Accenture Reports Second-Quarter Fiscal 2009 Results

-- Company reports revenues of \$5.27 billion and EPS of \$0.63 --

-- Operating income up 6%, to \$677 million; Operating margin expands 150 basis points, to 12.9% --

-- Company updates business outlook --

NEW YORK; March 26, 2009 — Accenture (NYSE: ACN) reported financial results for the second quarter of fiscal 2009, ended Feb. 28, 2009, with net revenues of \$5.27 billion, a decrease of 6 percent in U.S. dollars and an increase of 3 percent in local currency over the second quarter last year. Diluted earnings per share were \$0.63.

Operating income grew 6 percent, to \$677 million, and operating margin expanded 150 basis points, to 12.9 percent.

New bookings for the quarter were \$5.98 billion, with consulting bookings of \$3.14 billion and outsourcing bookings of \$2.84 billion.

William D. Green, Accenture's chairman & CEO, said, "We delivered a solid quarter, given an economic environment that is as challenging as any we have ever experienced. This increasingly uncertain environment is affecting business broadly and has had a dramatic impact on some of our clients. Against that backdrop, we grew revenues in local currency, grew operating income, expanded operating margin by 150 basis points and delivered solid earnings per share. We also generated significant cash flow, and our balance sheet remains exceptionally strong.

"We continue to stay relevant and responsive to our clients to help them adapt to their changing needs. We are revising our business outlook for the rest of the year to reflect the continued uncertainty in the global marketplace. That said, we continued to grow market share, and our results in the second quarter reflect our intense focus on the disciplined management of our business. We believe we are well-positioned to continue to deliver significant value to our clients and shareholders."

Financial Review

Revenues before reimbursements ("net revenues") for the second quarter of fiscal 2009 were \$5.27 billion, compared with \$5.61 billion in the second quarter of fiscal 2008, a decrease of 6 percent in U.S. dollars and an increase of 3 percent in local currency. Net revenues for the second quarter of fiscal 2009 reflect a foreign-exchange impact of negative 9 percent.

- Consulting net revenues for the quarter were \$3.03 billion, a decrease of 10 percent in U.S. dollars and 1 percent in local currency compared with the second quarter of fiscal 2008.
- Outsourcing net revenues were \$2.24 billion, a decrease of 1 percent in U.S. dollars and an increase of 9 percent in local currency compared with the second quarter of fiscal 2008.

Diluted EPS for the quarter were \$0.63, compared with \$0.64 in the second quarter last year.

- EPS reflected \$0.12, or 19 percent growth, from the Company's strong operating performance, broken down as follows:
 - \$0.09 from increased revenue and operating income in local currency; and
 - \$0.03 from a lower share count.
- This was partially offset by (\$0.09) from a higher effective income tax rate compared with the rate in the second quarter last year, which was unusually low in that quarter due to final determinations and research and development credits.
- The company also received a \$0.02 benefit from a release of reorganization liabilities and from non-operating items, which was offset by (\$0.06) from unfavorable foreign-exchange rates compared with the same period last year.

Operating income for the second quarter increased 6 percent, to \$677 million, or 12.9 percent of net revenues, compared with \$638 million, or 11.4 percent of net revenues, for the second quarter of fiscal 2008. This reflects an operating-margin expansion of 150 basis points, including 40 basis points from a benefit resulting from a reduction in reorganization liabilities.

Gross margin (gross profit as a percentage of net revenues) was 30.8 percent, compared with 29.5 percent for the second quarter last year, an expansion of 130 basis points.

Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses for the second quarter were \$958 million, or 18.2 percent of net revenues, compared with \$1,009 million, or 18.0 percent of net revenues, for the second quarter last year.

The company's effective tax rate for the second quarter was 28.1 percent. This compares with an effective tax rate of 17.8 percent for the second quarter last year, which was low due to final determinations and research and development credits recorded in that quarter.

Income before minority interest for the second quarter was \$502 million, compared with \$534 million for the same period of fiscal 2008, a decrease of 6 percent.

Operating cash flow for the second quarter was \$631 million, and property and equipment additions were \$53 million. Free cash flow, defined as operating cash flow net of property and equipment additions, was \$578 million. For the same period last fiscal year, operating cash flow was \$724 million; property and equipment additions were \$79 million; and free cash flow was \$645 million.

Accenture's total cash balance at Feb. 28, 2009, was \$2.98 billion, compared with \$3.60 billion at Aug. 31, 2008. The difference includes a \$383 million reduction due to foreign-exchange translations on the cash balances the company holds around the world.

Days services outstanding, or DSOs, were 33 at Feb. 28, 2009, compared with 37 at Aug. 31, 2008. Utilization for the second quarter of fiscal 2009 was 83 percent, consistent with the

second quarter last year. Attrition for the quarter was 9 percent on an annualized basis, compared with 15 percent in the second quarter last year.

New Bookings

New bookings for the second quarter were \$5.98 billion. This reflects a negative 8 percent foreign-currency impact when compared with new bookings in the second quarter last year.

- Consulting new bookings were \$3.14 billion, or 52 percent of total new bookings.
- Outsourcing new bookings were \$2.84 billion, or 48 percent of total new bookings.

Net Revenues by Operating Group

Since January 2009, Accenture's consulting business, particularly systems integration and to a lesser extent management consulting, has been affected by the continuing global economic downturn. As a result, several of the company's operating groups experienced either a decline in consulting revenues or decreased growth during the second quarter of fiscal 2009 compared with the second quarter of fiscal 2008. Accenture's outsourcing business experienced solid growth in local currency during the second quarter of fiscal 2009 compared with the second quarter of fiscal 2008.

Net revenues by operating group for the second quarter were as follows:

- Communications & High Tech: \$1,194 million, compared with \$1,339 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2008, a decrease of 11 percent in U.S. dollars and 3 percent in local currency. Consulting revenues declined 7 percent in local currency and outsourcing revenues increased 3 percent in local currency.
- Financial Services: \$1,041 million, compared with \$1,209 million for the same period last year, a decrease of 14 percent in U.S. dollars and 5 percent in local currency. Consulting revenues declined 14 percent in local currency and outsourcing revenues increased 8 percent in local currency.
- Products: \$1,369 million, compared with \$1,439 million for the year-ago period, a decrease of 5 percent in U.S. dollars and an increase of 5 percent in local currency. Consulting revenues declined 2 percent in local currency and outsourcing revenues increased 16 percent in local currency.
- Public Service: \$703 million, compared with \$675 million for the year-ago period, an increase of 4 percent in U.S. dollars and 12 percent in local currency. Consulting revenues increased 15 percent in local currency and outsourcing revenues increased 7 percent in local currency.
- Resources: \$953 million, compared with \$944 million for the same period of fiscal 2008, an increase of 1 percent in U.S. dollars and 14 percent in local currency. Consulting revenues increased 14 percent in local currency and outsourcing revenues increased 14 percent in local currency.

Net Revenues by Geographic Region

Net revenues by geographic region in the second quarter were as follows:

- Americas: \$2,298 million, compared with \$2,317 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2008, a decrease of 1 percent in U.S. dollars and an increase of 4 percent in local currency.
- Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA): \$2,415 million, compared with \$2,791 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2008, a decrease of 13 percent in U.S. dollars and an increase of 1 percent in local currency.
- Asia Pacific: \$553 million, compared with \$503 million for the year-ago period, an increase of 10 percent in U.S. dollars and 13 percent in local currency.

Share Repurchase Activity

During the second quarter of fiscal 2009, Accenture repurchased or redeemed 11.0 million shares for a total of \$357 million. Accenture's total remaining share repurchase authority at Feb. 28, 2009, was approximately \$1.5 billion.

At Feb. 28, 2009, Accenture had approximately 738 million total shares outstanding, including 613 million Accenture Ltd Class A common shares and minority holdings of 125 million shares (Accenture SCA Class I common shares and Accenture Canada Holding, Inc. exchangeable shares).

Business Outlook

Accenture is revising its business outlook for the remainder of fiscal 2009 to reflect the impact of the widespread global economic downturn, which has led to changing patterns of demand for its services.

Third Quarter Fiscal 2009

Accenture expects net revenues for the third quarter of fiscal 2009 to be in the range of \$5.1 billion to \$5.3 billion. This range assumes a foreign-exchange impact of negative 12 percent compared with the third quarter of fiscal 2008.

Fiscal Year 2009

The company's revised business outlook for the full fiscal year assumes a foreign-exchange impact of negative 9 percent compared with fiscal 2008. The company's previous business outlook for the full fiscal year assumed a foreign-exchange impact of negative 8 percent to negative 10 percent compared with fiscal 2008.

Accenture is now targeting new bookings for fiscal 2009 in the range of \$23 billion to \$25 billion. The company's previous range was \$24 billion to \$27 billion.

For the full fiscal year, Accenture now expects net revenue growth to be in the range of 0 percent to 4 percent in local currency. The company's previous range was 6 percent to 10 percent in local currency.

Accenture continues to expect operating margin for the full fiscal year to be in the range of 13.4 percent to 13.7 percent, representing a year-over-year expansion of 50-80 basis points.

The company now expects diluted EPS for the full fiscal year to be in the range of \$2.60 to \$2.67. The company's previous range was \$2.78 to \$2.85.

Accenture now expects operating cash flow to be \$2.57 billion to \$2.77 billion; property and equipment additions to be \$315 million; and free cash flow to be in the range of \$2.25 billion to \$2.45 billion. The company's previous outlook was \$2.8 billion to \$3.0 billion for operating cash flow; \$370 million for property and equipment additions; and \$2.4 billion to \$2.6 billion for free cash flow.

The company continues to expect its annual effective tax rate to be in the range of 29 percent to 31 percent.

Conference Call and Webcast Details

Accenture will host a conference call at 4:30 p.m. EDT today to discuss its second-quarter fiscal 2009 financial results. To participate, please dial +1 (800) 230-1059 [+1 (612) 234-9959 outside the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada] approximately 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the call. The conference call will also be accessible live on the Investor Relations section of the Accenture website at www.accenture.com.

A replay and podcast of the conference call will be available on the Investor Relations section of the Accenture website beginning at 7:00 p.m. EDT today, Thursday, March 26, and continuing until Wednesday, June 24, 2009. The replay will also be available via telephone by dialing +1 (800) 475-6701 [+1 (320) 365-3844 outside the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada] and entering access code 990690 from 7:00 p.m. EDT today, Thursday, March 26, through 11:59 p.m. EDT Thursday, April 9, 2009.

About Accenture

Accenture is a global management consulting, technology services and outsourcing company. Combining unparalleled experience, comprehensive capabilities across all industries and business functions, and extensive research on the world's most successful companies, Accenture collaborates with clients to help them become high-performance businesses and governments. With more than 181,000 people serving clients in over 120 countries, the company generated net revenues of US\$23.39 billion for the fiscal year ended Aug. 31, 2008. Its home page is www.accenture.com.

Non-GAAP Financial Information

This press release includes certain non-GAAP financial information as defined by Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation G. Pursuant to the requirements of this regulation, reconciliations of this non-GAAP financial information to Accenture's financial statements as prepared under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) are included in this press release. Accenture's management believes providing investors with this information gives additional insights into Accenture's results of operations. While Accenture's management believes that these non-GAAP financial measures are useful in evaluating Accenture's operations, this information should be considered as supplemental in nature and not as a substitute for the related financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Forward-Looking Statements

Except for the historical information and discussions contained herein, statements in this news release may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements involve a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied. These include, without limitation, risks that: our results of operations could be adversely affected by economic and political conditions and the effects of these conditions on our clients' businesses and levels of business activity; our results of operations could be negatively affected if we cannot expand and develop our services and solutions in response to changes in technology and client demand; the consulting, systems integration and technology and outsourcing markets are highly competitive and we might not be able to compete effectively; our work with government clients exposes us to additional risks in the government contracting environment; clients may not be satisfied with our services; liabilities could arise if our subcontractors or other third parties cannot deliver their project contributions on time or at all; our results of operations could be adversely affected if our clients terminate their contracts with us on short notice; our outsourcing services subject us to operational and financial risk; our results of operations may be adversely affected by the type and level of technology spending by our clients; our profitability may suffer if we are not able to maintain favorable pricing rates and utilization rates, if we cannot control our costs, or if we cannot anticipate the cost and complexity of performing our work; our business could be negatively affected by legal liability that results from our providing solutions or services; our global operations are subject to complex risks, some of which might be beyond our control; our growth and our ability to compete may be adversely affected if we cannot attract, retain and motivate our employees or efficiently utilize their skills; our business may be adversely affected if we cannot manage the organizational challenges associated with the size and expansion of our company; new tax legislation or interpretations could lead to an increase in our tax burden; negative publicity related to Bermuda companies could affect our relationships with our clients; consolidation in the industries that we serve could adversely affect our business; our ability to attract and retain business may depend on our reputation in the marketplace; the share price of Accenture Ltd Class A common shares could be adversely affected by sales, or the anticipation of future sales, of Class A common shares held by our employees and former employees; as well as the risks, uncertainties and other factors discussed under the "Risk Factors" heading in our most recent annual report on Form 10-K and other documents filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Statements in this press release speak only as of the date they were made, and Accenture undertakes no duty to update any forward-looking statements made in this news release or to conform such statements to actual results or changes in Accenture's expectations.

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CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS

(In thousands of U.S. dollars, except share and per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	For the Three Months Ended							For the Six Months Ended						
	Februar 200	•	% of Net Revenues	Fel	oruary 29, 2008	% of Net Revenues	Fe	bruary 28, 2009	% of Net Revenues	Fel	bruary 29, 2008	% of Net Revenues		
REVENUES:		-												
Revenues before reimbursements														
("Net revenues")	\$ 5,260	,	100%	\$	5,611,314	100%	\$	11,285,821	100%	\$ 1	1,285,227	100%		
Reimbursements	-	1,239			446,309			842,350			874,353			
Revenues	5,65	7,563			6,057,623			12, 128, 171		1	2,159,580			
OPERATING EXPENSES:														
Cost of services:														
Cost of services before														
reimbursable expenses		3,999	69.2%		3,958,264	70.5%		7,775,688	68.9%		7,927,100	70.2%		
Reimbursable expenses		1,239			446,309			842,350			874,353			
Cost of services		5,238	0.00/		4,404,573	0.60/		8,618,038	0.60/		8,801,453	0.40/		
Sales and marketing General and administrative costs		9,226	9.9%		539,303	9.6%		1,082,418	9.6%		1,059,701	9.4%		
Reorganization (benefits) costs, net		3,641 3,009)	8.3%		469,879 5,811	8.4%		945,380 (9,904)	8.4%		919,836 14,134	8.1%		
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Total operating expenses	4,980),096			5,419,566		_	10,635,932			0,795,124			
OPERATING INCOME	67	7,467	12.9%		638,057	11.4%		1,492,239	13.2%		1,364,456	12.1%		
(Loss) gain on investments, net		(119)			803			1,241			6,274			
Interest income		1,155			24,110			33,351			61,890			
Interest expense		3,214)			(7,684)			(6,614)			(13,082)			
Other income (expense), net	1	3,673			(5,708)			(12,734)			3,529			
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	698	3,962	13.3%		649,578	11.6%		1,507,483	13.4%		1,423,067	12.6%		
Provision for income taxes	190	5,554			115,782			411,842			383,713			
INCOME BEFORE MINORITY INTEREST	502	2,408	9.5%		533,796	9.5%		1,095,641	9.7%		1,039,354	9.2%		
Minority interest in Accenture SCA and														
Accenture Canada Holdings Inc.		7,335)			(123,850)			(195,468)			(243,663)			
Minority interest – other (1)	(3,637)			(3,389)			(8,871)			(7,849)			
NET INCOME	\$ 41	1,436	7.8%	\$	406,557	7.2%	\$	891,302	7.9%	\$	787,842	7.0%		
CALCULATION OF EARNINGS PER SHARE:														
Net income	\$ 41	1,436		\$	406,557		\$	891,302		\$	787,842			
Minority interest in Accenture SCA and														
Accenture Canada Holdings Inc. (2) Net income for diluted earnings per	8	7,335			123,850			195,468			243,663			
share calculation	\$ 498	3,771		\$	530,407		\$	1,086,770		\$	1,031,505			
EARNINGS PER SHARE:														
- Basic	\$	0.66		\$	0.67		\$	1.43		\$	1.29			
- Diluted	\$	0.63		\$	0.64		\$	1.37		\$	1.24			
WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES:														
- Basic	620,46	1,500		60	8,472,725		6	21,322,235		61	0,116,498			
- Diluted	786,369	9,122		82	8,811,701		7	91,751,686		83	34,479,356			
Cash dividends per share	\$	-		\$	-		\$	0.50		\$	0.42			

 $^{(1) \}quad Minority\ interest-other\ is\ comprised\ primarily\ of\ minority\ interest\ attributable\ to\ the\ minority\ shareholders\ of\ Avanade\ Inc.$

⁽²⁾ Diluted earnings per share assumes the redemption and exchange of all Accenture SCA Class I common shares and Accenture Canada Holdings Inc. exchangeable shares, respectively, for Accenture Ltd Class A common shares on a one-for-one basis.

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

(In thousands of U.S. dollars) (Unaudited)

		(Unaud	ntea)		_		
		For the Three	Month	ns Ended	Percent Increase	Percent Increase (Decrease		
	Fe	ebruary 28, 2009	Fe	ebruary 29, 2008	(Decrease) US\$	Local Currency		
OPERATING GROUPS		2002		2000	254			
Communications & High Tech	\$	1,193,656	\$	1,339,411	(11%)	(3%)		
Financial Services		1,040,705		1,209,223	(14%)	(5%)		
Products		1,369,129		1,439,002	(5%)	5%		
Public Service		702,548		674,520	4%	12%		
Resources		953,267		943,595	1%	14%		
Other		7,019		5,563	n/m	n/m		
OTAL Net Revenues		5,266,324		5,611,314	(6%)	3%		
Reimbursements		391,239		446,309	(12%)			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	5,657,563	\$	6,057,623	(7%)			
EOGRAPHY		_						
Americas	\$	2,298,382	\$	2,317,367	(1%)	4%		
EMEA		2,414,595		2,790,829	(13%)	1%		
Asia Pacific		553,347		503,118	10%	13%		
OTAL Net Revenues	\$	5,266,324	\$	5,611,314	(6%)	3%		
YPE OF WORK								
Consulting	\$	3,030,048	\$	3,351,461	(10%)	(1%)		
Outsourcing		2,236,276		2,259,853	(1%)	9%		
OTAL Net Revenues	\$	5,266,324	\$	5,611,314	(6%)	3%		
		For the Six N	Nont he	Ended	Percent Increase	Percent Increase (Decrease)		
	F	ebruary 28,		ebruary 29,	(Decrease)	Local		
		2009		2008	US\$	Currency		
PERATING GROUPS								
Communications & High Tech	\$	2,557,474	\$	2,651,143	(4%)	2%		
Financial Services		2,278,783		2,453,193	(7%)	(2%)		
Products		2,936,521		2,911,858	1%	7%		
Public Service		1,463,452		1,383,482	6%	11%		
Resources		2,032,495		1,874,557	8%	17%		
Other		17,096		10,994	n/m	n/m		
OTAL Net Revenues		11,285,821		11,285,227	0%	6%		
Reimbursements		842,350		874,353	(4%)			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	12,128,171	\$	12,159,580	0%			
EOGRAPHY								
Americas	\$	4,874,760	\$	4,642,588	5%	8%		
EMEA		5,287,681		5,674,158	(7%)	3%		
Asia Pacific		1,123,380		968,481	16%	19%		
OTAL Net Revenues	\$	11,285,821	\$	11,285,227	0%	6%		
YPE OF WORK		_	· <u> </u>	-				
Consulting	\$	6,687,223	\$	6,810,047	(2%)	4%		
Outsourcing		4 508 508		4 475 180	30%	Ω0%		

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Outsourcing
TOTAL Net Revenues

OPERATING INCOME BY OPERATING GROUP

(In thousands of U.S. dollars) (Unaudited)

		For the Three Months Ended								
		February 2	28, 2009		February 2	ı.				
	Operating		Operating	0	perating	Operating	I	ncrease		
OPERATING GROUPS	Ţ	Income Margi		Income		Margin	(D	Decrease)		
Communications & High Tech	\$	152,152	13%	\$	184,926	14%	\$	(32,774)		
Financial Services		96,168	9%		142,792	12%		(46,624)		
Products		179,911	13%		161,806	11%		18,105		
Public Service		100,375	14%		22,443	3%		77,932		
Resources		148,861	16%		126,090	13%		22,771		
Total	\$	677,467	12.9%	\$	638,057	11.4%	\$	39,410		

For the Six Months Ended

	February 2	28, 2009		February 2			
	Operating	Operating	(Operating	Operating	I	ncrease
OPERATING GROUPS	Income	Margin		Income	Margin	(L	Decrease)
Communications & High Tech	\$ 331,308	13%	\$	312,958	12%	\$	18,350
Financial Services	253,407	11%		322,316	13%		(68,909)
Products	404,975	14%		380,931	13%		24,044
Public Service	191,426	13%		90,821	7%		100,605
Resources	 311,123	15%		257,430	14%		53,693
Total	\$ 1,492,239	13.2%	\$	1,364,456	12.1%	\$	127,783

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands of U.S. dollars)

	Febr	uary 28, 2009	August 31, 2008		
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ASSETS					
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,978,000	\$	3,602,760	
Short-term investments	φ	13,450	Ф	20,282	
Receivables from clients, net		2,386,780		2,996,815	
Unbilled services, net		1,239,278		1,518,580	
Other current assets		909,440		1,020,691	
Other current assets		707,440		1,020,071	
Total current assets		7,526,948		9,159,128	
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:					
Unbilled services, net		28,584		43,627	
Investments		11,846		19,034	
Property and equipment, net		708,643		800,164	
Other non-current assets		2,281,338		2,376,572	
Total non-current assets		3,030,411		3,239,397	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	10,557,359	\$	12,398,525	
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
CURRENT LIABILITIES:					
Current portion of long-term debt and bank borrowings	\$	1,021	\$	6,570	
Accounts payable		716,466		1,017,227	
Deferred revenues		1,550,207		1,810,661	
Accrued payroll and related benefits		2,088,672		2,809,196	
Other accrued liabilities		1,104,252		1,204,224	
Total current liabilities		5,460,618		6,847,878	
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:					
Long-term debt		529		1,708	
Other non-current liabilities		2,189,152		2,356,264	
Total non-current liabilities		2,189,681		2,357,972	
MINORITY INTEREST		521,154		652,169	
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		2,385,906		2,540,506	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$	10,557,359	\$	12,398,525	

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOWS STATEMENTS

(In thousands of U.S. dollars) (Unaudited)

	For the Three Mon			onths Ended		For the Six M	Ionths Ended	
		ruary 28, 2009	February 29, 2008		February 28, 2009		February 29, 2008	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:								
Net income	\$	411,436	\$	406,557	\$	891,302	\$	787,842
Depreciation, amortization and asset impairments		135,069		111,045		254,632		236,213
Share-based compensation expense		134,977		104,904		222,100		176,921
Minority interest		90,972		127,239		204,339		251,512
Change in assets and liabilities/Other, net		(141,817)		(25,751)		(473,604)		(759,965)
Net cash provided by operating activities		630,637		723,994		1,098,769		692,523
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:								
Purchases of property and equipment		(52,613)		(78,538)		(124,489)		(167,318)
Purchases of businesses and investments, net of cash acquired		(1,499)		(145,243)		(2,806)		(197,618)
Other investing, net		881		84,378		14,291		188,130
Net cash used in investing activities		(53,231)		(139,403)		(113,004)		(176,806)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:								
Proceeds from issuance of common shares		80,690		53,130		212,287		202,168
Purchases of common shares		(356,819)		(549,243)		(1,046,771)		(1,168,417)
Cash dividends paid		-		-		(378,446)		(333,685)
Other financing, net		(23,820)		(16,060)		(14,939)		(3,585)
Net cash used in financing activities		(299,949)		(512,173)		(1,227,869)		(1,303,519)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(82,418)		39,348	_	(382,656)		57,545
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		195,039		111,766		(624,760)		(730,257)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	2	2,782,961		2,472,373		3,602,760		3,314,396
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$ 2	2,978,000	\$	2,584,139	\$	2,978,000	\$	2,584,139