



**NOBILITY HOMES, INC.**

*Controlling Our Future through Vertical Integration*

## **NOBILITY HOMES, INC. ANNOUNCES SALES AND EARNINGS FOR ITS FIRST QUARTER 2009**

Ocala, FL...March 12, 2009-- Today Nobility Homes, Inc. (NASDAQ: NOBH) announced sales and earnings results for its first quarter ended January 31, 2009. Sales for the first quarter of 2009 were \$3,561,482 as compared to \$8,168,552 recorded in first quarter of 2008. Loss from operations for the first quarter of 2009 was \$519,823 versus income of \$524,775 in the same period a year ago. Net loss after taxes was \$123,148 as compared to income of \$620,985 for the same period last year. The net loss after taxes of \$123,148 for the first quarter of 2009 came after deducting \$66,911 in non-cash losses for our investment in two retirement community limited partnerships. Loss for the first quarter of 2009 was (\$0.03) per share compared to diluted earnings of \$0.15 per share last year.

Nobility's financial position during fiscal year 2009 remains very strong with cash and cash equivalents, short and long-term investments of \$12,306,660 and no outstanding debt. Working capital is \$20,084,846 and our ratio of current assets to current liabilities is 19.3:1. Stockholders' equity is \$42,131,548 and the book value per share of common stock is \$10.35. The Company repurchased in the open market 17,133 shares of its common stock during first quarter of 2009. The Company's Board of Directors has authorized the purchase of up to 200,000 shares of the Company's stock in the open market.

The Board of Directors declared an annual cash dividend of \$0.25 per common share for fiscal year 2008. The cash dividend was paid January 12, 2009 to stockholders of record as of January 2, 2009.

Terry Trexler, President stated, "Sales and operations for the first quarter of 2009, were adversely impacted by our country's severe economic uncertainty and the reduced manufactured housing shipments in Florida, plus the overall decline in Florida and the nation's housing market. Industry shipments in Florida for the period of November 2008 through January 2009 were down approximately 52% from the same period last year. Fiscal year 2009 is Nobility's 42<sup>nd</sup> year of operating in our market area and may prove to be our most challenging. Lack of retail and wholesale financing, increasing unemployment and home foreclosures, slow sales of existing site-built homes, very low consumer confidence and a poor economic outlook for the U.S. economy are just a few of the challenges facing our country, our industry, and Nobility.

Management understands that during these very challenging economic times, maintaining the Company's strong financial condition is vital for future growth and success. Because of deteriorating business conditions and the lack of any clarity that today's economic challenges will improve significantly, the Company has closed one under-performing retail model center in the panhandle of Florida and will temporarily close our Belleview, Florida, manufacturing plant. The Company will consolidate the Belleview product line into the Ocala manufacturing plant and continue to offer a full price range of homes to our customers. Management will continue to evaluate Prestige's other sixteen retail model centers in Florida, along with all expenses within the Company and react in a manner consistent with maintaining our strong balance sheet.

Although the overall housing picture, financial market and economy have declined significantly this past year and the immediate outlook for the manufactured housing industry in Florida and the nation is uncertain, the long-term demographic trends still favor good future growth in the Florida market area we serve. Job formation, immigration growth and migration trends, plus consumers returning to more affordable housing should favor Florida. Management remains convinced that our specific geographic market is one of the best long-term growth areas in the country and, because of the strong operating leverage inherent in the Company, we plan to continue out-performing the industry. For the remainder of fiscal 2009, the country must experience a better economy with less uncertainty, improved sales in the existing home market, declining unemployment, continued low interest rates, improving credit markets, increased consumer confidence and more retail financing for the demand of Nobility's affordable homes to improve.

The Company invested as a limited partner in two new Florida retirement manufactured home communities in fiscal year 2008. Although these investments will report non-cash losses in the initial fill-up stage, management believes that the new attractive and affordable manufactured home communities for senior citizens will be a significant growth area for Florida in the future."

Nobility Homes, Inc. has specialized for 42 years in the design and production of quality, affordable manufactured homes at its two plants located in central Florida. With sixteen Company retail sales centers, a finance company joint venture, an insurance subsidiary, and an investment in two new affordable retirement manufactured home communities, Nobility is the only vertically integrated manufactured home company headquartered in Florida.

**MANAGEMENT WILL HOLD A CONFERENCE CALL ON THURSDAY, March 12, 2009 AT 11:00 AM EASTERN TIME. TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE DIAL 800-723-6575. THE PASSCODE FOR THE CALL IS 1296344. YOU MAY ALSO ACCESS THE CALL AT [www.nobilityhomes.com](http://www.nobilityhomes.com) OR <http://www.videonewswire.com/event.asp?id=56902>**

Certain statements in this report are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws, including our statement that working capital requirements will be met with internal sources. Although Nobility believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, there are risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from expectations. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, competitive pricing pressures at both the wholesale and retail levels, increasing material costs, continued excess retail inventory, increase in repossessions, changes in market demand, changes in interest rates, availability of financing for retail and wholesale purchasers, consumer confidence, adverse weather conditions that reduce sales at retail centers, the risk of manufacturing plant shutdowns due to storms or other factors, the impact of marketing and cost-management programs, reliance on the Florida economy, impact of labor shortage, impact of materials shortage, increasing labor cost, cyclical nature of the manufactured housing industry, impact of rising fuel costs, catastrophic events impacting insurance costs, availability of insurance coverage for various risks to Nobility, market demographics, management's ability to attract and retain executive officers and key personnel, increased global tensions, market disruptions resulting from terrorist or other attack and any armed conflict involving the United States and the impact of inflation.