

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC  
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**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 **RIPPLEWOOD HOLDINGS LLC**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 **ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [NYSE:ABG]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 **ONE ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, 32ND FLOOR**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 **09/29/2006**

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

**NEW YORK, NY 10020**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)          | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|  |                                      |  |                                | Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price                                    |   |  |  |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 09/29/2006                           |  | S                              | 382,044 D 17.67 (1)   | \$ 3,072,856  | I  | By Asbury Automotive Holdings LLC (2)      |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| RIPPLEWOOD HOLDINGS LLC<br>ONE ROCKEFELLER PLAZA<br>32ND FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10020                                |               | X         |         |       |
| RIPPLEWOOD PARTNERS LP<br>C/O RIPPLEWOOD INVESTMENTS LLC<br>ONE ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, 32ND FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10020 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Chris Minnetian, Secretary, Ripplewood Investments LLC 10/03/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The shares were sold in an underwritten offering to the public at a price of \$18.50 per share (the "Public Offering Price"). The \$17.67 price per share realized by the Reporting Person is equal to the Public Offering Price net of an underwriting discount of \$0.83 per share. The shares are held directly by Asbury Automotive Holdings LLC ("Holdings"). Ripplewood Partners L.P., a fund affiliated with
- (2) Ripplewood Investments LLC, owns 51% of the membership interests in Holdings. Ripplewood Investments, LLC is the General Partner of Ripplewood Partners L.P.

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