
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 23, 2011

TIM HORTONS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Canada
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-32843
(Commission
File Number)

98-0641955
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

874 Sinclair Road, Oakville, ON, Canada
(Address of principal executive offices)

L6K 2Y1
(Zip Code)

(905) 845-6511
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 23, 2011, Tim Hortons Inc. (the "Corporation") issued a press release containing financial information regarding its fourth quarter and fiscal year 2010 financial results and certain other information. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Dividends. On February 23, 2011, the Corporation also announced that its Board of Directors has approved a 31% increase in the quarterly dividend to Cdn.\$0.17 per common share and declared the first quarterly dividend at the new rate. The dividend is payable on March 22, 2011 to shareholders of record on March 7, 2011. The declaration of any and all future dividends is subject to the Board's discretion. The full text of the Corporation's press release relating to the increase in the quarterly dividend and dividend declaration is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

Share Repurchase Program. On February 23, 2011, the Corporation announced that the Board has approved a new share repurchase program, and that the Corporation had received regulatory approval from the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") for the share repurchase program (the "2011 program") authorizing the repurchase of up to \$445 million in common shares, not to exceed the regulatory maximum of 14,881,870 shares, representing 10% of the Corporation's "public float" as of February 17, 2011 (as defined under TSX rules). The 2011 program is planned to commence on March 3, 2011 and continue until March 2, 2012, unless earlier terminated due to: the achievement of the \$445 million maximum; the purchase of the regulatory maximum of 14,881,870 shares; or at the Corporation's discretion, subject to compliance with regulatory requirements. There can be no assurance as to the precise number of shares that will be repurchased under the share repurchase program, or the aggregate dollar amount of the shares purchased.

The Corporation's common shares will be repurchased through a combination of automatic trading plan purchases (*i.e.*, a 10b5-1 program), and at management's discretion in compliance with regulatory requirements, and given prevailing market, cost, and other considerations. Further information regarding the share repurchase program is set forth in the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.3.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

- Exhibit 99.1 Press release issued by the Corporation dated February 23, 2011 regarding the release of fourth quarter and fiscal year 2010 financial results and other information.
- Exhibit 99.2 Press release issued by the Corporation dated February 23, 2011 announcing the declaration of Cdn. \$0.17 per common share quarterly dividend.

- Exhibit 99.3 Press release issued by the Corporation dated February 23, 2011 announcing a new Cdn.\$445 million 2011 share repurchase program planned to commence in the first quarter of 2011.
- Exhibit 99.4 Safe Harbor Statement.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

TIM HORTONS INC.

Date: February 23, 2011

By: /s/ JILL E. AEBKER

Jill E. Aebker

Deputy General Counsel and Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(Unaudited. All amounts in Canadian dollars.)



**Tim Hortons Inc. reports strong same-store sales performance
in 2010 fourth quarter and full-year results**

**Quarterly dividend increased 31% to \$0.17 per common share,
New share repurchase program of up to \$445 million announced**

Financial & Sales Highlights

	Q4 2010	Q4 2009 ⁽⁵⁾	% Change	2010 Full Year	2009 Full Year ⁽⁵⁾	% Change
Revenues ⁽¹⁾	\$643.5	\$ 667.0	(3.5)%	\$2,536.5	\$ 2,438.9	4.0%
Operating income ⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾	\$461.6	\$ 148.5	N/M	\$ 872.2	\$ 525.6	N/M
Adjusted operating income attributable to THI ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	\$133.4	\$ 128.7	3.6%	\$ 541.6	\$ 486.4	11.4%
Effective Tax Rate ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	16.6%	31.9%		23.7%	36.8%	
Net Income attributable to THI	\$377.1	\$ 91.0	N/M	\$ 624.0	\$ 296.4	N/M
Diluted Earnings Per Share (EPS)	\$ 2.19	\$ 0.51	N/M	\$ 3.58	\$ 1.64	N/M
Fully Diluted Shares	172.2	179.7	(4.2)%	174.2	180.6	(3.5)%

N/M - Not meaningful

(\$ in millions, except EPS. Fully diluted shares in millions. All numbers rounded.)

- (1) 2010 fourth quarter and full-year operating income includes a gain of \$361.1 million from the sale of our 50% joint-venture interest in Maidstone Bakeries, offset in part by \$30 million, related to the sale, allocated to our restaurant owners, which is recorded as a reduction to revenues. 2010 fourth quarter operating income includes a net charge of \$7.4 million, and \$28.3 million for the full-year, from asset impairment and related restaurant closure costs.
- (2) Adjusted operating income attributable to Tim Hortons Inc. is a non-GAAP measure. For additional details, please refer to "Detailed Information on non-GAAP Measures" and the reconciliation information in this release.
- (3) 2010 fourth quarter and full-year effective tax rates were significantly reduced compared to 2009 due to a lower effective tax rate on the gain from the Maidstone Bakeries transaction.
- (4) Operating Income, Adjusted Operating Income attributable to THI and Effective Tax Rate incorporate the adoption of changes to accounting standards.
- (5) 2009 results, excluding adjusted operating income attributable to THI, include an additional week of operations.

Highlights

- Robust fourth quarter same-store sales growth performance including significant year-over-year growth in the U.S.
- Earnings results significantly higher due primarily to a gain on sale of our 50% joint-venture interest in Maidstone Bakeries
- New share repurchase program of up to \$445 million announced
- 31% increase in quarterly dividend to \$0.17 per common share announced

<u>Same-Store Sales Growth⁽⁶⁾</u>	Q4 2010	2010 Full Year
Canada	3.9%	4.9%
U.S.	6.3%	3.9%

- (6) Includes sales at Franchised and Company-operated locations. As of January 2nd, 2011, 99.5% of our restaurants in Canada and 99.3% of our U.S. restaurants were franchised.

OAKVILLE, ONTARIO, (February 23rd, 2011): Tim Hortons Inc. (TSX: THI, NYSE: THI) today announced its results for the fourth quarter and full-year ended January 2nd, 2011.

“Our fourth quarter results include a number of significant items but our underlying business enjoyed strong same-store sales performance, and we met or exceeded our key goals for the full-year. Our business performance provides the foundation for our investments in future growth that we believe will continue to result in long-term shareholder value,” said Don Schroeder, president and CEO. “Our strategy execution is focused on continued growth in Canada, accelerated, targeted investments in our core U.S. markets to drive further progress, and beginning to lay the seeds for longer-term international growth,” added Schroeder.

Results in the fourth quarter of 2010 and for the full-year were significantly impacted by a number of items that have been adjusted. Both operating income attributable to THI and adjusted operating income attributable to THI are non-GAAP measures. Please refer to “Detailed Information on non-GAAP Measures” in this release for additional information. A reconciliation is provided below to operating income, the closest GAAP measure.

Reconciliation of adjusted operating income attributable to THI

	<u>Q4 2010</u>	<u>Q4 2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2009</u>
Operating income	\$ 461.6	\$148.5	\$ 872.2	\$525.6
Less: Operating income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(3.3)	(8.3)	(26.5)	(27.8)
Operating income attributable to THI	\$ 458.4	140.2	845.7	\$497.8
Add: Asset impairment and related restaurant closure costs	7.4	—	28.3	—
Add: Restaurant owner allocation	30.0	—	30.0	—
Less: Gain on sale of our interest in Maidstone Bakeries	(361.1)	—	(361.1)	—
Less: Amortization of Maidstone Bakeries supply agreement	(1.3)	—	(1.3)	—
Less: Maidstone Bakeries 2-month operating income adjustment (November/December)	—	(4.8)	—	(4.8)
Less: 53 rd week operating impact	—	(6.7)	—	(6.7)
Adjusted operating income attributable to THI	<u>\$ 133.4</u>	<u>\$128.7</u>	<u>\$ 541.6</u>	<u>\$486.4</u>

(\$ in millions, all numbers rounded).

Management believes that operating income attributable to Tim Hortons Inc. provides important information for comparison purposes to prior periods and for purposes of evaluating the Company’s operating income performance without the effects of a new accounting standard related to noncontrolling interests. Adjusted operating income excludes items in the reconciliation table due to the disproportionate impact on the overall performance of our consolidated business and comparison of financial results year-over-year and the measurement of ongoing operational performance.

We present this information as it is more reflective of the way we manage our business and measure our performance internally. Therefore, these measures provide a more consistent view of management’s perspectives on underlying performance than the closest equivalent U.S. GAAP measure.

Consolidated Results

All percentage increases and decreases represent year-over-year changes for the fourth quarter of 2010 compared to the fourth quarter of 2009, unless otherwise noted. Fourth quarter and full-year results in 2010 include one less week of operations compared to 2009.

In the fourth quarter, systemwide sales⁽⁷⁾ declined 0.9% year-over-year on a constant currency basis, due to the extra week of sales in the comparable period of 2009. The one week less of operations in 2010 impacted systemwide sales by approximately 8.0% in the fourth quarter. Total revenues were \$643.5 million, a decrease of 3.5% compared to last year. The impact of the 53rd week in 2009 reduced year-over-year revenue growth by approximately 6.1% in the fourth quarter of 2010. Revenues in the quarter were further reduced by \$30.0 million allocated to restaurant owners related to the sale of our joint-venture interest in Maidstone Bakeries, and from the loss of revenues from Maidstone Bakeries for the last two months of the quarter compared to the prior-year period.

Operating income in the fourth quarter was \$461.6 million. The substantial increase compared to last year was driven by a \$361.1 million gain from the sale of our joint-venture interest in Maidstone Bakeries. As noted above, a total of \$30.0 million from this gain was allocated to restaurant owners in connection to the sale.

One-less week of operations compared to last year had a significant impact on operating income growth in the fourth quarter, offsetting the contributions from strong same-store sales growth to rents, royalties and distribution income. In addition, increased franchise fees, due primarily to increased resales, and higher manufacturing income, due mostly to our new coffee roasting facility, contributed to our operating income in the fourth quarter. Increased general and administrative costs, including \$2.5 million in professional fees related to strategic developments and the Maidstone Bakeries sale, and higher compensation expense, driven by higher salaries, benefits and increased stock-based compensation due to higher share prices, offset some of these positive factors. A \$2.4 million gain in 2009 from the sale of a property that did not recur in the fourth quarter of 2010 also impacted year-over-year growth comparisons.

Several other items impacted our year-over-year operating income attributable to THI comparisons in the fourth quarter. These factors include \$7.4 million in net restaurant closure costs; \$6.7 million from one less week of operations compared to 2009; and the loss of operating income from Maidstone Bakeries for the two months of the quarter we did not own 50% of the business, which contributed \$4.8 million in the same two months of 2009. This was partially offset by \$1.3 million from the amortization of deferred income from the supply agreement with Maidstone Bakeries.

Fourth quarter net income attributable to THI increased to \$377.1 million. The significant year-over-year increase was driven by the after-tax gain from the sale of our joint-venture interest in Maidstone Bakeries, which also contributed to a significantly lower effective tax rate of 16.6% in the quarter. Net income was negatively impacted by \$1.7 million in higher net interest expense due to higher fixed interest on our debt and the settlement of interest rate swaps in connection with refinancing of our debt.

Diluted earnings per share (EPS) in the fourth quarter was \$2.19 compared to \$0.51 last year. In addition to the factors affecting net income, fourth quarter EPS benefited from 4.2% fewer shares outstanding in the quarter compared to the same period last year due to the Company's share repurchase activities. The positive EPS impact of the gain from the Maidstone Bakeries sale in the quarter was \$1.86, the negative EPS impact of the \$30 million from the gain allocated to restaurant owners was \$0.14, and the negative EPS impact of the asset impairment and restaurant closure costs in the fourth quarter was \$ 0.04.

For the full year, 2010 systemwide sales⁽⁷⁾ increased 6.2% on a constant currency basis and 7.9% on a 52-week comparable basis. Total revenues were \$2.54 billion, increasing 4.0%, or 5.7% on a 52-week basis. Operating income was \$872.2 million, again driven by the positive gain on the Maidstone Bakeries sale, offset by the one less week of operations, which affected full-year underlying growth by approximately 1.5%. Net income attributable to THI in 2010 was \$624.0 million. EPS for the full year in 2010 was \$3.58 compared to \$1.64 last year. Full-year diluted EPS includes a positive \$1.84 per share impact from the sale of Maidstone Bakeries, lower than the fourth quarter impact due to the higher weighted average shares outstanding for the full-year period versus the fourth quarter, a negative \$0.16 per share impact from asset impairment and restaurant closure costs, and a negative \$0.14 per share impact from the allocation to restaurant owners described previously. The effective tax rate for the full year was 23.7% versus 36.8% last year.

Segmented Performance Commentary

Both of our Canadian and U.S. segments had strong same-store sales growth during the quarter, growing transactions and average cheque.

Canada

Our Canadian segment grew fourth quarter same-store sales by 3.9%, supported by strong product innovation, promotional activity, operational initiatives and, to a more limited extent, from pricing previously in the system. In the fourth quarter a total of 70 restaurants were opened, including 7 non-standard and 17 self-serve kiosk locations.

Fourth quarter Canadian segment operating income was \$474.4 million, reflecting the \$361.1 million gain from the sale of our joint-venture interest in Maidstone Bakeries, offset in part by \$30.0 million of the gain allocated to restaurant owners related to the sale. Operating income benefited from strong same-store sales growth, which contributed to rents and royalties, and distribution income. Operating income also benefited from increased manufacturing income due primarily to the new coffee roasting facility, and higher franchise fees. These factors were offset in part due to higher general and administrative costs and the loss of operating income from Maidstone Bakeries following the closing of the transaction, and 2009 Canadian segment operating income also included a \$2.4 million gain from the sale of a property that did not contribute to earnings this year.

Same-store sales in Canada increased 4.9% on a full-year basis, at the high end of our targeted range of 3% to 5%. A total of 149 restaurants opened in 2010, at the high end of our range of 130 to 150 locations. Operating income in the Canadian segment on a full-year basis was \$904.8 million.

United States

Our U.S. segment had strong same-store sales in the fourth quarter, increasing 6.3% compared to the fourth quarter of last year. Our U.S. segment experienced healthy transaction growth, driven by active promotional, marketing and menu initiatives, and also grew average cheque, benefiting from previous pricing in the system. A total of 36 locations were opened in the fourth quarter, with slightly more than half represented by standard and non-standard full-serve restaurants, and the remainder by self-serve kiosks.

Our U.S. segment had an operating loss of \$4.2 million in the fourth quarter, reflecting \$7.4 million in restaurant closure costs net of a \$2.5 million reversal from our third quarter estimate of asset impairment charges related to the New England region. Operating income in the segment increased by approximately \$2.0 million year-over-year absent these costs. Underlying performance was driven by higher same-store sales growth which benefited rents and royalties and also by higher franchise fees, more than offset by one less week of operations in 2010 versus 2009.

In 2010, same-store sales growth in the U.S. was 3.9%, at the high end of our targeted range of 2% to 4%. A total of 96 units were opened in the U.S. in 2010, meeting our targeted range of 40 to 60 locations. Of these units, 44 were standard and non-standard full-serve locations and 52 were self-serve kiosks. The U.S. segment had an operating loss of \$18.4 million in 2010, reflecting \$28.3 million in asset impairment and related closure costs in the New England region. Absent these costs, U.S. segment operating income would have been \$9.9 million for the full year.

In 2011 we plan to further prioritize U.S. restaurant development capital spending among our core growth markets which are most developed. Our strategy is designed to significantly increase our density in these core markets, and to accelerate the process to reach critical mass for both customer convenience and advertising scale. While targeting a considerable increase in U.S. segment operating income contribution in 2011, we are also investing corporately in expanded brand development and marketing activities across our regions and in particular in these core growth markets during the upcoming year.

Corporate Developments

Quarterly dividend payment increased 31% to \$0.17 per common share

We are increasing our quarterly dividend by approximately 31%, to \$0.17 per share, within our 30% to 35% targeted payout range, reflecting our continued confidence in and proven cash flow generation ability. Accordingly, the Board has declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.17 per common share payable on March 22nd, 2011 to shareholders of record as of March 7th, 2011. Quarterly dividends are subject to Board approval, and declared and paid in Canadian dollars to all shareholders with Canadian resident addresses. For U.S. shareholders, dividends paid will be converted to U.S. dollars based on prevailing exchange rates at the time of conversion by Tim Hortons for registered shareholders and by Clearing and Depository Services Inc. for beneficial shareholders.

New share repurchase program of up to \$445 million announced

The Board approved the commencement of a new share repurchase program of up to \$445 million. Under the terms of the new program, the Company is authorized to purchase shares up to the regulatory maximum of 10% of the Company's public float as of February 17th 2011, as defined under Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) rules.

The new share repurchase program represents \$200 million in free cash flow generation and cash-on-hand, and in addition up to \$245 million from the remaining undistributed proceeds from the Maidstone Bakeries sale. Consistent with the previous program, shares will be repurchased through a combination of a 10b5-1, or automatic trading plan purchases, and in accordance with management's discretion, considering regulatory requirements and market, cost and other considerations. Repurchases will be made on the TSX, the New York Stock Exchange, and/or other Canadian marketplaces, subject to compliance with applicable regulatory requirements.

The maximum number of shares that may be purchased during any trading day may not exceed 25% of the average daily trading volume on the TSX, excluding purchases made by Tim Hortons under its current normal course issuer bid, based on the previous six completed calendar months, for a daily total of 93,920 common shares. This limit, for which there are permitted exceptions, is determined in accordance with regulatory requirements. Under the 2010 program up to February 17th, 2011, Tim Hortons purchased 8,741,684 shares at an average price of \$39.02.

There can be no assurance as to the precise number of shares that will be repurchased under the share repurchase program, or the aggregate dollar amount of the shares purchased. Tim Hortons may discontinue purchases at any time, subject to compliance with applicable regulatory requirements. Shares purchased pursuant to the share repurchase program will be cancelled.

2011 Outlook

"We have a focused strategic roadmap designed to drive long-term shareholder value. In 2011 we plan to continue investing in future growth as we execute our operational strategies and we believe we are well-positioned for continued success," said Don Schroeder, president and CEO.

The Company has established the following 2011 performance targets:

- Diluted earnings per share (EPS) of \$2.30 to \$2.40
- U.S. segment operating income of US\$13 million to \$16 million
- 2011 same-store sales growth of 3% to 5% in both Canada and the U.S.
- 160 to 180 restaurant openings in Canada
- In the U.S., 70 to 90 locations are planned, split nearly evenly between standard and non-standard full-serve locations
- Capital expenditures between \$180 million to \$200 million

- Effective tax rate of approximately 30%

These targets are for 2011 only, are forward-looking, and are based on our expectations and outlook and shall be effective only as of the date the targets were originally issued. The operational objectives and financial outlook (collectively, “targets”) established for 2011 are based on accounting, tax and other legislative rules in place at the time the targets were issued. The impact of future changes in accounting, tax and/or other regulatory or legislative rules that may or may not become effective in fiscal 2011, changes to our share repurchase activities, and other matters not contemplated at the time the targets were established that could affect our business, are not included in the determination of these targets.

Except as required by applicable securities laws, we do not intend to update our annual financial targets. These targets and our performance generally are subject to various risks and uncertainties (“risk factors”) which may impact future performance and our achievement of these targets. Refer to our safe harbor statement, which incorporates by reference our “risk factors,” set forth at the end of this release, and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2009 and 2010 (expected to be filed on or about February 25th, 2011).

Annual and Special Meeting of Shareholders

The Board of Directors has set a record date of March 15th, 2011 for the annual and special meeting of shareholders. The meeting will be held on Friday, May 13th at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time at the School of Hospitality Management, Ryerson University, 55 Dundas Street West, 7th Floor Auditorium in Toronto, Ontario.

Tim Hortons conference call today at 2:30 p.m. (ET) Wednesday, February 23rd, 2011

Tim Hortons will host a conference call today to discuss the fourth quarter and year end results, scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. (ET). The dial-in number is (416) 641-6712 or 1 (800) 785-6502. No access code is required. A simultaneous web cast will be available at www.timhortons-invest.com. A presentation supporting the call will be available at this website under the Events and Presentations section. The call will be archived at this site for a period of one year and will also be available under the Events and Presentations section. A replay of the call will be available for a period of one week and can be accessed at (416) 626-4100 or 1 (800) 558-5253. The call replay reservation number is 21508966.

Detailed Information on non-GAAP Measures

Adjusted operating income attributable to Tim Hortons Inc. and operating income attributable to Tim Hortons Inc. are non-GAAP measures (see table above). Operating income attributable to Tim Hortons Inc. excludes operating income attributable to noncontrolling interests. Prior to the adoption of a new accounting standard at the beginning of the first quarter of 2010, operating income was, for the most part, unaffected by noncontrolling interests, which is not the case post-adoption. This new accounting standard requires the consolidation of variable interest entities of which we are considered to be the primary beneficiary, including Maidstone Bakeries up to the date of sale on October 29, 2010, as well as, on average, approximately 250 to 275 non-owned restaurants. Previously, we did not consolidate Maidstone Bakeries and we consolidated approximately 120 non-owned restaurants, on average, in accordance with the prior accounting standard. Management believes that operating income attributable to Tim Hortons Inc. provides important information for comparison purposes to prior periods and for purposes of evaluating the Company’s operating income performance

without the effects of the new accounting standard.

Adjusted operating income attributable to Tim Hortons Inc. excludes operating income attributable to noncontrolling interests, as described above, the gain on sale of our interest in Maidstone Bakeries, the \$30.0 million allocation to restaurant owners and other Maidstone Bakeries related operating income adjustments, and excludes asset impairment and related closure cost charges. The closure of these New England restaurants impacted three U.S. operating markets, which represents approximately 2% of our overall systemwide restaurants. In addition, we have adjusted operating income for 2009 for the 53rd week of operations and for 2 months of Maidstone Bakeries' operating income so that year-over-year results are on a comparable basis. We have excluded these items as we consider them to have a disproportionate impact on the overall performance of our consolidated business and to distort the comparison of financial results year-over-year and the assessment of ongoing operational performance.

The presentation of these non-GAAP measures is made with operating income, the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP measure. We present this information excluding amounts related to the impacts described above as it is more reflective of the way we manage our business and measure our performance internally. Therefore, these measures provide a more consistent view of management's perspectives on underlying performance than the closest equivalent U.S. GAAP measure.

Safe Harbor Statement

Certain information in this news release, particularly information regarding future economic performance, finances, and plans, expectations and objectives of management, including as they relate to the Company's strategy, execution focus, the 2011 performance targets and intentions regarding the number of shares that may be purchased under the 2011 share repurchase program, constitute forward-looking information within the meaning of Canadian securities laws and forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. We refer to all of these as forward-looking statements. Various factors including competition in the quick service segment of the food service industry, general economic conditions and others described as "risk factors" in the Company's 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed March 4th, 2010, our Form 10-Q filed on August 12th, 2010, and our 2010 Annual Report expected to be filed on or about February 25th, 2011, with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and Canadian Securities Administrators could affect the Company's actual results and cause such results to differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements. As such, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements contained in this news release, which speak only as of the date hereof.

Forward-looking statements are based on a number of assumptions which may prove to be incorrect, including, but not limited to, assumptions about: the absence of a material increase in competition within the quick service restaurant segment of the food service industry; the absence of an adverse event or condition that damages our strong brand position and reputation; continuing positive working relationships with the majority of the Company's franchisees; there being no significant change in the Company's ability to comply with current or future regulatory requirements; the absence of any material adverse effects arising as a result of litigation; and general worldwide economic conditions. We are presenting this information for the purpose of informing you of management's current expectations regarding these matters, and this information may not be appropriate for any other purpose.

We assume no obligation to update or alter any forward-looking statements after they are made, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, except as required by applicable law. Please review the Company's Safe Harbor Statement at www.timhortons.com/en/about/safeharbor.html.

- (7) Total systemwide sales growth includes restaurant level sales at both Company and Franchise restaurants. Approximately 99.5% of our consolidated system is franchised as at January 2nd, 2011. Systemwide sales growth is determined using a constant exchange rate, where noted, to exclude the effects of foreign currency translation. U.S. dollar sales are converted to Canadian dollar amounts using the average exchange rate of the base year for the period covered. For the fourth quarter of 2010, systemwide sales on a constant currency basis declined 0.9% compared to the fourth quarter of 2009, due to an 8.0% impact from one less week of operations compared to the previous year. Full-year systemwide sales increased 6.2% on a constant currency basis, and 7.9% on a 52-week basis. Systemwide sales are important to understanding our business performance as they impact our franchise royalties and rental income, as well as our distribution income. Changes in systemwide sales are driven by changes in average same-store sales and changes in the number of systemwide restaurants, and in the fourth quarter of 2010, by one less week of operations compared to 2009.

Tim Hortons Inc. Overview

Tim Hortons is the fourth largest publicly-traded restaurant chain in North America based on market capitalization, and the largest in Canada. Operating in the quick service segment of the restaurant industry, Tim Hortons appeals to a broad range of consumer tastes, with a menu that includes premium coffee, flavored cappuccinos, specialty teas, home-style soups, fresh sandwiches, wraps, hot breakfast sandwiches and fresh baked goods, including our trademark donuts. As of January 2nd, 2011, Tim Hortons had 3,750 systemwide restaurants, including 3,148 in Canada and 602 in the United States. More information about the Company is available at www.timhortons.com.

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TIM HORTONS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
(In thousands of Canadian dollars, except share and per share data)

(Unaudited)

	Fourth quarter ended			
	January 2, 2011	January 3, 2010 (Note 1)	\$ Change	% Change
REVENUES				
Sales	\$ 436,952	\$ 464,606	(\$ 27,654)	(6.0%)
Franchise revenues:				
Rents and royalties	174,236	175,653	(1,417)	(0.8%)
Franchise fees	32,313	26,714	5,599	21.0%
	<u>206,549</u>	<u>202,367</u>	<u>4,182</u>	<u>2.1%</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>643,501</u>	<u>666,973</u>	<u>(23,472)</u>	<u>(3.5%)</u>
COSTS AND EXPENSES				
Cost of sales	406,054	398,760	7,294	1.8%
Operating expenses	64,360	62,724	1,636	2.6%
Franchise fee costs	28,630	25,756	2,874	11.2%
General and administrative expenses	40,093	37,206	2,887	7.8%
Equity (income)	(3,617)	(3,337)	(280)	8.4%
Asset impairment and related closure costs	7,410	0	7,410	N/M
Other expense (income), net	5	(2,644)	2,649	N/M
TOTAL COSTS AND EXPENSES, NET	<u>542,935</u>	<u>518,465</u>	<u>24,470</u>	<u>4.7%</u>
Gain on sale of interest in Maidstone Bakeries	(361,075)	0	(361,075)	N/M
OPERATING INCOME	461,641	148,508	313,133	210.9%
Interest (expense)	(7,845)	(5,439)	(2,406)	44.2%
Interest income	1,570	894	676	75.6%
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	455,366	143,963	311,403	216.3%
INCOME TAXES	75,448	45,929	29,519	64.3%
Net Income	379,918	98,034	281,884	287.5%
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	2,797	7,045	(4,248)	(60.3%)
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO TIM HORTONS INC.	<u>\$ 377,121</u>	<u>\$ 90,989</u>	<u>\$ 286,132</u>	<u>314.5%</u>
Basic earnings per common share attributable to Tim Hortons Inc.	<u>\$ 2.19</u>	<u>\$ 0.51</u>	<u>\$ 1.69</u>	<u>332.7%</u>
Diluted earnings per common share attributable to Tim Hortons Inc.	<u>\$ 2.19</u>	<u>\$ 0.51</u>	<u>\$ 1.68</u>	<u>332.4%</u>
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding - Basic (in thousands)	<u>172,024</u>	<u>179,570</u>	<u>(7,546)</u>	<u>(4.2%)</u>
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding - Diluted (in thousands)	<u>172,247</u>	<u>179,713</u>	<u>(7,465)</u>	<u>(4.2%)</u>
Dividend per common share	<u>\$ 0.13</u>	<u>\$ 0.10</u>	<u>\$ 0.03</u>	

N/M - not meaningful
(all numbers rounded)

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TIM HORTONS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
(In thousands of Canadian dollars, except share and per share data)

(Unaudited)

	Year ended			
	January 2, 2011	January 3, 2010 <i>(Note 1)</i>	\$ Change	% Change
REVENUES				
Sales	\$ 1,755,244	\$ 1,704,065	\$ 51,179	3.0%
Franchise revenues:				
Rents and royalties	687,039	644,755	42,284	6.6%
Franchise fees	94,212	90,033	4,179	4.6%
	<u>781,251</u>	<u>734,788</u>	<u>46,463</u>	<u>6.3%</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>2,536,495</u>	<u>2,438,853</u>	<u>97,642</u>	<u>4.0%</u>
COSTS AND EXPENSES				
Cost of sales	1,527,405	1,464,844	62,561	4.3%
Operating expenses	246,335	236,784	9,551	4.0%
Franchise fee costs	91,743	86,903	4,840	5.6%
General and administrative expenses	147,300	141,739	5,561	3.9%
Equity (income)	(14,649)	(13,700)	(949)	6.9%
Asset impairment and related closure costs	28,298	0	28,298	N/M
Other (income), net	(1,100)	(3,319)	2,219	(66.9%)
TOTAL COSTS AND EXPENSES, NET	<u>2,025,332</u>	<u>1,913,251</u>	<u>112,081</u>	<u>5.9%</u>
Gain on sale of interest in Maidstone Bakeries	(361,075)	0	(361,075)	N/M
OPERATING INCOME	872,238	525,602	346,636	66.0%
Interest (expense)	(26,642)	(21,134)	(5,508)	26.1%
Interest income	2,462	1,950	512	26.3%
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	848,058	506,418	341,640	67.5%
INCOME TAXES	<u>200,940</u>	<u>186,606</u>	<u>14,334</u>	<u>7.7%</u>
Net Income	647,118	319,812	327,306	102.3%
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	23,159	23,445	(286)	(1.2%)
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO TIM HORTONS INC.	<u>\$ 623,959</u>	<u>\$ 296,367</u>	<u>\$ 327,592</u>	<u>110.5%</u>
Basic earnings per common share attributable to Tim Hortons Inc.	<u>\$ 3.59</u>	<u>\$ 1.64</u>	<u>\$ 1.94</u>	<u>118.3%</u>
Diluted earnings per common share attributable to Tim Hortons Inc.	<u>\$ 3.58</u>	<u>\$ 1.64</u>	<u>\$ 1.94</u>	<u>118.3%</u>
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding - Basic (in thousands)	<u>174,035</u>	<u>180,477</u>	<u>(6,442)</u>	<u>(3.6%)</u>
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding - Diluted (in thousands)	<u>174,215</u>	<u>180,609</u>	<u>(6,393)</u>	<u>(3.5%)</u>
Dividend per common share	<u>\$ 0.52</u>	<u>\$ 0.40</u>	<u>\$ 0.12</u>	

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(all numbers rounded)

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TIM HORTONS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
(In thousands of Canadian dollars)

As at	
January 2, 2011	January 3, 2010
(Note 1)	
(Unaudited)	

ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 574,354	\$ 121,653
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	67,110	60,629
Restricted investments	37,970	20,186
Accounts receivable, net	182,005	179,942
Notes receivable, net	12,543	20,823
Deferred income taxes	7,025	3,475
Inventories and other, net	100,712	80,490
Advertising fund restricted assets	27,402	26,681
Total current assets	1,009,121	513,879
Property and equipment, net	1,373,670	1,494,032
Notes receivable, net	3,811	3,475
Deferred income taxes	13,730	8,919
Intangible assets, net	5,270	8,405
Equity investments	44,767	45,875
Other assets	31,147	19,706
Total assets	\$2,481,516	\$2,094,291

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TIM HORTONS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Year ended	
	January 2, 2011	January 3, 2010
	(Note 1)	
	(Unaudited)	
CASH FLOWS PROVIDED FROM (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	\$ 647,118	\$ 319,812
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	118,385	113,475
Asset impairment	18,352	—
Stock-based compensation expense	14,263	8,869
Equity income, net of cash dividends	132	4,265
Deferred income taxes	1,285	25,491
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	(6,920)	789
Accounts and notes receivable	(10,923)	(11,432)
Inventories and other	(29,275)	(329)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	145,544	(20,494)
Settlement of cash flow hedges	(4,855)	—
Gain on sale of interest in Maidstone Bakeries	(361,075)	—
Other, net	(6,487)	2,176
Net cash provided from operating activities	<u>525,544</u>	<u>442,622</u>
CASH FLOWS (USED IN) PROVIDED FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Capital expenditures	(132,912)	(160,458)
Purchase of restricted investments	(37,832)	(20,136)
Proceeds from sale of restricted investments	20,240	—
Principal payments received on notes receivable	9,808	2,821
Proceeds from sale of interest in Maidstone Bakeries	475,000	—
Cash and cash equivalents of Maidstone Bakeries divested	(30,411)	—
Other investing activities	(7,874)	(22,540)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>296,019</u>	<u>(200,313)</u>
CASH FLOWS (USED IN) PROVIDED FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of common shares / treasury stock	(242,595)	(130,102)
Purchase of common shares held in trust	(3,252)	(713)
Purchase of common shares for settlement of restricted stock units	(753)	(477)
Dividend payments to common shareholders	(90,304)	(72,506)
Distributions and other to noncontrolling interests	(22,524)	(30,484)
Proceeds from issuance of shares to noncontrolling interest	0	1,305
Proceeds from issuance of debt, net of issuance costs	300,823	3,507
Principal payments on long-term debt obligations	(307,023)	(6,582)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(365,628)</u>	<u>(236,052)</u>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	<u>(3,234)</u>	<u>(9,321)</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	452,701	(3,064)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	121,653	124,717
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 574,354</u>	<u>\$ 121,653</u>

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TIM HORTONS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
SEGMENT REPORTING
(In thousands of Canadian dollars)
(Note 1 and 2)

(Unaudited)

	Fourth Quarter ended			
	January 2, 2011	% of Total	January 3, 2010	% of Total
REVENUES				
Canada (note 3)	\$ 545,468	84.8%	\$ 530,977	79.6%
U.S.	31,695	4.9%	35,375	5.3%
Total reportable segments	577,163	89.7%	566,352	84.9%
Variable interest entities	66,338	10.3%	100,621	15.1%
Total	<u>\$ 643,501</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 666,973</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
SEGMENT OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)				
Canada (note 3)	\$ 474,413	100.9%	\$ 148,116	99.2%
U.S. (note 3)	(4,215)	(0.9)%	1,184	0.8%
Reportable Segment Operating Income	470,198	<u>100.0%</u>	149,300	<u>100.0%</u>
Variable interest entities	3,279		8,303	
Corporate charges	(11,836)		(9,095)	
Consolidated Operating Income	461,641		148,508	
Interest expense, net	(6,275)		(4,545)	
Income taxes	(75,448)		(45,929)	
Net Income	379,918		98,034	
Net Income attributable to noncontrolling interests	2,797		7,045	
Net Income attributable to Tim Hortons Inc.	<u>\$ 377,121</u>		<u>\$ 90,989</u>	

	Year ended			
	January 2, 2011	% of Total	January 3, 2010	% of Total
REVENUES				
Canada (note 3)	\$ 2,114,419	83.4%	\$ 1,914,210	78.5%
U.S.	123,116	4.9%	140,491	5.8%
Total reportable segments	2,237,535	88.2%	2,054,701	84.2%
Variable interest entities	298,960	11.8%	384,152	15.8%
Total	<u>\$ 2,536,495</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 2,438,853</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
SEGMENT OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)				
Canada (note 3)	\$ 904,768	102.1%	\$ 538,292	99.1%
U.S. (note 3)	(18,363)	(2.1)%	4,840	0.9%
Reportable Segment Operating Income	886,405	<u>100.0%</u>	543,132	<u>100.0%</u>
Variable interest entities	26,534		27,762	
Corporate charges	(40,701)		(45,292)	
Consolidated Operating Income	872,238		525,602	
Interest expense, net	(24,180)		(19,184)	
Income taxes	(200,940)		(186,606)	
Net Income	647,118		319,812	
Net Income attributable to noncontrolling interests	23,159		23,445	
Net Income attributable to Tim Hortons Inc.	<u>\$ 623,959</u>		<u>\$ 296,367</u>	

	Fourth quarter ended		\$ Change	% Change
	January 2, 2011	January 3, 2010		
<i>Sales is comprised of:</i>				
Distribution sales	\$ 364,960	\$ 358,366	\$ 6,594	1.8%
Company-operated restaurant sales	5,661	5,619	42	0.7%
Sales from variable interest entities	66,331	100,621	(34,290)	(34.1)%
	<u>\$ 436,952</u>	<u>\$ 464,606</u>	<u>(\$ 27,654)</u>	<u>(6.0)%</u>

	Year ended		<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
	<u>January 2, 2011</u>	<u>January 3, 2010</u>		
<i>Sales is comprised of:</i>				
Distribution sales	\$ 1,434,104	\$ 1,295,677	\$ 138,427	10.7%
Company-operated restaurant sales	22,186	24,236	(2,050)	(8.5)%
Sales from variable interest entities	298,954	384,152	(85,198)	(22.2)%
	<u>\$ 1,755,244</u>	<u>\$ 1,704,065</u>	<u>\$ 51,179</u>	<u>3.0%</u>

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Note 2 - While the adoption of SFAS No. 167 resulted in the consolidation of its 50-50 bakery joint venture, the Company's chief decision maker continues to view and evaluate the performance of the Canadian segment with this 50-50 bakery joint venture accounted for on an equity accounting basis, which reflects 50% of its operating income (consistent with views and evaluations prior to the adoption of the Standard). As a result, the net revenues, and the remaining 50% of operating income of this joint venture have been included in Variable interest entities along with revenues and operating income from our non-owned consolidated restaurants.

Note 3 - The Canadian operating segment includes the gain on sale from Maidstone Bakeries of \$361.1 million and the \$30 million allocation to restaurant owners which was recorded as an offset to Canadian operating segment revenues. The U.S. operating segment includes an asset impairment and related closure cost charge of \$7.4 million and \$28.3 million in the fourth quarter and year ended January 2, 2011, respectively.

TIM HORTONS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
SYSTEMWIDE RESTAURANT COUNT

	<u>As of</u> <u>January 2, 2011</u>	<u>As of</u> <u>January 3, 2010</u>	<u>Increase/</u> <u>(Decrease)</u> <u>From Year End</u>
Canada			
Company-operated	16	13	3
Franchised - self-serve kiosks	112	98	14
Franchised	<u>3,020</u>	<u>2,904</u>	<u>116</u>
Total	3,148	3,015	133
<i>% Franchised</i>	99.5%	99.6%	
U.S.			
Company-operated	4	5	(1)
Franchised - self-serve kiosks	123	87	36
Franchised	<u>475</u>	<u>471</u>	<u>4</u>
Total	602	563	39
<i>% Franchised</i>	99.3%	99.1%	
Total Tim Hortons			
Company-operated	20	18	2
Franchised - self-serve kiosks	235	185	50
Franchised	<u>3,495</u>	<u>3,375</u>	<u>120</u>
Total	<u>3,750</u>	<u>3,578</u>	<u>172</u>
<i>% Franchised</i>	99.5%	99.5%	

TIM HORTONS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Income Statement Definitions

Sales	Primarily includes sales of products, supplies and restaurant equipment (except for initial equipment packages sold to franchisees as part of the establishment of their restaurant's business - see "Franchise Fees") that are shipped directly from our warehouses or by third party distributors to the restaurants, which we include in distribution sales. Sales include canned coffee sales through the grocery channel. Sales also include sales from Company-operated restaurants, sales from certain non-owned restaurants that are consolidated in accordance with ASC 810 and sales from our previously-held bakery joint venture which we were also required to consolidate under ASC 810 prior to the sale of our interest.
Rents and Royalties	Includes franchisee royalties and rental revenues.
Franchise Fees	Includes the sales revenue from initial equipment packages, as well as fees for various costs and expenses related to establishing a franchisee's business.
Cost of Sales	Includes costs associated with our distribution business, including cost of goods, direct labour and depreciation, as well as the cost of goods delivered by third-party distributors to the restaurants, and for canned coffee sold through grocery stores. Cost of sales also includes food, paper and labour costs for Company-operated restaurants and certain non-owned restaurants that are consolidated in accordance with ASC 810 as well as cost of sales from our previously-held bakery joint venture which we were also required to consolidate under ASC 810 prior to the sale of our interest.
Operating Expenses	Includes rent expense related to properties leased to franchisees and other property-related costs (including depreciation).
Franchise fee costs	Includes costs of equipment sold to franchisees as part of the commencement of their restaurant business, as well as training and other costs necessary to ensure a successful restaurant opening.
General and Administrative	Includes costs that cannot be directly related to generating revenue, including expenses associated with our corporate and administrative functions, and depreciation of office equipment, the majority of our information technology systems, and head office real estate.
Equity Income	Includes income from equity investments in joint ventures and other minority investments over which we exercise significant influence, excluding joint ventures that we are required to consolidate. Equity income from these investments is considered to be an integrated part of our business operations and is, therefore, included in operating income. Income amounts are shown as reductions to total costs and expenses.
Asset impairment and related closure costs	Represents non-cash charges relating to the impairment of long-lived assets. It also includes costs related to restaurant closures made outside of the normal course of operations as part of the New England restaurant closures in the fourth quarter of 2010.
Other (Income), net	Includes expenses (income) that are not directly derived from the Company's primary businesses. Items include foreign currency adjustments, gains and losses on asset sales, and other asset write-offs.
Noncontrolling interests	Relates to the consolidation of our previously-held bakery joint venture and certain non-owned restaurants that the Company is required to consolidate under ASC 810.
Comprehensive Income	Represents the change in our net assets during the reporting period from transactions and other events and circumstances from non-owner sources. It includes net income and other comprehensive income such as foreign currency translation adjustments and the impact of cash flow hedges.

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(All amounts in Canadian dollars)



**Tim Hortons Inc. increases quarterly dividend by 31%
and declares a dividend of \$0.17 per common share**

OAKVILLE, ONTARIO, (February 23rd, 2011): Tim Hortons Inc. (TSX: THI, NYSE: THI) today announced the Board of Directors has approved a 31% increase in the quarterly dividend to \$0.17 per common share, which is within our targeted payout range of 30% to 35%.

The Board has declared a dividend at the new payout rate of \$0.17 per common share, payable on March 22nd, 2011, to shareholders of record as of March 7th, 2011.

Dividends are declared and paid in Canadian dollars to all shareholders with Canadian resident addresses. For U.S. shareholders, the dividends will be converted to, and paid in, U.S. dollars based on prevailing exchange rates at the time of conversion by Tim Hortons for registered shareholders and by Clearing and Depository Services Inc. for beneficial shareholders. The payment of future dividends and the targeted payout range remain at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Tim Hortons Inc. Overview

Tim Hortons is the fourth largest publicly-traded restaurant chain in North America based on market capitalization, and the largest in Canada. Operating in the quick service segment of the restaurant industry, Tim Hortons appeals to a broad range of consumer tastes, with a menu that includes premium coffee, flavored cappuccinos, specialty teas, home-style soups, fresh sandwiches, wraps, hot breakfast sandwiches and fresh baked goods, including our trademark donuts. As of January 2nd, 2011, Tim Hortons had 3,750 systemwide restaurants, including 3,148 in Canada and 602 in the United States. More information about the Company is available at www.timhortons.com.

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(All amounts in Canadian dollars)



**Tim Hortons Inc. announces new share repurchase program
for up to \$445 million in common shares**

**New program includes remaining undistributed net proceeds
from sale of Maidstone Bakeries joint-venture interest**

OAKVILLE, ONTARIO, (February 23rd, 2011): Tim Hortons Inc. (TSX: THI, NYSE: THI) today announced that it has obtained regulatory approval from the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) to commence a new share repurchase program for up to \$445 million in common shares, not to exceed the regulatory maximum of 14,881,870 shares, representing 10% of the Company's public float as of February 17th, 2011, as defined under TSX rules. The bid is planned to commence on March 3rd, 2011 and is due to terminate on March 2nd, 2012.

The 2011 repurchase program represents \$200 million in cash flow generation and cash-on-hand, and in addition up to \$245 million from the remaining undistributed net proceeds from the Maidstone Bakeries sale in October 2010. The net proceeds of \$400 million from that sale, after taxes and \$30 million allocated to restaurant owners, is expected to be distributed in its entirety by the end of the third quarter of 2011.

The Company's common shares will be purchased under the program through a combination of a 10b5-1 automatic trading plan as well as at Management's discretion in compliance with regulatory requirements, and given market, cost and other considerations.

Repurchases will be made on the TSX, the New York Stock Exchange, and/or other Canadian marketplaces, subject to compliance with applicable regulatory requirements.

There can be no assurance as to the precise number of shares that will be repurchased under the share repurchase program, or the aggregate dollar amount of the shares purchased. Tim Hortons may discontinue purchases at any time, subject to compliance with applicable regulatory requirements. Shares purchased pursuant to the share repurchase program will be cancelled.

The maximum number of shares that may be purchased during any trading day may not exceed 25% of the average daily trading volume on the TSX, excluding purchases made by Tim Hortons under its current normal course issuer bid, based on the previous six completed calendar months, for a daily total of 93,920 common shares. This limit, for which there are permitted exceptions, is determined in accordance with regulatory requirements. Under the 2010 program, up to February 17th, 2011, Tim Hortons purchased 8,741,684 shares at an average net price of \$39.02. As of February 17th, 2011, we had 167,895,579 common shares outstanding.

Safe Harbor Statement

Certain information in this news release, particularly information regarding expectations and objectives of management, including as they relate to the Company's intentions regarding the number of shares that may be purchased, or the amount that will be spent to purchase shares under the share repurchase programs, constitutes forward-looking information within the meaning of Canadian securities laws and forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. We refer to all of these as forward-looking statements.

Various factors including competition in the quick service segment of the food service industry, general economic conditions and others described as "risk factors" in the Company's 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed March 4th, 2010, the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed August 12th, 2010, and the Company's 2010 Annual Report on Form 10-K, expected to be filed on February 25th, 2011 with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and Canadian Securities Administrators, could affect the Company's actual results and cause such results to differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements.

As such, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements contained in this news release, which speak only as of the date hereof. Forward-looking statements are based on a number of assumptions which may prove to be incorrect, including, but not limited to, assumptions about: the absence of a material increase in competition within the quick service restaurant segment of the food service industry; the absence of an adverse event or condition that damages our strong brand position and reputation; continuing positive working relationships with the majority of the Company's franchisees; there being no significant change in the Company's ability to comply with current or future regulatory requirements; the absence of any material adverse effects arising as a result of litigation; and general worldwide economic conditions.

We are presenting this information for the purpose of informing you of management's current expectations regarding these matters, and this information may not be appropriate for any other purpose. We assume no obligation to update or alter any forward-looking statements after they are made, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, except as required by applicable law. Please review the Company's Safe Harbor Statement at www.timhortons.com/en/about/safeharbor.html.

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TIM HORTONS INC.
Safe Harbor Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and Canadian Securities Laws

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a “safe harbor” for forward-looking statements to encourage companies to provide prospective information, so long as those statements are identified as forward-looking and are accompanied by meaningful cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those disclosed in the statement. Canadian securities laws have corresponding safe harbor provisions, subject to certain additional requirements including the requirement to state the assumptions used to make the forecasts set out in forward-looking statements. Tim Hortons Inc. (the “Company”) desires to take advantage of these “safe harbor” provisions.

Forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. They often include words such as “believes,” “expects,” “anticipates,” “estimates,” “intends,” “plans,” “seeks,” “outlook,” “forecast” or words of similar meaning, or future or conditional verbs, such as “will,” “should,” “could” or “may.” Examples of forward-looking statements that may be contained in our public disclosure from time to time include, but are not limited to, statements concerning management’s expectations relating to possible or assumed future results, our strategic goals and our priorities, and the economic and business outlook for us, for each of our business segments and for the economy generally. Many of the factors that could determine our future performance are beyond our ability to control or predict. The following factors, in addition to other factors set forth in our Form 10-K filed on March 4, 2010 and the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed August 12, 2010 with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and the Canadian Securities Administrators (“CSA”), and in other press releases, communications, or filings made with the SEC or the CSA, could cause our actual results to differ materially from the expectation(s) included in forward-looking statements and, if significant, could materially affect the Company’s business, sales revenue, share price, financial condition, and/or future results, including causing the Company to (i) close restaurants, (ii) fail to realize same-store sales, which are critical to achieving our operating income and other financial targets, (iii) fail to meet the expectations of our securities analysts or investors, or otherwise fail to perform as expected, (iv) have insufficient cash to engage in or fund expansion activities, dividends, or share repurchase programs, or (v) increase costs, corporately or at store level, which may result in increased restaurant-level pricing, which in turn may result in decreased customer demand for our products resulting in lower sales, revenue, and earnings. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently believe to be immaterial may also materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, and/or operating results. We assume no obligation to update or alter any forward-looking statements after they are made, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, except as required by applicable law.

Forward-looking statements are based on a number of assumptions which may prove to be incorrect, including, but not limited to, assumptions about: the absence of a material increase in competition within the quick service restaurant segment of the food service industry; the absence of an adverse event or condition that damages our strong brand position and reputation; continuing positive working relationships with the majority of the Company’s franchisees; there being no significant change in the Company’s ability to comply with current or future regulatory requirements; the absence of any material adverse effects arising as a result of litigation; and general worldwide economic conditions. We are presenting this information for the purpose of informing you of management’s current expectations regarding these matters, and this information may not be appropriate for any other purposes.

Competition. The quick service restaurant industry is intensely competitive with respect to price, service, location, personnel, qualified franchisees, real estate sites and type and quality of food. The Company and its franchisees compete with international, regional and local organizations, primarily through the quality, variety, and value perception of food products offered. The number and location of units, quality and speed of service, attractiveness of facilities, effectiveness of advertising/marketing and operational programs, discounting activities, price, changing demographic patterns and trends, changing consumer preferences and spending patterns or a desire for a more diversified menu, changing health or dietary preferences and perceptions, and new product development by the Company and its competitors are also important factors. Certain of the Company’s competitors, most notably in the U.S., have greater financial and other resources than we do, including substantially larger marketing budgets and greater leverage from their marketing spend.

Factors Affecting Growth and Other Important Strategic Initiatives. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to achieve new restaurant or same-store sales growth objectives, that new restaurants will be profitable or that strategic initiatives will be successfully implemented. Early in the development of new markets, the opening of new restaurants may have a negative effect on the same-store sales of existing restaurants in the market. The Company may also enter markets where our brand is not well known and where it has little or operating experience and as a result, may not achieve the level of penetration needed in order to drive brand recognition, convenience, increased leverage to marketing dollars, and other benefits the Company believes penetration yields. When the Company enters new markets, it may be necessary to increase franchisee relief and support costs, which lowers its earnings. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to successfully adapt its brand, development efforts, and restaurants to these differing market conditions. The Company may also continue to selectively close restaurants that are not achieving acceptable levels of profitability or change its growth strategies over time, where appropriate. Such closures may be accompanied by impairment charges that may have a negative impact on our earnings. The Company also intends to evaluate potential mergers, acquisitions, joint venture investments, alliances, vertical integration opportunities and divestitures, which are subject to many of the same risks that also affect new store development as well as various other risks. In addition, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to complete the desirable transactions, for reasons including restrictive covenants in debt instruments or other agreements with third parties. The Company may continue to pursue strategic alliances (including co-branding) with third parties for different types of development models and products and there can be no assurance that: significant value will be recognized through such strategic alliances; the Company will be able to maintain our strategic alliances; or, the Company will be able to enter into new strategic relationships in the future. Entry into such relationships as well as the expansion of the Company's current business through such initiatives may expose it to additional risks that may adversely affect the Company's brand and business. The Company's financial outlook and long-range targets are based on the successful implementation, execution and customer acceptance of the Company's strategic plans and initiatives; accordingly, the failure of any of these criteria could cause the Company to fall short of achievement of its financial objectives and long-range goals.

Food Safety and Health Concerns. Incidents or reports, whether true or not, of food-borne illness and injuries caused by or claims of food tampering, employee hygiene and cleanliness failures or impropriety at Tim Hortons or other quick service restaurants unrelated to Tim Hortons could result in negative publicity, damage our brand value and potentially lead to product liability or other claims. Any decrease in customer traffic or temporary closure of any of our restaurants as a result of such incidents or negative publicity may have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

Litigation. The Company is or may be subject to claims incidental to the business, including: obesity litigation; health and safety risks or conditions of the Company's restaurants associated with design, construction, site location and development, indoor or airborne contaminants and/or certain equipment utilized in operations; employee claims for employment or labour matters, including potentially, class action suits regarding wages, discrimination, unfair or unequal treatment, harassment, wrongful termination, and overtime compensation claims; claims from franchisees regarding profitability or wrongful termination of their franchise or operating (license) agreement(s); taxation authorities regarding certain tax disputes; and falsified claims. The Company's current exposure with respect to pending legal matters could change if determinations by judges and other finders of fact are not in accordance with management's evaluation of these claims and the Company's exposure could exceed expectations and have a material adverse effect on its financial condition and results of operations.

The Importance of Canadian Segment Performance and Brand Reputation. The Company's financial performance is highly dependent upon its Canadian operating segment, which accounted for approximately 86.7% of its consolidated revenues, and substantially all of its profit, in 2009. Any substantial or sustained decline in the Company's Canadian business would materially and adversely affect its financial performance. The Company's success is also dependent on its ability to maintain and enhance the value of its brand, its customers' connection to its brand, and a positive relationship with its franchisees. Brand value can be severely damaged, even by isolated incidents, including those that may be beyond the Company's control such as actions taken or not taken by its franchisees relating to health or safety, litigation and claims (including litigation by, other disputes with, or negative relationship with franchisees), security breaches or other fraudulent activities associated with its electronic payment systems, illegal activity targeted at the Company and incidents occurring at or affecting its strategic business partners (including in connection with co-branding initiatives and our self-serve kiosk model), affiliates, corporate social responsibility programs, or falsified claims or health or safety issues at our vertically integrated manufacturing plants.

Distribution Operations and Supply Chain. The occurrence of any of the following factors is likely to result in increased operating costs and decreased profitability of the Company's distribution operations and supply chain and may also injure our brand, negatively affect our results of operations and our ability to generate expected earnings and/or increase costs, and/or negatively impact our relationship with our franchisees: higher transportation or shipping costs; inclement weather, which could affect the cost and timely delivery of ingredients and supplies; increased food and other supply costs; shortages or interruptions in

the availability or supply of perishable food products and/or their ingredients; the failure of our distribution business to perform at historic levels, and political, physical, environmental or technological disruptions in the Company's or its suppliers' manufacturing and/or warehouse plants, facilities or equipment.

Importance of Franchisees. A substantial portion of the Company's earnings come from royalties and other amounts paid by franchisees, who operated 99.4% of the Tim Hortons restaurants as of October 3, 2010. The Company's revenues and profits would decline and its brand reputation could also be harmed if a significant number of franchisees were to experience, among other things, operational or financial difficulties or labour shortages or significant increases in labour costs. Although the Company generally enjoys a positive working relationship with the vast majority of its franchisees, active and/or potential disputes with franchisees could damage its reputation and/or its relationships with the broader franchisee group. The Company's franchisees are independent contractors and, as a result, the quality of their operations may be diminished by factors beyond the Company's control. Any operational shortcoming of a franchise restaurant is likely to be attributed by consumers to the Company's entire system, thus damaging its brand reputation and potentially affecting revenues and profitability.

Government Regulation. The Company and its franchisees are subject to various federal, state, provincial, and local ("governmental") laws and regulations. The development and operation of restaurants depend to a significant extent on the selection, acquisition, and development of suitable sites, which are subject to laws and regulations regarding zoning, land use, environmental matters (including limitation of vehicle emissions in drive-thrus; anti-idling bylaws; regulation of litter, packaging and recycling requirements; regulation relating to discharge, storage, handling, release and/or disposal of hazardous or toxic substances; and other governmental laws and regulations), traffic, franchise, design and other matters. Additional governmental laws and regulations affecting the Company and its franchisees include: business licensing; franchise laws and regulations; health, food preparation, sanitation and safety; labour (including applicable minimum wage requirements, overtime, working and safety conditions, family leave and other employment matters, and citizenship requirements); nutritional disclosure and advertising; regulations, laws, treaties or the interpretation or enforcement thereof relating to tax matters that may affect our anticipated effective tax rate, operating income (in the context of non-consolidated joint ventures), cash tax payment liabilities, and/or tax reserves, realization of the Company's tax assets, business planning within our corporate structure that have tax implications, ongoing tax disputes, and disclosure of tax related matters; tax laws affecting our franchisees' business; employee benefits; accounting; and anti-discrimination. Compliance with these laws and regulations and planning initiatives undertaken in connection therewith could increase the cost of doing business and, depending upon the nature of the Company's and its franchisees' responsive actions thereto could damage our reputation. Changes in these laws and regulations, or the implementation of additional regulatory requirements, particularly increases in applicable minimum wages, tax law, planning or other matters that may, among other things, affect the Company's anticipated effective tax rate and/or tax reserves; business planning within our corporate structure; our strategic initiatives and/or the types of projects we may undertake in furtherance of our business, or franchise requirements, may adversely affect the Company's financial results.

In addition, a taxation authority may disagree with certain views of the Company with respect to the interpretation of tax treaties, laws and regulations and take the position that material federal income tax liabilities, interests, penalties or amounts are payable by the Company, including in connection with the public company reorganization. Contesting such disagreements or assessments may be lengthy and costly and, if the Company were unsuccessful in disputing the same, the implications could be materially adverse to us and affect our anticipated effective tax rate, projected results, future operations and financial condition, where applicable.

Economic, Market and Other Conditions. The quick-service restaurant industry is affected by changes in international, national, regional, and local economic and political conditions, consumer preferences and perceptions (including food safety, health or dietary preferences and perceptions), discretionary spending patterns, consumer confidence, demographic trends, seasonality, weather events and other calamities, traffic patterns, the type, number and location of competing restaurants, enhanced governmental regulation (including nutritional and franchise regulations), changes in capital market conditions that affect valuations of restaurant companies in general or the value of the Company's stock in particular, and litigation relating to food quality, handling or nutritional content. Factors such as inflation, higher energy and/or fuel costs, food costs, the cost and/or availability of a qualified workforce and other labour issues, benefit costs, legal claims, legal and regulatory compliance (including environmental regulations), new or additional sales tax on the Company's products, disruptions in its supply chain or changes in the price, availability and shipping costs of supplies, and utility and other operating costs, also affect restaurant operations and expenses and impact same-store sales and growth opportunities. The ability of the Company and its franchisees to finance new restaurant development, improvements and additions to existing restaurants, acquire and sell restaurants, and pursue other strategic initiatives (such as acquisitions and joint ventures), are affected by economic conditions, including interest rates and other government policies impacting land and construction costs and the cost and availability of borrowed funds. In addition, unforeseen

catastrophic or widespread events affecting the health and/or welfare of large numbers of people in the markets in which the Company's restaurants are located and/or which otherwise cause a catastrophic loss or interruption in the Company's ability to conduct its business, would affect its ability to maintain and/or increase sales and build new restaurants. Unforeseen events, including war, terrorism and other international, regional or local instability or conflicts (including labour issues), public health issues (including tainted food and water supply or widespread/pandemic illness such as the avian or H1N1 flu), and natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes, or other adverse weather and climate conditions could disrupt the Company's operations, disrupt the operations of its franchisees, suppliers, or customers, or result in political or economic instability.

Reliance on Systems. If the network and information systems and other technology systems that are integral to retail operations at system restaurants and at the Company's manufacturing facilities, the Maidstone Bakeries facility, and corporate offices are damaged or interrupted from power outages, computer and telecommunications failures, computer worms, viruses and other destructive or disruptive software, security breaches, catastrophic events and improper or personal usage by employees, such an event could have an adverse impact on the Company and its customers, franchisees and employees, including a disruption of our operations, customer dissatisfaction or a loss of customers or revenues. The Company relies on third party vendors to retain data, process transactions and provide certain services. In the event of failure in such third party vendors' systems and processes, the Company could experience business interruptions or privacy and/or security breaches surrounding our data. In the third quarter of 2009, the Company implemented an integrated financial system for the reporting and processing of financial data across numerous departmental and operational areas. This implementation and the conversion of these processes expose the Company to risk, including risks associated with maintaining and designing internal control and SOX 404 compliance, as well as corresponding Canadian requirements. Initially, the Company has experienced delays in business processes as new users adjust to utilizing the new financial system, which may impact the Company's relations with its franchisees, vendors and suppliers.

Foreign Exchange Fluctuations. The Company's Canadian restaurants are vulnerable to increases in the value of the U.S. dollar as certain commodities, such as coffee, are priced in U.S. dollars in international markets. Conversely, the Company's U.S. restaurants are impacted when the U.S. dollar falls in value relative to the Canadian dollar, as U.S. operations would be less profitable because of the increase in U.S. operating costs resulting from the purchase of supplies from Canadian sources, and profits from U.S. operations will contribute less to (or, for losses, have less of an impact on) the Company's consolidated results. Increases in these costs could make it harder to expand into the U.S. and increase relief and support costs to U.S. franchisees, affecting the Company's earnings. The opposite impact occurs when the U.S. dollar strengthens against the Canadian dollar. In addition, fluctuations in the values of Canadian and U.S. dollars can affect the value of the Company's common stock and any dividends the Company pays.

Privacy Protection. If the Company fails to comply with new and/or increasingly demanding laws and regulations regarding the protection of customer, supplier, vendor, franchisee, employee and/or business data, or if the Company (or a third party with which it has entered into a strategic alliance) experiences a significant breach of customer, supplier, vendor, franchisee, employee or Company data, the Company's reputation could be damaged and result in lost sales, fines, lawsuits and diversion of management attention. The introduction of credit payment systems and the Company's reloadable cash card makes us more susceptible to a risk of loss in connection with these issues, particularly with respect to an external security breach of customer information that the Company, or third parties under arrangement(s) with it, control.

Other Significant Risk Factors. The following factors could also cause the Company's actual results to differ from its expectations: an inability to adequately protect the Company's intellectual property and trade secrets from infringement actions or unauthorized use by others (including in certain international markets that have uncertain or inconsistent laws and/or application with respect to intellectual property and contract rights); liabilities and losses associated with owning and leasing significant amounts of real estate; an inability to retain executive officers and other key personnel or attract additional qualified management personnel to meet business needs; changes in its debt levels and a downgrade on its credit ratings; and certain anti-takeover provisions that may have the effect of delaying or preventing a change in control.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date and time made. Except as required by federal or provincial securities laws, the Company undertakes no obligation to publicly release any revisions to forward-looking statements, or to update them to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date forward-looking statements are made, or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.