or prior to the Closing Date);

(c) any liability or claim for liability (whether in contract, in tort or otherwise, and whether or not successful) related to any liens, obligations or encumbrances of any nature whatsoever against or in any way related to the Assets or the Business which have not been expressly assumed by Purchaser hereunder;

(d) any liability or claim for liability (whether in contract, in tort or otherwise, and whether or not successful) related to Taxes of Seller;

(e) any liability or claim for liability (whether or not successful) related to any lawsuit or threatened lawsuit or claim involving Seller or Shareholder;

(f) any misrepresentation, breach of warranty or nonfulfillment of any covenant or agreement on the part of Seller or Shareholder under this Agreement or from any misrepresentation in or omission from any list, schedule, certificate or other instrument furnished or to be furnished to Purchaser pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, including any such misrepresentation, breach of warranty or nonfulfillment disclosed to Purchaser in accordance with Section 10.1 resulting in Damages of less than \$200,000;

(g) any liability or claim for liability against Purchaser or any of the Assets to the extent such liability or claim for liability arises in connection with the failure of Purchaser and Seller to comply with any applicable bulk transfer law; and

(h) all actions, suits, proceedings, demands, assessments, adjustments, costs and expenses (including costs of court and reasonable attorneys' fees) incident to any of the foregoing;

but only if such Damages exceed \$200,000 in the aggregate.

13.2 Notice of Claim. Purchaser agrees that upon its discovery of facts giving rise to a claim for indemnity under the provisions of this Agreement, including receipt by it or any Indemnified Party of notice of any demand, assertion, claim, action or proceeding, judicial or otherwise, by any Person with respect to any matter as to which any of the Indemnified Parties are entitled to indemnity under the provisions of this Agreement (such actions being collectively referred to herein as the "Claim"), Purchaser will give prompt notice thereof in writing to Seller together with a statement of such information respecting any of the foregoing as it shall then have; provided that any delay in giving or failure to give such notice shall not limit the rights of Purchaser or any Indemnified Party to indemnity hereunder except to the extent that the Indemnifying parties are shown to have been damaged by such delay or failure.

13.3 Right of Seller to Participate in Defense. With respect to any Claim as to which any of the Indemnified Parties seeks indemnity hereunder, Purchaser shall provide Seller with the opportunity to participate in the defense of such Claim with counsel of Seller's choice and at Seller's cost and expense and

shall not, without the consent of Seller, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, settle any such Claim, so long as the Indemnifying Parties shall have unconditionally acknowledged their obligation to indemnify hereunder with respect to such Claim. To the extent reasonably requested by Purchaser, Seller shall reasonably cooperate with Purchaser and its representatives and counsel in any dispute or defense related to any Claim.

13.4 Payment. The Indemnifying Parties shall promptly pay to Purchaser or such other Indemnified Party as may be entitled to indemnity hereunder in cash the amount of any Damages to which Purchaser or such Indemnified Party may become entitled by reason of the provisions of this Agreement.

13.5 Limit of Liability of Shareholder. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, the liability of Shareholder under this Agreement, shall be limited in the aggregate to \$8,000,000.

13.6 Limitations on Indemnity. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of Article 13:

(a) No action for indemnification shall be brought by the Indemnified Parties under Article 13 unless a Claim has been delivered to the Indemnifying Parties prior to the expiration of two years after the Closing Date; and

(b) No action for indemnification shall be brought by any Indemnified Party under Article 13 with respect to any matter of which such Indemnified Party had actual knowledge prior to Closing, other than from oral communications from Seller or Shareholder.

(c) Neither Seller nor Shareholder shall be liable to any Indemnified Party under this Agreement for any Damages for any Environmental Liability with respect to, or relating to, any acts, omissions, conditions, facts or circumstances occurring or existing prior to December 31, 1986.

13A. INDEMNITY BY PURCHASER.

13A.1 Indemnity. Purchaser shall, and hereby does indemnify, hold harmless and defend Seller and Shareholder at all times from and after the date of this Agreement, from and against any and all penalties, demands, damages, punitive damages, losses, liabilities, suits, costs, costs of any settlement or judgment, claims of any and every kind whatsoever, refund obligations (including, without limitation, interest and penalties thereon), remediation costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees), of or to Seller or Shareholder ("Damages"), which may now or in the future be paid, incurred or suffered by or asserted against Seller or Shareholder by any Person resulting or arising from or incurred in connection with any one or more of the following:

> (a) any liability or claim for liability (whether in contract, in tort or otherwise, and whether or not successful) related in any way to the Assets or the Business to the extent such liability or claim for liability arises in connection with any action, omission or event occurring after the Closing Date (including, but not limited to, claims for product liability with respect to products manufactured, distributed or sold by Seller after the Closing Date; and

> (b) any misrepresentation, breach of warranty or nonfulfillment of any covenant or agreement on the part of Purchaser under this Agreement or from any misrepresentation in or omission from any list, schedule, certificate or other instrument furnished or to be furnished to Seller or Shareholder pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

(c) any failure to timely make any payment due to Seller or Shareholder pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, including but not limited to the provisions of Sections 3.1(h) and 3.3.

13A.2 Notice of Claim. Seller and Shareholder agrees that upon their discovery of facts giving rise to a claim for indemnity under the provisions of this Agreement, including receipt by Seller or Shareholder of notice of any demand, assertion, claim, action or proceeding, judicial or otherwise, by any Person with respect to any matter as to which Seller or Shareholder are entitled to indemnity under the provisions of this

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Agreement (such actions being collectively referred to herein as the "Claim"), Seller and Shareholder will give prompt notice thereof in writing to Purchaser together with a statement of such information respecting any of the foregoing as they shall then have; provided that any delay in giving or failure to give such notice shall not limit the rights of Seller or Shareholder to indemnity hereunder except to the extent that the Purchaser is shown to have been damaged by such delay or failure.

13A.3 Right of Purchaser to Participate in Defense. With respect to any Claim as to which Seller or Shareholder seeks indemnity hereunder, Seller and Shareholder shall provide Purchaser with the opportunity to participate in the defense of such Claim with counsel of Purchaser's choice and at Purchaser's cost and expense. To the extent reasonably requested by Seller and Shareholder, Purchaser shall reasonably cooperate with Seller and Shareholder and their representatives and counsel in any dispute or defense related to any Claim.

13A.4 Payment. Purchaser shall promptly pay to Seller and Shareholder in cash the amount of any Damages to which Seller and Shareholder may become entitled by reason of the provisions of this Agreement.

13A.5 Limitations on Indemnity. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of Article 13A:

(a) No action for indemnification shall be brought by Seller or Shareholder under Article 13A unless a Claim has been delivered to Purchaser prior to the expiration of two years after the Closing Date except for claims related to the payments due to Seller and Shareholder pursuant to Sections 3.1(h) and 3.3.

(b) No action for indemnification shall be brought by Seller or Shareholder under this Article 13A with respect to any matter of which Seller or Shareholder had actual knowledge prior to Closing, other than from oral communications from Purchaser.

LEASE AGREEMENT. An appraisal of the property on which 14. Seller's Denver, Colorado dealership is located (the "Denver Property") will be completed as of the date of Closing and a "net net" lease between Seller and Purchaser in the form of and containing the same terms and provisions as the Lease Agreement included in Schedule 14 (the "Lease Agreement") will be entered into on such date. The terms of the Lease Agreement will provide that (a) Purchaser will pay rent to Seller in a monthly amount equal to 1% of the appraised value of the Denver Property as of the date of Closing, and (b) the Lease Agreement will be for a period equal to the earlier to occur of (i) 30 months from the Closing, or (ii) at such time as Purchaser is prepared to relocate the Denver, Colorado dealership and the Denver Property is sold. the expiration of such period, Seller and Purchaser shall jointly use their best efforts to sell the Denver Property. If after a reasonable marketing period the best bona fide offer to purchase such property is less than 90% of the amount that such property appraised for on the date of Closing and Seller desires to sell the Denver Property, Purchaser shall be required to elect to either (i) purchase the Denver Property for an amount equal to 90% of such appraised value, or (ii) direct Seller to sell the Denver Property for the amount of such bona fide offer and pay to Seller an amount equal to the difference between 90% of the appraised value of the Denver Property on the date of Closing and the amount for which such property is ultimately sold.

15. NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENTS. On the Closing Date, Seller and Shareholder shall execute and deliver to Purchaser a Noncompetition Agreement in the form of and containing the same terms and provisions as the Noncompetition Agreement included in Schedule 15.

16. NONDISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. Seller and Shareholder recognize and acknowledge that they have and will have access to certain confidential information) of Seller that is included in the Assets (including, but not limited to, lists of customers, and costs and financial information) that after the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will be valuable, special and unique property of Purchaser. Seller and Shareholder agree that they will not disclose, and they will use their best efforts to prevent disclosure by any other Person of, any such confidential information to, nor any discussion of any of the terms of this Agreement with, any Person for any purpose or reason whatsoever, except to authorized representatives of Purchaser. Seller and Shareholder recognize and agree that violation of any of the agreements contained in this Article 16 will cause irreparable damage or injury to Purchaser, the exact amount

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of which may be impossible to ascertain, and that, for such reason, among others, Purchaser shall be entitled to an injunction, without the necessity of posting bond therefor, restraining any further violation of such agreements. Such rights to any injunction shall be in addition to, and not in limitation of, any other rights and remedies Purchaser may have against Seller or Shareholder.

ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACTS. Notwithstanding any other provision 17 of this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement or any related document shall be construed as an attempt to assign (i) any Contract which, as a matter of law or by its terms, is nonassignable without the consent of the other parties thereto unless such consent has been given, or (ii) any Contract or claim as to which all of the remedies for the enforcement thereof enjoyed by Seller would not, as a matter of law or by its terms, pass to Purchaser as an incident of the transfers and assignments to be made under this Agreement. In order, however, that the full value of every Contract and claim of the character described in clauses (i) and (ii) above and all claims and demands on such Contracts may be realized for the benefit of Purchaser, Seller, at the request and expense and under the direction of Purchaser, shall take all such action and do or cause to be done all such things as will, in the opinion of Purchaser, be necessary or proper in order that the obligations of Seller under such Contracts may be performed in such manner that the value of such Contract will be preserved and will inure to the benefit of Purchaser, and for, and to facilitate, the collection of the moneys due and payable and to become due and payable thereunder to Purchaser in and under every such contract and claim. Seller shall promptly pay over to Purchaser all moneys collected by or paid to it in respect of every such contract, claim or demand. Nothing in this Article 17 shall relieve Seller and Shareholder of their obligations to obtain any consents required for the transfer of the Assets and all rights thereunder to Purchaser, or shall relieve Seller or Shareholder from any liability to Purchaser for failure to obtain such consents.

18. DAMAGE TO ASSETS. If, on or before the Closing Date, any of the Assets are damaged or destroyed, Seller will immediately notify Purchaser of such damage or destruction. In the event of any such damage or destruction, Purchaser shall, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, (i) remove any or all of the damaged or destroyed asset or assets it does not desire to purchase from the Assets to be purchased hereunder and reduce the Purchase Price by an amount equal to the portion of the Purchase Price attributable to the damaged or destroyed asset or assets so removed and (ii) complete the purchase of the remainder of the Assets and reduce the Purchase Price by the loss in fair market value of any damaged or destroyed Assets that are purchased by Purchaser.

19. EXPENSES. Whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated, each of the parties will pay all costs and expenses of its or his performance of and compliance with this Agreement.

20. FURTHER ACTIONS. From time to time, at the request of any party hereto, the other parties hereto shall execute and deliver such instruments and take such action as may be reasonably requested to evidence the transactions contemplated hereby.

21. NOTICES. All notices, requests, demands and other communications required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally, given by prepaid telex or telegram or by facsimile or other similar instantaneous electronic transmission device or mailed first class, postage prepaid, certified United States mail, return receipt requested, as follows:

(a) If to Purchaser, at:

Rush Truck Centers of Colorado, Inc. P. O. Box 34630 San Antonio, Texas 78265 Attention: Robin M. Rush Facsimile No.: (210) 661-4306

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With a copy to:

Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. 300 Convent Street, Suite 2200 San Antonio, Texas 78205 Attention: Phillip M. Renfro, Esq. Facsimile No.: (210) 224-8336

(b) If to Seller, at:

Denver Peterbilt, Inc. 4901 Race Street Denver, Colorado 80216 Attention: Greg Lessing Facsimile No.: (303) 292-5377

With a copy to:

Lentz, Evans & King, P.C. 2900 Lincoln Centre Bldg. 1660 Lincoln Street Denver, Colorado 80264 Attention: Richard Robinson Facsimile No.: (303) 860-8654

(c) If to Shareholder, at:

Greg Lessing 13506 Travois Trail Parker, Colorado 80134

With a copy to:

Lentz, Evans & King, P.C. 2900 Lincoln Centre Bldg. 1660 Lincoln Street Denver, Colorado 80264 Attention: Richard Robinson Facsimile No.: (303) 860-8654

provided that any party may change its address for notice by giving to the other party written notice of such change. Any notice given under this Article 21 shall be effective when received at the address for notice for the party to which the notice is given.

22. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

22.1 Governing Law; Interpretation; Section Headings. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado, without regard to conflict-of-laws rules as applied in Colorado. The section headings contained herein are for purposes of convenience only, and shall not be deemed to constitute a part of this Agreement or to affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement in any way.

22.2 Severability. Should any provision of this Agreement be held unenforceable or invalid under the laws of the United States of America or the State of Texas, or under any other applicable laws of any other jurisdiction, then the parties hereto agree that such provision shall be deemed modified for purposes of performance of this Agreement in such jurisdiction to the extent necessary to render it lawful and enforceable, or if such a modification is not possible without materially altering the intention of the parties hereto, then such provision shall be severed herefrom for purposes of performance of this Agreement in such jurisdiction. The validity of the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected by any such modification or severance, except that if any severance materially alters the intentions of the parties hereto as expressed herein (a modification being permitted only if there is no material alteration), then the parties hereto shall use commercially reasonable efforts to agree to appropriate equitable amendments to this Agreement in light of such severance, and if no such agreement can be reached within a reasonable time, any party hereto may initiate arbitration under the then current commercial arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association to determine and effect such appropriate equitable amendments.

22.3 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, the Schedules and the documents and agreements referenced herein set forth the entire agreement and understanding of the parties hereto with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby, and supersede all prior agreements, arrangements and understandings related to the subject matter hereof. No representation, promise, inducement or statement of intention has been made by any party hereto which is not embodied or referenced in this Agreement, the Schedules or the documents or agreements referenced herein, and no party hereto shall be bound by or liable for any alleged representation, promise, inducement or statement of intention not so set forth.

22.4 Binding Effect. All the terms, provisions, covenants and conditions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, successors and assigns.

22.5 Assignment. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall not be assigned or delegated by any party hereto without the prior written consent of the other parties hereto.

22.6 Amendment; Waiver. This Agreement may be amended, modified, superseded or canceled, and any of the terms, provisions, representations, warranties, covenants or conditions hereof may be waived, only by a written instrument executed by all parties hereto, or, in the case of a waiver, by the party waiving compliance. The failure of any party at any time or times to require performance of any provision hereof shall in no manner affect the right to enforce the same. No waiver by any party of any condition contained in this Agreement, or of the breach of any term, provision, representation, warranty or covenant contained in this Agreement, in any one or more instances, shall be deemed to be or construed as a further or continuing waiver of any such condition or breach, or as a waiver of any other condition or of the breach of any other term, provision, representation, warranty or covenant.

22.7 Gender; Numbers. All references in this Agreement to the masculine, feminine or neuter genders shall, where appropriate, be deemed to include all other genders. All plurals used in this Agreement shall, where appropriate, be deemed to be singular, and vice versa.

22.8 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement shall be binding when one or more counterparts hereof, individually or taken together, shall bear the signatures of the parties reflected hereon as signatories.

22.9 Telecopy Execution and Delivery. A facsimile, telecopy or other reproduction of this Agreement may be executed by one or more parties hereto, and an executed copy of this Agreement may be delivered by one or more parties hereto by facsimile or similar instantaneous electronic transmission device pursuant to which the signature of or on behalf of such party can be seen, and such execution and delivery shall be considered valid, binding and effective for all purposes. At the request of any party hereto, all parties hereto agree to execute an original of this Agreement as well as any facsimile, telecopy or other reproduction hereof. 22.10 Press Releases. No press releases or other public announcement with respect to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated herein shall be made prior to the Closing Date without the joint approval of Purchaser and Seller, except as required by law.

22.11 Arbitration. The Parties to this Agreement agree that any dispute or controversy arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or any alleged breach hereof shall be settled by arbitration in Denver, Colorado, pursuant to the rules of the American Arbitration Association. If the two parties cannot jointly select a single arbitrator to determine the matter, one arbitrator shall be chosen by each party (or, if a party fails to make a choice, by the American Arbitration Association on behalf of such party) and the two arbitrators so chosen will select a third. The decisions of the single arbitrator jointly selected by the parties, or, if three arbitrators are selected, the decision of any two of them, will be final and binding upon the parties and the judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction may be entered thereon. Fees of the arbitrators and costs of arbitrator shall be borne by the parties in such manner as shall be determined by the arbitrator or arbitrators.

23. TERMINATION. This Agreement may be terminated without further obligation of the parties, as follows:

 $23.1\,$ Mutual Consent. This Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to Closing by mutual written consent of the parties hereto.

23.2 Termination.

Termination by Purchaser. This Agreement may be (a) terminated by Purchaser upon delivery of a written notice of termination to Seller and Shareholder if the conditions set forth in Article 10 of this Agreement have not been fulfilled by Seller, or waived by Purchaser on or before the Closing Date. Prior to Purchaser exercising its rights to terminate this Agreement, it shall deliver written notice of such failure to Seller and to Shareholder describing such failure in detail, and giving Seller and Shareholder, at their option, the right to delay the closing for a period of not more than 180 days for the purpose of curing such failure. In the event of such termination, the Escrowed Funds (as defined in the Escrow Agreement dated December _, 1996, among Seller, Purchaser and the Escrow Agent (as defined therein)) shall be delivered to Purchaser, and Purchaser shall have no further claim or right of action against Seller or Shareholder as a result of this $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Agreement}}, \ensuremath{\mathsf{except}}$ that if such termination occurs because of any failure under Sections 9.3, 10.7, 10.9, 10.10, 10.11 or 10.120f the Agreement, then Seller and Shareholder shall pay to Purchaser cash in the amount of \$1,000,000 as liquidated damages, in full satisfaction of any and all claims or causes of action against Seller and Shareholder as a result of such failure.

(b) Termination by Seller. This Agreement may be terminated by Seller and Shareholder upon delivery of a written notice of termination to Purchaser, if the conditions set forth in Sections 9.3 or 11 of this Agreement have not been fulfilled by Purchaser or waived by Seller on or before the Closing Date. Prior to Seller exercising its rights to terminate this Agreement, it shall deliver written notice of such failure to Purchaser describing such failure in detail and giving Purchaser, at its option, the right to delay the closing for a period of not more than 180 days for the purpose of curing such failure. In the event of such termination, the Escrowed Funds shall be delivered to Seller as liquidated damages, and Seller shall have no further claim or right of action against Purchaser or Rush as a result of this Agreement.

(c) Exclusivity of Remedies. The termination of the Agreement and the provisions for liquidated damages set forth in this Section 23.2 shall be the exclusive remedy of either party for the other party's failure to satisfy the conditions set forth in Sections 9.3, 10 or 11.

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24.1 New Employees of Purchaser. It is the intention of Purchaser, and Seller hereby acknowledges and agrees with such position, that any employees of Seller that Purchaser hires will be new employees of Purchaser as of the Closing Date or the date of hire, which ever is later. Such new employees shall be entitled only to such compensation and employees benefits as are agreed to by such employees and Purchaser, or as are otherwise provided by Purchaser, in its sole discretion.

24.2 No Hiring Commitment. Purchaser specifically does not commit to hire any of the employees of the Business, and Seller specifically understands and acknowledges this fact. However, notwithstanding Purchaser's position, Purchaser will review its needs in anticipation of the purchase of the Assets with a view to hiring certain of the employees of Seller as of the Closing Date. In its review, Purchaser expects to be able to review employee records and conduct employee interviews. Seller agrees that after the date hereof it will make, on a confidential basis, its employee records available to Purchaser and permit Purchaser to contact its employees for the purpose of conducting employee interviews. Seller further agrees to make employees designated by Purchaser available to Purchaser for such purpose.

24.3 Existing Employee Benefit Plans; Assumption of Vacation and Sick Leave Obligations. At the Closing, Purchaser shall assume Seller's obligations to employees of Seller hired by Purchaser for accrued but unused vacation and sick leave, and the Purchase Price shall be reduced by the dollar value of such obligation. Except for vacation and sick leave time assumed by Purchaser as set forth above, Purchaser shall have no obligation after the Closing to continue any pension plans or work benefit plans currently offered by Seller to its employees.

25. OFFSET PROVISIONS. If, following the Closing Date, Seller or Shareholder becomes obligated to pay any sums to Purchaser or any Indemnified Party pursuant to the provisions of Section 13 of this Agreement, Purchaser shall be entitled to and shall have the right to reduce and offset payments due under this Agreement and the Noncompetition Agreement in such amount or amounts as Purchaser (and any Indemnified Party that is not promptly paid by Seller) is entitled to receive from Seller or Shareholder, and any such offset shall be deemed to be a payment under such Agreements; provided, however, that prior to any such offset Purchaser shall have provided to the Shareholder a notice of Claim as described in Section 13.2 or an otherwise reasonably detailed description of the matter giving rise to such offset.

26. ADJUSTMENT OF PURCHASE PRICE. The Purchase Price shall be adjusted on the Closing Date (i) to reduce the Purchase Price by the amount allocated to any damaged or destroyed Assets as contemplated by Article 18; (ii) to account for a proration of property taxes on the Assets, lease payments, utilities and other items commonly prorated; and (iii) to reduce the Purchase Price for the value of any vacation and sick time obligations of Seller assumed by Purchaser pursuant to Section 24.3. Three (3) days prior to the Closing Date, Seller will provide Purchaser with a statement of adjustments showing all proposed adjustments to the Purchase Price, such statement of adjustments having all reasonable back up documentation for such suggested adjustments. Purchaser and Seller will work to finalize all required adjustments prior to the Closing Date.

27. GUARANTEE. Rush hereby (i) unconditionally guarantees the prompt payment and performance of each and every obligation, liability, indemnity, covenant and agreement of Purchaser under this Agreement, (ii) waives any requirement of notice, demand, protest or grace period with respect thereto; (iii) agrees that neither Seller nor Shareholder shall be required to either seek recovery from Purchaser or to exhaust their remedies against Purchaser or any other person before enforcing the provisions of this guarantee; (iv) waives any defense arising by reason of any disability or other defense of Purchaser (other than an offset in accordance with Article 25 of this Agreement), or by reason of cessation of liability from any cause whatsoever, except full payment or performance thereof; and (v) agrees that Seller and Shareholder shall be entitled to recover all costs and expenses with respect to the enforcement of this guarantee, including but not limited to court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees. Rush hereby agrees and acknowledges that Seller and Shareholder are relying on this guarantee in entering into and consummating the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and that, but for this guarantee, they would not enter into this Agreement or consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. PURCHASER:

RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF COLORADO, INC.

By: /s/ W. Marvin Rush
Name: W. Marvin Rush
Title: Chief Executive Officer

SOLE SHAREHOLDER OF PURCHASER:

RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC.

By: /s/ W. Marvin Rush Name: W. Marvin Rush Title: Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

SELLER:

DENVER PETERBILT, INC.

By: /s/ Greg Lessing
Name: Greg Lessing
Title:

SOLE SHAREHOLDER OF SELLER:

/s/ Greg Lessing Greg Lessing

RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

COMPUTATION OF NET INCOME AND PRO FORMA EARNINGS PER SHARE (in thousands, except per share amounts - unaudited)

	Three months ended December 31,				
	1996	1995	1996 ======	1995	
PRIMARY EARNINGS PER SHARE CALCULATION					
Income from continuing operations Income from discontinued operations	- 0 -	- 0 -	\$ 6,202 - 0 -	1,561	
Net income			\$ 6,202		
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding Weighted average number of common share equivalents applicable to stock options	- 0 -	- 0 -	5,590 - 0 -	- 0 -	
Common shares and common share equivalents			5,590 ======		
Earnings per share - Primary From continuing operations From discontinued operations	- 0 -	- 0 -	\$ 1.11 - 0 -	.41	
Net income			\$ 1.11 =======		
FULLY-DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE CALCULATION					
Income from continuing operations Income from discontinued operations	- 0 -	- 0 -	\$ 6,202 - 0 -	1,561	
Net income			\$ 6,202		
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding Weighted average number of common share equivalents applicable to stock options	- 0 -	- 0 -	5,590 - 0 -	- 0 -	
Common shares and common share equivalents			5,590 ======		
Earnings per share - Fully diluted (1) From continuing operations From discontinued operations	- 0 -	- 0 -	\$ 1.11 - 0 -	.41	
Net income			\$ 1.11 =======		

(1) This calculation is submitted in accordance with item 601(b)11 of regulation S-K although it is not required by APB Opinion No. 15 because it results in dilution of less than 3%.

PRO FORMA EARNINGS PER SHARE

Pro forma income from continuing operations after provision for income taxes	\$	1,460	\$	5,268	\$	3,995
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding		3,750		5,338		3,750
Pro forma shares issued at offering price to pay undistributed S corporation earnings		547		252		547
Pro forma weighted average shares outstanding		4,297		5,237		4,297
Pro forma income from continuing operations per share	\$ ==	.34	\$ ==	.94	\$ ==	. 75

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

As independent public accountants, we hereby consent to the incorporation of our reports included in this Form 10-K, into the Company's previously filed Registration Statement (SEC File No. 333-07043).

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

San Antonio, Texas March 25, 1997 5 1,000

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