

DELL INC.
Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income and Related Financial Highlights
(in millions, except per share data and percentages)
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended			% Growth Rates	
	July 29, 2011	April 29, 2011	July 30, 2010	Sequential	Yr. to Yr.
Net revenue					
Products.....	\$ 12,610	\$ 12,059	\$ 12,645	5%	(0)%
Services, including software related	3,048	2,958	2,889	3%	6%
Net revenue	<u>15,658</u>	<u>15,017</u>	<u>15,534</u>	4%	1%
Cost of net revenue					
Products.....	9,935	9,436	10,931	5%	(9)%
Services, including software related	2,198	2,149	2,017	2%	9%
Total cost of net revenue.....	<u>12,133</u>	<u>11,585</u>	<u>12,948</u>	5%	(6)%
Gross margin	3,525	3,432	2,586	3%	36%
Selling, general and administrative	2,174	2,025	1,679	7%	29%
Research, development and engineering	205	195	162	5%	27%
Total operating expenses.....	<u>2,379</u>	<u>2,220</u>	<u>1,841</u>	7%	29%
Operating income	1,146	1,212	745	(5)%	54%
Interest and other, net.....	(55)	(42)	(49)	(29)%	(12)%
Income before income taxes.....	1,091	1,170	696	(7)%	57%
Income tax provision	201	225	151	(11)%	33%
Net income	<u>\$ 890</u>	<u>\$ 945</u>	<u>\$ 545</u>	(6)%	63%
Earnings per share:					
Basic	<u>\$ 0.48</u>	<u>\$ 0.50</u>	<u>\$ 0.28</u>	(4)%	71%
Diluted	<u>\$ 0.48</u>	<u>\$ 0.49</u>	<u>\$ 0.28</u>	(2)%	71%
Weighted average shares outstanding:					
Basic	1,858	1,908	1,952	(3)%	(5)%
Diluted	1,871	1,923	1,960	(3)%	(5)%
<u>Percentage of Total Net Revenue:</u>					
Gross margin.....	22.5%	22.9%	16.6%		
Selling, general and administrative.....	13.9%	13.5%	10.8%		
Research and development.....	1.3%	1.3%	1.0%		
Operating expenses.....	15.2%	14.8%	11.8%		
Operating income.....	7.3%	8.1%	4.8%		
Income before income taxes.....	7.0%	7.8%	4.5%		
Net income.....	5.7%	6.3%	3.5%		
Income tax rate	18.4%	19.2%	21.7%		
<u>Net Revenue by Product Category:</u>					
Servers and Networking	\$ 2,054	\$ 1,973	\$ 1,890	4%	9%
Storage.....	502	481	624	4%	(20)%
Services	2,036	1,984	1,915	3%	6%
Software and Peripherals	2,569	2,567	2,535	0%	1%
Mobility.....	4,761	4,716	4,700	1%	1%
Desktop PCs.....	3,736	3,296	3,870	13%	(3)%
Consolidated net revenue.....	<u>\$ 15,658</u>	<u>\$ 15,017</u>	<u>\$ 15,534</u>	4%	1%
<u>Percentage of Total Net Revenue:</u>					
Servers and Networking	13%	13%	12%		
Storage.....	3%	3%	4%		
Services	13%	13%	12%		
Software and Peripherals	16%	17%	17%		
Mobility.....	31%	32%	30%		
Desktop PCs.....	24%	22%	25%		
<u>Net Revenue by Global Segment:</u>					
Large Enterprise.....	\$ 4,584	\$ 4,477	\$ 4,549	2%	1%
Public.....	4,457	3,767	4,580	18%	(3)%
Small and Medium Business.....	3,709	3,768	3,535	(2)%	5%
Consumer	2,908	3,005	2,870	(3)%	1%
Consolidated net revenue.....	<u>\$ 15,658</u>	<u>\$ 15,017</u>	<u>\$ 15,534</u>	4%	1%
<u>Percentage of Total Net Revenue:</u>					
Large Enterprise.....	29%	30%	29%		
Public.....	28%	25%	30%		
Small and Medium Business.....	24%	25%	23%		
Consumer	19%	20%	18%		
<u>Consolidated Operating Income:</u>					
Large Enterprise.....	\$ 448	\$ 504	\$ 288		
Public.....	484	370	369		
Small and Medium Business.....	404	463	323		
Consumer	73	136	(21)		
Segment operating income.....	1,409	1,473	959		
Severance and facility actions	-	(19)	(24)		
Broad based long-term incentives	(81)	(97)	(87)		
Amortization of intangible assets.....	(95)	(92)	(87)		
Acquisition-related.....	(87)	(53)	(16)		
Other.....	-	-	-		
Consolidated operating income	<u>\$ 1,146</u>	<u>\$ 1,212</u>	<u>\$ 745</u>		

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	Six Months Ended		% Growth Rates Yr. to Yr.
	July 29, 2011	July 30, 2010	
Net revenue			
Products.....	\$ 24,669	\$ 24,731	(0%)
Services, including software related	6,006	5,677	6%
Net revenue	<u>30,675</u>	<u>30,408</u>	1%
Cost of net revenue			
Products.....	19,371	21,316	(9%)
Services, including software related	4,347	3,990	9%
Total cost of net revenue.....	<u>23,718</u>	<u>25,306</u>	(6%)
Gross margin	6,957	5,102	36%
Selling, general and administrative	4,199	3,509	20%
Research, development and engineering	400	329	22%
Total operating expenses.....	<u>4,599</u>	<u>3,838</u>	20%
Operating income	2,358	1,264	87%
Interest and other, net.....	(97)	(117)	17%
Income before income taxes.....	2,261	1,147	97%
Income tax provision	426	261	63%
Net income	<u>\$ 1,835</u>	<u>\$ 886</u>	107%
Earnings per share:			
Basic	<u>\$ 0.97</u>	<u>\$ 0.45</u>	116%
Diluted	<u>\$ 0.97</u>	<u>\$ 0.45</u>	116%
Weighted average shares outstanding:			
Basic	1,883	1,956	(4%)
Diluted	1,897	1,967	(4%)
<u>Percentage of Total Net Revenue:</u>			
Gross margin.....	22.7%	16.8%	
Selling, general and administrative.....	13.7%	11.5%	
Research and development.....	1.3%	1.1%	
Operating expenses.....	15.0%	12.6%	
Operating income.....	7.7%	4.2%	
Income before income taxes.....	7.4%	3.8%	
Net income.....	6.0%	2.9%	
Income tax rate	18.8%	22.8%	
<u>Net Revenue by Product Category:</u>			
Servers and Networking	\$ 4,027	\$ 3,675	10%
Storage.....	983	1,178	(17%)
Services	4,020	3,806	6%
Software and Peripherals	5,136	5,031	2%
Mobility.....	9,477	9,263	2%
Desktop PCs.....	7,032	7,455	(6%)
Consolidated net revenue.....	<u>\$ 30,675</u>	<u>\$ 30,408</u>	1%
<u>Percentage of Total Net Revenue:</u>			
Servers and Networking	13%	12%	
Storage.....	3%	4%	
Services	13%	12%	
Software and Peripherals	17%	17%	
Mobility.....	31%	30%	
Desktop PCs.....	23%	25%	
<u>Net Revenue by Global Segment:</u>			
Large Enterprise.....	\$ 9,061	\$ 8,795	3%
Public.....	8,224	8,436	(3%)
Small and Medium Business.....	7,477	7,059	6%
Consumer	5,913	6,118	(3%)
Consolidated net revenue.....	<u>\$ 30,675</u>	<u>\$ 30,408</u>	1%
<u>Percentage of Total Net Revenue:</u>			
Large Enterprise.....	30%	29%	
Public.....	27%	28%	
Small and Medium Business.....	24%	23%	
Consumer	19%	20%	
<u>Consolidated Operating Income:</u>			
Large Enterprise.....	\$ 952	\$ 571	
Public.....	854	667	
Small and Medium Business.....	867	636	
Consumer	209	(4)	
Segment operating income.....	2,882	1,870	
Severance and facility actions	(19)	(81)	
Broad based long-term incentives	(178)	(174)	
Amortization of intangible assets.....	(187)	(175)	
Acquisition-related.....	(140)	(36)	
Other ⁽¹⁾	-	(140)	
Consolidated operating income	<u>\$ 2,358</u>	<u>\$ 1,264</u>	

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⁽¹⁾ Other for the six months ended July 30, 2010 includes amounts for the \$100 million settlement of the SEC investigation and a \$40 million settlement for a securities litigation matter.

DELL INC.
Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position and Related Financial Highlights
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	<u>July 29, 2011</u>	<u>April 29, 2011</u>	<u>July 30, 2010</u>
<u>Assets:</u>			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,623	\$ 14,061	\$ 11,694
Short-term investments	509	418	744
Accounts receivable, net	6,752	6,196	6,565
Financing receivables, net	3,385	3,205	3,272
Inventories, net	1,346	1,276	1,372
Other current assets	3,043	3,217	3,562
Total current assets	<u>29,658</u>	<u>28,373</u>	<u>27,209</u>
Property, plant and equipment, net	2,064	1,987	1,980
Investments	1,048	762	633
Long-term financing receivables, net	1,252	1,123	622
Goodwill	5,431	5,406	4,264
Purchased intangible assets, net	1,866	1,941	1,638
Other non-current assets	285	196	294
Total assets	<u>\$ 41,604</u>	<u>\$ 39,788</u>	<u>\$ 36,640</u>
<u>Liabilities and Equity:</u>			
Current liabilities:			
Short-term debt	\$ 1,316	\$ 816	\$ 1,627
Accounts payable	11,628	10,442	12,465
Accrued and other	3,823	3,590	3,812
Short-term deferred services revenue	3,427	3,282	3,009
Total current liabilities	<u>20,194</u>	<u>18,130</u>	<u>20,913</u>
Long-term debt	6,424	6,794	3,623
Long-term deferred services revenue	3,723	3,608	3,311
Other non-current liabilities	2,927	2,886	2,632
Total liabilities	<u>33,268</u>	<u>31,418</u>	<u>30,479</u>
Stockholders' equity	8,336	8,370	6,161
Total liabilities and equity	<u>\$ 41,604</u>	<u>\$ 39,788</u>	<u>\$ 36,640</u>
<u>Ratios:</u>			
Days of sales outstanding ⁽¹⁾	42	40	41
Days supply in inventory	10	10	10
Days in accounts payable	<u>(86)</u>	<u>(81)</u>	<u>(87)</u>
Cash conversion cycle	<u>(34)</u>	<u>(31)</u>	<u>(36)</u>
 Average total revenue/unit (approximate)	 \$ 1,350	 \$ 1,380	 \$ 1,340

Note: Ratios are calculated based on underlying data in thousands.

⁽¹⁾ Days of sales outstanding ("DSO") is based on the ending net trade receivables and most recent quarterly revenue for each period. DSO includes the effect of product costs related to customer shipments not yet recognized as revenue that are classified in the other current assets. At July 29, 2011, April 29, 2011, and July 30, 2010, DSO and days of customer shipments not yet recognized were 39 and 3 days, 37 and 3 days, 38 and 3 days, respectively.

DELL INC.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(in millions, unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	July 29, 2011	July 30, 2010	July 29, 2011	July 30, 2010
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income.....	\$ 890	\$ 545	\$ 1,835	\$ 886
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	230	264	446	511
Stock-based compensation	82	80	181	156
Effects of exchange rate changes on monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies	(9)	7	(9)	37
Deferred Income Taxes	7	(24)	(56)	(55)
Provision for doubtful accounts - including financing receivables	70	95	117	217
Other	5	4	-	4
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions:				
Accounts receivable	(566)	(777)	(95)	(896)
Financing receivables	(100)	(205)	(79)	(413)
Inventories	(69)	(186)	(31)	(318)
Other assets	97	(33)	207	36
Accounts payable	1,186	1,109	261	1,131
Deferred services revenue.....	212	193	403	265
Accrued and other liabilities	339	263	(341)	12
Change in cash from operating activities	<u>2,374</u>	<u>1,335</u>	<u>2,839</u>	<u>1,573</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Investments:				
Purchases	(541)	(713)	(781)	(1,063)
Maturities and sales	210	669	432	838
Capital expenditures	(159)	(145)	(296)	(191)
Proceeds from sale of facility and land.....	-	18	12	18
Collections on purchased financing receivables.....	68	-	135	-
Acquisition of business, net of cash received	(428)	(89)	(1,901)	(222)
Change in cash from investing activities	<u>(850)</u>	<u>(260)</u>	<u>(2,399)</u>	<u>(620)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Repurchase of common stock	(1,130)	(200)	(1,580)	(400)
Issuance of common stock under employee plans.....	19	2	29	9
Issuance (repayment) of commercial paper (maturity 90 days or less), net	-	490	-	724
Proceeds from debt	503	341	2,433	609
Repayments of debt	(370)	(253)	(693)	(819)
Other	(1)	(1)	2	2
Change in cash from financing activities	<u>(979)</u>	<u>379</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>125</u>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents.....	17	(15)	79	(19)
Change in cash and cash equivalents.....	562	1,439	710	1,059
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period.....	14,061	10,255	13,913	10,635
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period.....	<u>\$ 14,623</u>	<u>\$ 11,694</u>	<u>\$ 14,623</u>	<u>\$ 11,694</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

The tables on the following pages set forth, for the periods indicated, a reconciliation of non-GAAP gross margin, non-GAAP operating expenses, non-GAAP operating income, non-GAAP net income, and non-GAAP earnings per share (collectively, the “non-GAAP financial measures”) to the most comparable GAAP financial measures. These non-GAAP financial measures may not be directly comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. See “Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures” following the tables for additional information regarding Dell’s reasons for including the non-GAAP financial measures and for material limitations with respect to the usefulness of these measures.

DELL INC.
Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures
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	Three Months Ended			% Growth Rates	
	July 29, 2011	April 29, 2011	July 30, 2010	Sequential	Yr. to Yr.
GAAP gross margin.....	\$ 3,525	\$ 3,432	\$ 2,586	3%	36%
Non-GAAP adjustments:					
Amortization of intangibles.....	74	71	70		
Severance and facility actions.....	-	5	14		
Acquisition-related.....	26	3	1		
Non-GAAP gross margin.....	<u>\$ 3,625</u>	<u>\$ 3,511</u>	<u>\$ 2,671</u>	3%	36%
GAAP operating expenses.....	\$ 2,379	\$ 2,220	\$ 1,841	7%	29%
Non-GAAP adjustments:					
Amortization of intangibles.....	(21)	(21)	(17)		
Severance and facility actions.....	-	(14)	(10)		
Acquisition-related.....	(61)	(50)	(15)		
Non-GAAP operating expenses.....	<u>\$ 2,297</u>	<u>\$ 2,135</u>	<u>\$ 1,799</u>	8%	28%
GAAP operating income	\$ 1,146	\$ 1,212	\$ 745	(5%)	54%
Non-GAAP adjustments:					
Amortization of intangibles.....	95	92	87		
Severance and facility actions.....	-	19	24		
Acquisition-related.....	87	53	16		
Non-GAAP operating income.....	<u>\$ 1,328</u>	<u>\$ 1,376</u>	<u>\$ 872</u>	(3%)	52%
GAAP net income.....	\$ 890	\$ 945	\$ 545	(6%)	63%
Non-GAAP adjustments:					
Amortization of intangibles.....	95	92	87		
Severance and facility actions.....	-	19	24		
Acquisition-related.....	87	53	16		
Aggregate adjustment for income taxes.....	(66)	(59)	(43)		
Non-GAAP net income.....	<u>\$ 1,006</u>	<u>\$ 1,050</u>	<u>\$ 629</u>	(4%)	60%
GAAP earnings per share - diluted.....	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.28	(2%)	71%
Non-GAAP adjustments per share - diluted.....	0.06	0.06	0.04		
Non-GAAP earnings per share - diluted.....	<u>\$ 0.54</u>	<u>\$ 0.55</u>	<u>\$ 0.32</u>	(2%)	69%
GAAP Diluted WAS.....	1,871	1,923	1,960		
<i>Percentage of Total Net Revenue:</i>					
GAAP gross margin.....	22.5%	22.9%	16.6%		
Non-GAAP adjustment.....	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%		
Non-GAAP gross margin.....	<u>23.2%</u>	<u>23.4%</u>	<u>17.2%</u>		
GAAP operating expenses.....	15.2%	14.8%	11.8%		
Non-GAAP adjustment.....	(0.5%)	(0.6%)	(0.2%)		
Non-GAAP operating expenses.....	<u>14.7%</u>	<u>14.2%</u>	<u>11.6%</u>		
GAAP operating income.....	7.3%	8.1%	4.8%		
Non-GAAP adjustment.....	1.2%	1.1%	0.8%		
Non-GAAP operating income.....	<u>8.5%</u>	<u>9.2%</u>	<u>5.6%</u>		
GAAP net income.....	5.7%	6.3%	3.5%		
Non-GAAP adjustment.....	0.7%	0.7%	0.5%		
Non-GAAP net income.....	<u>6.4%</u>	<u>7.0%</u>	<u>4.0%</u>		

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	<u>Six Months Ended</u>		<u>% Growth Rates</u>
	<u>July 29, 2011</u>	<u>July 30, 2010</u>	
GAAP gross margin.....	\$ 6,957	\$ 5,102	36%
Non-GAAP adjustments:			
Amortization of intangibles.....	145	138	
Severance and facility actions.....	5	43	
Acquisition-related.....	29	2	
Non-GAAP gross margin.....	<u>\$ 7,136</u>	<u>\$ 5,285</u>	35%
GAAP operating expenses.....	\$ 4,599	\$ 3,838	20%
Non-GAAP adjustments:			
Amortization of intangibles.....	(42)	(37)	
Severance and facility actions.....	(14)	(38)	
Acquisition-related.....	(111)	(34)	
Other ⁽¹⁾	-	(140)	
Non-GAAP operating expenses.....	<u>\$ 4,432</u>	<u>\$ 3,589</u>	23%
GAAP operating income	\$ 2,358	\$ 1,264	87%
Non-GAAP adjustments:			
Amortization of intangibles.....	187	175	
Severance and facility actions.....	19	81	
Acquisition-related.....	140	36	
Other ⁽¹⁾	-	140	
Non-GAAP operating income.....	<u>\$ 2,704</u>	<u>\$ 1,696</u>	59%
GAAP net income.....	\$ 1,835	\$ 886	107%
Non-GAAP adjustments:			
Amortization of intangibles.....	187	175	
Severance and facility actions.....	19	81	
Acquisition-related.....	140	36	
Other ⁽¹⁾	-	140	
Aggregate adjustment for income taxes.....	(125)	(105)	
Non-GAAP net Income.....	<u>\$ 2,056</u>	<u>\$ 1,213</u>	69%
GAAP earnings per share - diluted.....	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.45	116%
Non-GAAP adjustments per share - diluted.....	0.11	0.17	
Non-GAAP earnings per share - diluted.....	<u>\$ 1.08</u>	<u>\$ 0.62</u>	74%
GAAP Diluted WAS.....	1,897	1,967	
<i>Percentage of Total Net Revenue:</i>			
GAAP gross margin.....	22.7%	16.8%	
Non-GAAP adjustment.....	0.6%	0.6%	
Non-GAAP gross margin.....	<u>23.3%</u>	<u>17.4%</u>	
GAAP operating expenses.....	15.0%	12.6%	
Non-GAAP adjustment.....	(0.6%)	(0.8%)	
Non-GAAP operating expenses.....	<u>14.4%</u>	<u>11.8%</u>	
GAAP operating income.....	7.7%	4.2%	
Non-GAAP adjustment.....	1.1%	1.4%	
Non-GAAP operating income.....	<u>8.8%</u>	<u>5.6%</u>	
GAAP net income.....	6.0%	2.9%	
Non-GAAP adjustment.....	0.7%	1.1%	
Non-GAAP net income.....	<u>6.7%</u>	<u>4.0%</u>	

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⁽¹⁾ Other for the six months ended July 30, 2010 includes amounts for the \$100 million settlement of the SEC investigation and a \$40 million settlement for a securities litigation matter.

USE OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

Dell uses non-GAAP financial measures to supplement the financial information presented on a GAAP basis. Dell believes that excluding certain items from Dell's GAAP results allows Dell's management to better understand Dell's consolidated financial performance from period to period and in relationship to the operating results of Dell's segments, as management does not believe that the excluded items are reflective of Dell's underlying operating performance. Dell also believes that excluding certain items from Dell's GAAP results allows Dell's management to better project Dell's future consolidated financial performance because Dell's forecasts are developed at a level of detail different from that used to prepare GAAP-based financial measures. Moreover, Dell believes these non-GAAP financial measures will provide investors with useful information to help them evaluate Dell's operating results by facilitating an enhanced understanding of Dell's operating performance, and enabling them to make more meaningful period to period comparisons. Non-GAAP operating income growth as projected for Fiscal 2012, which is a forward looking non-GAAP financial measure, excludes acquisition-related charges, and amortization of purchased intangible assets related to acquisitions, some of which Dell cannot forecast with certainty or accuracy due to their inherently indefinite and contingent nature, thereby preventing Dell from reconciling its projections to GAAP. The historical non-GAAP financial measures, as defined by Dell, represent the comparable GAAP measures adjusted to exclude these same items as well as amounts for severance and facility charges, which were incurred in periods prior to the second quarter of Fiscal 2012, and the settlements related to the SEC investigation and a securities litigation matter, which were both incurred during the first quarter of Fiscal 2011. Dell provides more detail below regarding each of these items and our reasons for excluding them. In future fiscal periods, Dell expects that it may again exclude such items and may incur income and expenses similar to these excluded items. Accordingly, the exclusion of these items and other similar items in Dell's non-GAAP presentation should not be interpreted as implying that these items are non-recurring, infrequent, or unusual.

The non-GAAP financial measures for the periods indicated in the tables above reflect adjustments related to the following items:

- *Acquisition-related Costs* -- Acquisition-related charges are expensed as incurred and consist primarily of retention payments, integration costs, and other costs. Starting in the second quarter of Fiscal 2012, all severance and facility charges related to acquisitions are also included in acquisition-related costs. Previously, these costs were included in a separate caption for severance and facility actions described below. Acquisition-related severance and facility costs were not significant in prior periods. Retention payments include stock-based compensation and cash incentives awarded to employees, which are recognized over the vesting period. Integration costs include IT costs related to the integration of IT systems and processes, costs related to the integration of employees, costs related to full-time employees who are working on the integration, and consulting expenses. Acquisition-related charges are inconsistent in amount and are significantly impacted by the timing and nature of acquisitions. Therefore, although Dell may incur these types of expenses in connection with future acquisitions, Dell believes eliminating acquisition-related charges for purposes of calculating the non-GAAP financial measures facilitates a more meaningful evaluation of Dell's current operating performance and comparisons to Dell's past operating performance.
- *Amortization of Intangible Assets* -- Amortization of purchased intangible assets consists primarily of amortization of customer relationships, customer lists, acquired technology, trade names, and non-compete covenants purchased in connection with business acquisitions. Dell incurs charges relating to the amortization of these intangibles, and those charges are included in Dell's consolidated financial statements. Amortization charges for Dell's purchased intangible assets are inconsistent in amount and are significantly impacted by the timing and magnitude of Dell's acquisitions. Consequently, Dell excludes these charges for purposes of calculating the non-GAAP financial measures to facilitate a more meaningful evaluation of Dell's current operating performance and comparisons to Dell's past operating performance.

- *Severance and Facility Actions* -- Severance and facility action costs primarily relate to facilities charges including accelerated depreciation and severance and benefits for employees terminated pursuant to actions taken as part of a comprehensive review of costs, which started in Fiscal 2009, and exclude any routine workforce reductions. These activities are substantially complete. As such, starting in the second quarter of Fiscal 2012, only charges for severance and facility actions associated with cost synergies related to strategic acquisitions are being excluded for the purposes of calculating the non-GAAP financial measures and will be included in acquisition-related costs discuss above. Dell excludes these severance and facility action costs for purposes of calculating the non-GAAP financial measures because it believes that these historical costs do not reflect expected future operating expenses and do not contribute to a meaningful evaluation of Dell's current operating performance or comparisons to Dell's past operating performance.

- *Other Fees and Settlements* -- Dell also adjusts its GAAP results for certain settlements. For the first quarter of Fiscal 2011, Dell recorded a \$100 million settlement amount for the SEC investigation into certain of Dell's accounting and financial matters, which was initiated in 2005, and also incurred \$40 million for a securities litigation class action lawsuit that was filed against Dell during Fiscal 2007. Dell is excluding these settlements from the operating results of Fiscal 2011 for the purpose of calculating the non-GAAP financial measures because it believes these settlements are outside Dell's ordinary course of business and do not contribute to a meaningful evaluation of Dell's current operating performance.

- The aggregate adjustment for income taxes is the estimated combined income tax effect for the adjustments mentioned above. The tax effects are determined based on the tax jurisdictions where the costs were incurred.

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