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Washington, D.C. 20549

AMENDMENT NO. 2  
TO  
FORM S-4  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

WESTERN SIZZLIN CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	5812	86-0723400
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If the securities being registered on this form are being offered in connection with the formation of a holding company and there is compliance with General Instruction G, check the following box. "



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If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. "

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## CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered (1)	Proposed maximum offering price per unit	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price (2)	Amount of registration fee (3)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	178,821	N/A	\$2,578,500	\$102

- (1) The Registrant has reduced the number of shares of Western common stock covered by this Registration Statement from 1,174,010 shares to 178,821 shares, which is the maximum number of shares of Western common stock that may be issued in the Registrant's amended exchange offer.
- (2) Pursuant to Rule 457(c) and Rule 457(f), and solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee, the market value of the securities to be received by the Registrant was calculated as the product of (i) 2,700,000 shares of ITEX Corporation common stock, which is the maximum number of shares that may be purchased by the Registrant pursuant to its amended exchange offer, and (ii) the average of the high and low sales prices of ITEX Corporation common stock as quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board on March 10, 2008 (\$0.955).
- (3) The Registrant previously paid a registration fee of \$490 in connection with the filing of its initial Registration Statement on Form S-4 on December 27, 2007.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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The information contained in this prospectus may be changed. Western may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and Western is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

WESTERN SIZZLIN CORPORATION

Offer to Exchange  
Up to 2,700,000 Shares of Common Stock  
of  
ITEX CORPORATION  
for  
Shares of Western Sizzlin Corporation Common Stock  
by  
WESTERN SIZZLIN CORPORATION

at an Exchange Ratio of One Share of ITEX Corporation Common Stock for  
.06623 Shares of Western Sizzlin Corporation Common Stock

THE OFFER AND THE WITHDRAWAL RIGHTS WILL EXPIRE AT 5:00 P.M., NEW YORK CITY TIME, ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2008, REFERRED TO AS THE “EXPIRATION DATE,” UNLESS EXTENDED. SHARES TENDERED PURSUANT TO THE OFFER MAY BE WITHDRAWN AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE.

Western Sizzlin Corporation is offering to exchange up to 2,700,000 shares of common stock of ITEX Corporation at an exchange ratio of one share of ITEX common stock for .06623 shares of Western common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, upon the terms and subject to the conditions in this prospectus and accompanying revised letter of transmittal. This offer is referred to in this prospectus as the “exchange offer,” the “offer,” the “amended exchange offer” or the “amended offer.” In addition, you will receive cash instead of any fractional shares of Western common stock to which you may be entitled.

This prospectus amends and supersedes information included in the prospectus originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 27, 2007, which we refer to as the “original prospectus,” as amended by the prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 1, 2008. Western’s exchange offer contained in the original prospectus is referred to as the “original offer.”

Western is seeking to acquire up to 2,700,000 shares of ITEX common stock in the offer for investment purposes. Following the consummation of the offer, Western intends to evaluate its investment in the ITEX common stock on a continual basis and may, from time to time, communicate with ITEX management, members of ITEX’s board of directors and other stockholders of ITEX.

Western’s common stock commenced trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol “WEST” on February 25, 2008, and was previously quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbol “WSZL.OB.” ITEX’s common stock is quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbol “ITEX.OB.” On December 12, 2007, the last full trading day before Western announced its intention to commence its original offer, the closing price of a share of Western common stock was \$15.40 and the closing price of a share of ITEX common stock was \$0.90. Based on these closing prices and the exchange ratio in the offer of one share of ITEX common stock for .06623 shares of Western common stock, the Western offer had a value of \$1.02 per share of ITEX common stock. This represents a 13% premium over ITEX’s closing share price on December 12, 2007, a 20% premium over ITEX’s six-month average closing share price

through December 12, 2007 and a 28% premium over ITEX's one-year average closing share price through December 12, 2007. On December 26, 2007, the last full trading day before the date of the original prospectus, based on the closing price of a share of Western common stock of \$18.00 and the closing price of a share of ITEX common stock of \$0.96, the Western offer had a value of \$1.19 per ITEX share, representing a 24% premium over ITEX's closing share price on December 26, 2007, a 38% premium over ITEX's six-month average closing share price through that date and a 48% premium over ITEX's one-year average closing share price through that date.

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FOR A DISCUSSION OF CERTAIN FACTORS THAT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFER, PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE SECTION CAPTIONED “RISK FACTORS” BEGINNING ON PAGE 14.

Western’s obligation to exchange shares of Western common stock for shares of ITEX common stock is subject to specified conditions, which are more fully described in the section captioned “The Offer—Conditions of the Offer.” The offer is no longer conditioned on any minimum number of shares being tendered. Western has also eliminated a number of other significant conditions to the offer.

Western has not authorized any person to provide any information or to make any representation in connection with the offer other than the information contained in this prospectus, and if any person provides any of this information or makes any representation of this kind, that information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorized by Western.

WESTERN IS NOT ASKING YOU FOR A PROXY AND YOU ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SEND WESTERN A PROXY.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is March 13, 2008

THIS OFFER DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A SOLICITATION OF PROXIES FOR ANY MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF ITEX. ANY SOLICITATION OF PROXIES WHICH WESTERN MIGHT MAKE WILL BE MADE ONLY PURSUANT TO SEPARATE PROXY OR CONSENT SOLICITATION MATERIALS COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 14(a) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED, OR THE “EXCHANGE ACT.” EACH STOCKHOLDER IS URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT REGARDING THE BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED AT THE APPLICABLE MEETING, IF AND WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. ANY SUCH PROXY STATEMENT WILL BE FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, OR “SEC.” ITEX STOCKHOLDERS WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN A COPY OF ANY PROXY STATEMENT, AS WELL AS OTHER FILINGS CONTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARTIES (INCLUDING INFORMATION REGARDING THE PARTICIPANTS (WHICH MAY INCLUDE WESTERN’S OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS) IN THE PROXY SOLICITATION AND A DESCRIPTION OF THEIR DIRECT AND INDIRECT INTERESTS, BY SECURITY HOLDINGS OR OTHERWISE), FREE AT THE SEC’S WEB SITE AT [HTTP://WWW.SEC.GOV](http://www.sec.gov). EACH SUCH PROXY STATEMENT (IF AND WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE) AND THESE OTHER DOCUMENTS MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED FOR FREE FROM WESTERN AT [HTTP://WWW.WESTERN-SIZZLIN.COM](http://www.western-sizzlin.com).

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE TRANSACTION

The following are some of the questions that you as a holder of shares of ITEX Corporation, or "ITEX," common stock may have regarding the offer and answers to those questions. The answers to these questions do not contain all information relevant to your decision whether to tender your shares of ITEX common stock, and Western Sizzlin Corporation, or "Western," urges you to read carefully the remainder of this prospectus and revised letter of transmittal.

What is Western's Proposed Transaction?

Pursuant to the filing of the registration statement on Form S-4, of which this prospectus is a part, with the SEC, Western is offering to acquire up to 2,700,000 outstanding shares of ITEX common stock, in exchange for shares of Western common stock. According to ITEX's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended January 31, 2008, as of that date, there were 17,816,248 shares of ITEX common stock outstanding. As of the date of this prospectus, Western owned 700,714 shares of ITEX common stock, representing approximately 3.9% of the outstanding shares. If Western acquires the maximum 2,700,000 shares in the offer, it would own 3,400,714 shares of ITEX common stock, representing approximately 19.0% of the outstanding shares.

How Has Western Amended its Offer?

Western believes that its ability to successfully consummate its original offer for all of the outstanding shares of ITEX common stock was impeded by the ITEX board's and management's unwillingness to negotiate in good faith with Western. Accordingly, Western has amended its exchange offer to seek up to a maximum of 2,700,000 shares of ITEX common stock, at the same exchange ratio of one share of ITEX common stock for .06623 shares of Western common stock. Western is seeking to acquire these shares in the offer for investment purposes. As a result of its amended offer, Western has eliminated a number of significant conditions to the offer, as further described below.

If I Have Already Tendered My Shares of ITEX Common Stock, Do I Need to Do Anything to Tender into the Amended Offer?

If you have already tendered your shares of ITEX common stock, you do not need to do anything to tender into the amended offer. Shares of ITEX common stock validly tendered and not properly withdrawn prior to the date of this prospectus will automatically be considered to have been tendered pursuant to the terms of the amended offer set forth in this prospectus.

How Many Shares Will Western Purchase in the Offer?

Western will purchase up to 2,700,000 shares of ITEX common stock in the offer, or such lesser number of shares as are validly tendered and not properly withdrawn. If more than 2,700,000 shares are tendered, all shares tendered will be purchased on a pro rata basis. The offer is no longer conditioned on any minimum number of shares being tendered.

What Will I Receive in Exchange for My Shares of ITEX Common Stock?

In exchange for each share of ITEX common stock that is purchased pursuant to the offer, you will receive .06623 shares of Western common stock. In addition, you will receive cash instead of any fractional shares of Western common stock to which you may be entitled. The number of shares of Western common stock into which one share of ITEX common stock will be exchanged in the offer is sometimes referred to in this prospectus as the "exchange ratio." Western's common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market.



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### What is the Per Share Value of the Offer and the Premium Over ITEX's Share Price?

On December 12, 2007, the last full trading day before Western announced its intention to commence its original offer, the closing price of a share of Western common stock was \$15.40 and the closing price of a share of ITEX common stock was \$0.90. Based on these closing prices and the exchange ratio in the offer of one share of ITEX common stock for .06623 shares of Western common stock, the Western offer had a value of \$1.02 per share of ITEX common stock. This represents a 13% premium over ITEX's closing share price on December 12, 2007, a 20% premium over ITEX's six-month average closing share price through December 12, 2007 and a 28% premium over ITEX's one-year average closing share price through December 12, 2007. On December 26, 2007, the last full trading day before the date of the original prospectus, based on the closing price of a share of Western common stock of \$18.00 and the closing price of a share of ITEX common stock of \$0.96, the Western offer had a value of \$1.19 per ITEX share, representing a 24% premium over ITEX's closing share price on December 26, 2007, a 38% premium over ITEX's six-month average closing share price through that date and a 48% premium over ITEX's one-year average closing share price through that date.

The value of the offer will change as the market prices of Western common stock and ITEX common stock fluctuate during the offer period and thereafter, and may therefore be different from the prices set forth above at the expiration of the offer period and at the time you receive your shares of Western common stock. Stockholders are encouraged to obtain current market quotations for shares of Western and ITEX common stock prior to making any decision with respect to the offer. See "Risk Factors" and "Comparative Market Price Data."

### What does the Board of Directors of ITEX Think of the Offer?

On January 11, 2008, ITEX filed a solicitation/recommendation statement with the SEC on Schedule 14D-9 announcing that its board of directors determined that the original offer was inadequate and not in the best interests of ITEX or its stockholders and recommended that ITEX's stockholders reject the original offer and not tender their ITEX shares in the original offer. ITEX's board of directors has not approved the amended offer or otherwise commented on it as of the date of this prospectus.

### Have You Discussed the Offer with the Board of Directors of ITEX?

We were only given the opportunity to discuss the original offer generally with members of the board of directors of ITEX. We informed ITEX that we would like to meet with its full board of directors as promptly as possible to negotiate the original offer with them, but were never granted such a meeting. We have not discussed the amended offer with ITEX management or its board of directors in view of their previous unwillingness to negotiate with us in good faith.

### What are the Conditions of the Offer? What Conditions Have Been Eliminated?

Western's obligation to exchange shares of Western common stock for shares of ITEX common stock pursuant to the offer is subject to several conditions referred to below under "The Offer—Conditions of the Offer," including the following:

- the "registration statement condition"—the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part shall have become effective under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, referred to in this prospectus as the "Securities Act," no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the registration statement shall have been issued and no proceedings for that purpose shall have been initiated or threatened by the SEC and Western shall have received all necessary state securities law or "blue sky" authorizations; and

- the “listing condition”—Western’s common stock shall have been approved for listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market or other national securities exchange reasonably acceptable to Western, and the shares of Western common stock to be issued pursuant to the offer shall have been authorized for listing on such national securities exchange, subject to official notice of issuance. Western’s common stock was approved for listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market and commenced trading on Nasdaq on February 25, 2008.

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The satisfaction or existence of any of the conditions to the offer, including those set forth above, will be determined by Western in its reasonable discretion. Any and all conditions to the offer, including those set forth above, may be waived (to the extent legally permissible) by Western in its reasonable discretion.

As a result of the amended offer, Western has eliminated the following conditions to the offer, and the offer is no longer subject to the satisfaction of these conditions :

- the “minimum tender condition”—there shall have been validly tendered and not properly withdrawn prior to the expiration of the offer that number of shares of ITEX common stock representing, together with the shares owned by Western and its affiliates, at least 60% of the total voting power of all of the outstanding securities of ITEX entitled to vote generally in the election of directors or in a merger, calculated on a fully diluted basis immediately prior to the expiration of the offer;
- the “control share condition”—Western must be satisfied, in its reasonable discretion, that the provisions of Section 78.378, et seq. of the Nevada Revised Statutes, referred to in this prospectus as the “Nevada Control Share Statute,” do not and will not apply to the shares of ITEX common stock to be acquired pursuant to the offer or are invalid or the stockholders of ITEX must have approved full voting rights for all of the shares of ITEX common stock to be acquired by Western pursuant to the offer under the Nevada Control Share Statute;
- the “business combination condition”—Western must be satisfied, in its reasonable discretion, that, after consummation of the offer, Section 78.411, et seq. of the Nevada Revised Statutes will not prohibit or restrict for any period of time the merger or any other business combination involving ITEX and Western or an affiliate or associate of Western;
  - the “antitrust condition”—any waiting periods under applicable antitrust laws shall have expired or terminated;
- the “ITEX debt condition”—Western shall have received all consents, waivers and approvals required under the terms of ITEX’s indebtedness in order for Western to consummate the offer; and
- της στοχκηολδερ αππροωαλ χονδιτιον Ωεστερν σ στοχκηολδερσ σηαλλ ηαπε αππροωεδ, ασ ανδ το τη εξτεντ ρεθυιρεδ βψ τη ρυλεσ οφ ανψ νατιοναλ σεχυριτιεσ εξχηανγε ον ωηιχη τη Ωεστερν χομμον στοχκ ισ λιστεδ, τη ισσυανχε οφ σηαρεσ οφ Ωεστερν χομμον στοχκ πυρσυαντ το τη οφφερ.

Will I Be Taxed on the Western Common Stock I Receive?

The receipt of Western common stock by a U.S. holder in exchange for its shares of ITEX common stock pursuant to the offer is expected to be a taxable transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes. For a discussion of material U.S. federal tax consequences of the offer, see the section captioned “The Offer—Taxation.”

**BECAUSE TAX MATTERS ARE COMPLICATED, WESTERN URGES YOU TO CONTACT YOUR OWN TAX ADVISOR TO DETERMINE THE PARTICULAR TAX CONSEQUENCES TO YOU OF THE OFFER.**

Is Western’s Financial Condition Relevant to My Decision to Tender in the Offer?

Yes. Western’s financial condition is relevant to your decision to tender your shares because shares of ITEX common stock accepted in the offer will be exchanged for shares of Western common stock. You should therefore consider Western’s financial condition before you decide to become one of Western’s stockholders through the offer. This prospectus contains financial information regarding Western and ITEX, which we encourage you to review.



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### What Percentage of Western's Shares Will Former Holders of Shares of ITEX Common Stock Own After the Offer?

Based on the exchange ratio for the offer, Western estimates that if the maximum 2,700,000 ITEX shares are exchanged pursuant to the offer, former ITEX stockholders would own, in the aggregate, approximately 6.2% of the outstanding shares of Western common stock. For a detailed discussion of the assumptions on which this estimate is based, see "The Offer—Ownership of Western After the Offer."

### How Long Do I Have to Decide Whether to Tender in the Offer?

You have until 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 to decide whether to tender your shares in the offer unless Western extends the period of time during which the offer is open. If you cannot deliver everything required to make a valid tender to Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, the exchange agent for the offer, prior to such time, you may be able to use a guaranteed delivery procedure to tender your shares in the offer, which is described in "The Offer—Guaranteed Delivery." When Western makes reference to the "expiration of the offer" or the "expiration date" anywhere in this prospectus, this is the time to which Western is referring, including, when applicable, any extension period that may apply.

### Can the Offer Be Extended and Under What Circumstances?

Western may, in its sole discretion, extend the offer at any time or from time to time. For instance, the offer may be extended if any of the conditions specified in "The Offer—Conditions of the Offer" are not satisfied prior to the scheduled expiration date of the offer. Because the amended offer is for less than all of the outstanding ITEX common stock, Western may not elect to provide a "subsequent offering period" for the offer.

### How Will I Be Notified if the Offer is Extended?

If Western decides to extend the offer, it will inform the exchange agent of that fact and will make a public announcement of the extension, not later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the business day after the day on which the offer was scheduled to expire.

### How Do I Tender My Shares?

To tender shares, you must deliver the certificates representing your shares, together with a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal, to the exchange agent not later than the time the offer expires. If your shares are held in street name by your broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee, such nominee can tender your shares through The Depository Trust Company. If you cannot deliver everything required to make a valid tender to the exchange agent for the offer prior to the expiration of the offer, you may have a limited amount of additional time by having a broker, a bank or other fiduciary that is a member of the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program or other eligible institution guarantee that the missing items will be received by the exchange agent within three business days after the expiration of the offer by using the enclosed revised notice of guaranteed delivery. However, the exchange agent must receive the missing items within that three business day period.

Tendering stockholders may use either the revised letter of transmittal and the revised notice of guaranteed delivery circulated with this prospectus or the original letter of transmittal and the original notice of guaranteed delivery previously circulated with the original prospectus. Stockholders using the original letter of transmittal to tender their shares will nevertheless be deemed to be tendering pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in this prospectus and the enclosed revised letter of transmittal.



For a complete discussion on the procedures for tendering your shares, see “The Offer—Procedure for Tendering” and “The Offer—Guaranteed Delivery.”

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### Will I Have to Pay any Fee or Commission to Exchange Shares of ITEX Common Stock?

If you are the record owner of your shares and you tender your shares in the offer, you will not have to pay any brokerage fees, commissions or similar expenses. If you own your shares through a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee and your broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee tenders your shares on your behalf, they may charge a fee for doing so. You should consult your broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee to determine whether any charges will apply.

### Until What Time Can I Withdraw Tendered Shares?

You can withdraw tendered shares at any time until the offer has expired and, if Western has not agreed to accept your shares for exchange by the expiration date, you can withdraw them at any time after that date until it accepts shares for exchange. For a complete discussion on the procedures for withdrawing your shares, see “The Offer—Withdrawal Rights.”

### How Do I Withdraw Tendered Shares?

To withdraw shares, you must deliver a written notice of withdrawal, or a facsimile of one, with the required information to the exchange agent for the offer, while you have the right to withdraw the shares. If you tendered shares by giving instructions to a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee, you must instruct the broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee to arrange for the withdrawal of your shares. For a complete discussion on the procedures for withdrawing your shares, see “The Offer—Withdrawal Rights.”

### When and How Will I Receive the Western Shares for My Tendered Shares?

Western will exchange up to 2,700,000 validly tendered and not properly withdrawn shares promptly after the expiration date of the offer, subject to the terms of the offer and the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions to the offer, as set forth in “The Offer—Conditions of the Offer.” Western will exchange your validly tendered and not properly withdrawn shares by depositing shares of Western common stock with the exchange agent, which will act as your agent for the purpose of receiving shares from Western and transmitting such shares to you. In all cases, exchange of tendered shares will be made only after timely receipt by the exchange agent of certificates for such shares (or of a confirmation of a book-entry transfer of such shares as described in “The Offer—Procedure for Tendering”) and a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal and any other required documents for such shares.

### If I Decide Not to Tender, How Will the Offer Affect My Shares?

The exchange of shares of ITEX common stock by Western pursuant to the offer will likely reduce the number of holders of ITEX common stock and could adversely affect the liquidity and market value of the shares of ITEX common stock. See “The Offer—Effect of the Offer on the Market for Shares of ITEX Common Stock; Registration Under the Exchange Act; Margin Regulations.”

### Are Dissenters’ Rights Available in the Offer?

Dissenters’ rights are the rights of stockholders, in certain cases, to receive “fair value” for their shares, plus accrued interest, as determined by a statutorily-prescribed process, which may include a judicial appraisal process. Dissenters’ rights are not available in the offer. See “The Offer—Purpose of the Offer; Dissenters’ Rights.”

### What is the Market Value of My Shares of ITEX Common Stock as of a Recent Date?

On December 12, 2007, the last full trading day before Western announced its intention to commence the original offer, the closing price of a share of common stock of ITEX as quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board was \$0.90. On March 11, 2008, the closing price of a share of ITEX common stock was \$0.95. Western advises you to obtain a recent quotation for the ITEX common stock before deciding whether to tender your shares.

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Why Does the Cover Page to this Prospectus State that the Offer is Subject to Change and that the Registration Statement Filed with the SEC is not yet Effective? Does this Mean that the Offer has not Commenced?

No. Completion of this preliminary prospectus and effectiveness of the registration statement are not necessary for the offer to commence. We cannot, however, accept for exchange any shares tendered in the offer or exchange any shares of ITEX common stock until the registration statement is declared effective by the SEC and the other conditions to the offer have been satisfied or, to the extent legally permissible, waived.

Where Can I Find More Information on Western and ITEX?

You can find more information about Western and ITEX from various sources described in the section captioned "Where You Can Find More Information."

Who Can I Talk to If I Have Questions About the Offer?

You can call Morrow & Co., LLC, the information agent for the offer, at the numbers below.

The information agent for the offer is:

MORROW & CO., LLC

470 West Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06902

E-mail: [offer.info@morrowco.com](mailto:offer.info@morrowco.com)

Banks and Brokerage Firms, Please Call: 203.658.9400  
Stockholders Call Toll Free: 800.607.0088

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

Western and ITEX file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any reports, statements or other information that Western and ITEX file at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information regarding the public reference room. Western's and ITEX's public filings also are available to the public from commercial document retrieval services and at the Internet website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Western has filed a registration statement on Form S-4 to register with the SEC the offering and sale of shares of Western common stock to be issued in the offer. This prospectus is a part of that registration statement. As allowed by SEC rules, this prospectus does not contain all of the information that you can find in the registration statement or the exhibits to the registration statement. For further information, reference is made to the registration statement and its exhibits. Western has filed, and may in the future file, amendments to the registration statement. In addition, on December 27, 2007, Western filed with the SEC a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO under the Exchange Act, together with exhibits, to furnish certain information about the offer, and Western has filed, and may in the future file, amendments to the Schedule TO. You may obtain copies of the Form S-4 and Schedule TO (and any amendments to those documents) by contacting the information agent as directed on the back cover of this prospectus.

YOU SHOULD RELY ONLY ON THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS IN MAKING YOUR DECISION WHETHER TO TENDER YOUR SHARES OF ITEX COMMON STOCK INTO WESTERN'S OFFER. WESTERN HAS NOT AUTHORIZED ANYONE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION THAT DIFFERS FROM THAT CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS. THIS PROSPECTUS IS DATED MARCH 13, 2008. YOU SHOULD NOT ASSUME THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS IS ACCURATE AS OF ANY DATE OTHER THAN THAT DATE, AND NEITHER THE MAILING OF THIS PROSPECTUS TO STOCKHOLDERS NOR THE ISSUANCE OF SHARES OF WESTERN COMMON STOCK IN WESTERN'S OFFER SHALL CREATE ANY IMPLICATION TO THE CONTRARY.

NOTE ON ITEX INFORMATION

In respect of information relating to ITEX's business, operations and management presented in, or omitted from, this prospectus, Western has relied upon publicly available information, primarily information publicly filed by ITEX with the SEC. Information publicly filed by ITEX may be examined and copies may be obtained at the places and in the manner set forth in the section captioned "Where You Can Find More Information." Western is not affiliated with ITEX, and non-public information concerning ITEX was not available to Western for the purpose of preparing this prospectus. ITEX has not cooperated with Western in, and has not been involved in, the preparation of this prospectus and has not verified the information contained in this prospectus relating to ITEX. Publicly available information concerning ITEX may contain errors. Western has no knowledge that would indicate that any statements contained herein regarding ITEX's operations, financial condition or condition in general, based upon such publicly filed reports and documents, are inaccurate, incomplete or untrue. However, Western was not involved in the preparation of such reports and documents.

Pursuant to Rule 409 under the Securities Act and Rule 12b-21 under the Exchange Act, Western has requested that ITEX provide Western with the information required to furnish complete disclosure regarding the business, operations, financial condition and management of ITEX. Western will amend or supplement this prospectus to include any and all information Western receives from ITEX, if Western receives the information before the offer expires and Western considers it to be material, reliable and appropriate. As of the date of this prospectus, no such information has been received.



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In addition, pursuant to Rule 437 under the Securities Act, Western has requested that (i) ITEX cooperate in obtaining the consent of its independent public accountants and (ii) ITEX's independent public accountants provide Western with their consent required for Western to include in this prospectus the audit report included in ITEX's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007. ITEX has declined to furnish this consent from its independent public accountants. On February 20, 2008, under Section 7(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 437 promulgated thereunder, Western submitted to the SEC a request for a waiver of the requirement to include the consent of ITEX's independent public accountants in the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. On February 22, 2008, subject to specified conditions with which Western has complied or will comply, the SEC granted Western's waiver request, permitting the registration statement to be declared effective without the consent of ITEX's independent public accountants, which consent would otherwise be required under Section 7(a) of the Securities Act. See "Risk Factors."

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SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information from this prospectus, and may not contain all of the information that is important to you. To better understand the offer to holders of shares of ITEX common stock, you should read this entire prospectus carefully, as well as those additional documents to which Western refers you.

The Companies

Western

Western is a Delaware corporation with principal executive offices at 416 South Jefferson Street, Suite 600, Roanoke, Virginia 24011. The telephone number of Western's executive offices is (540) 345-3195. Western is a holding company which owns a number of subsidiaries. Its most important business activity is conducted through Western Sizzlin Franchise Corporation, which franchises and operates 122 restaurants in 19 states. Financial decisions are centralized at the holding company level, and management of operating businesses is decentralized at the business unit level. Western's prime objective centers on achieving above-average returns on capital in pursuit of maximizing the eventual net worth of its stockholders. In this prospectus, references to "Western" refer to Western Sizzlin Corporation and its subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise requires.

The name, business address, principal occupation or employment, five-year employment history and citizenship of each director and executive officer of Western and certain other information are set forth on Schedule I to this prospectus. During the last five years, neither Western nor, to Western's best knowledge, any of the persons listed on Schedule I of this prospectus (1) has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or (2) was a party to any judicial or administrative proceeding that resulted in a judgment, decree or final order enjoining the person from future violations of, or prohibiting activities subject to, federal or state securities laws, or a finding of any violation of federal or state securities laws.

ITEX

ITEX is a Nevada corporation with principal executive offices at 3326 160th Avenue SE, Suite 100, Bellevue, Washington 98008. The telephone number of ITEX's executive offices is (425) 463-4000. ITEX, The Membership Trading Community<sup>SM</sup>, is a leading exchange for cashless business transactions across North America (the "Marketplace"). ITEX services its member businesses through its independent licensed brokers, area directors and franchise network (individually, "Broker" and together, the "Broker Network") in the United States and Canada. ITEX's business services and payment systems enable approximately 24 thousand member businesses to trade goods and services valued at more than \$270 million without exchanging cash. These products and services are instead exchanged for ITEX dollars which can only be redeemed in the Marketplace. ITEX administers the Marketplace and acts as a third-party record-keeper for its members' transactions. ITEX generates revenue by charging members percentage-based transaction fees, association fees, and other fees assessed in United States dollars and Canadian dollars where applicable.

The Offer

Western is offering to exchange up to 2,700,000 shares of ITEX common stock at an exchange ratio of one share of ITEX common stock for .06623 shares of Western common stock, upon the terms and subject to the conditions contained in this prospectus and the accompanying revised letter of transmittal. In addition, you will receive cash instead of any fractional shares of Western common stock to which you may be entitled. If more than 2,700,000 shares of ITEX common stock are validly tendered and not properly withdrawn, all shares tendered will be purchased on a pro rata basis. The offer is no longer conditioned on any minimum number of shares being tendered.





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On December 12, 2007, the last full trading day before Western announced its intention to commence the original offer, the closing price of a share of Western common stock was \$15.40 and the closing price of a share of ITEX common stock was \$0.90. Based on these closing prices and the exchange ratio in the offer of one share of ITEX common stock for .06623 shares of Western common stock, the Western offer had a value of \$1.02 per share of ITEX common stock. This represents a 13% premium over ITEX's closing share price on December 12, 2007, a 20% premium over ITEX's six-month average closing share price through December 12, 2007 and a 28% premium over ITEX's one-year average closing share price through December 12, 2007. On December 26, 2007, the last full trading day before the date of the original prospectus, based on the closing price of a share of Western common stock of \$18.00 and the closing price of a share of ITEX common stock of \$0.96, the Western offer had a value of \$1.19 per ITEX share, representing a 24% premium over ITEX's closing share price on December 26, 2007, a 38% premium over ITEX's six-month average closing share price through that date and a 48% premium over ITEX's one-year average closing share price through that date.

The value of the offer will change as the market prices of Western common stock and ITEX common stock fluctuate during the offer period and thereafter, and may therefore be different from the prices set forth above at the expiration of the offer period and at the time you receive your shares of Western common stock. Stockholders are encouraged to obtain current market quotations for shares of Western and ITEX common stock prior to making any decision with respect to the offer. See "Risk Factors" and "Comparative Market Price Data."

### Reasons for the Offer

Western is seeking to acquire up to 2,700,000 shares of ITEX common stock in the offer for investment purposes. Following the consummation of the offer, Western intends to evaluate its investment in the ITEX common stock on a continual basis and may, from time to time, communicate with ITEX management, members of ITEX's board of directors and other stockholders of ITEX.

Following the consummation of the offer, Western may, from time to time, acquire additional shares of ITEX common stock, dispose of shares of ITEX common stock or formulate other purposes, plans or proposals regarding ITEX or the ITEX common stock, to the extent deemed advisable in light of its general investment policies, market conditions or other factors.

### Ownership of Western After the Offer

Based on the exchange ratio for the offer, Western estimates that if the maximum 2,700,000 ITEX shares are exchanged pursuant to the offer, former ITEX stockholders would own, in the aggregate, approximately 6.2% of the outstanding shares of Western common stock. For a detailed discussion of the assumptions on which this estimate is based, see "The Offer—Ownership of Western After the Offer."

### Conditions of the Offer

Western's obligation to exchange shares of Western common stock for shares of ITEX common stock pursuant to the offer is subject to several conditions referred to below under "The Offer—Conditions of the Offer," including the registration statement condition and the listing condition. The offer is no longer conditioned on any minimum number of shares being tendered. Western has also eliminated a number of other significant conditions to the offer.

### Expiration Date of the Offer

The offer is scheduled to expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on March 26, 2008, unless extended by Western. For more information, you should read the discussion below under the caption "The Offer—Extension,

Termination and Amendment.”

Extension, Termination and Amendment

To the extent legally permissible, Western reserves the right, in its sole discretion, at any time or from time to time:

- to extend, for any reason, the period of time during which the offer is open;

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- to delay acceptance for exchange of, or exchange of, any shares of ITEX common stock pursuant to the offer in order to comply in whole or in part with applicable law;
- to terminate the offer and not accept or exchange any shares of ITEX common stock not previously accepted or exchanged, upon the failure of any of the conditions of the offer to be satisfied prior to the expiration date;
- to amend or terminate the offer without accepting for exchange or exchanging any shares of ITEX common stock if ITEX agrees to enter into a negotiated merger agreement with Western; and
  - to waive any condition or otherwise amend the offer in any respect.

In addition, even if Western has accepted for exchange, but not exchanged, shares in the offer, it may terminate the offer and not exchange shares of ITEX common stock that were previously tendered if completion of the offer is illegal or if a governmental authority has commenced or threatened legal action related to the offer.

### Procedure for Tendering Shares

The procedure for tendering shares of ITEX common stock varies depending on whether you possess physical certificates or a nominee holds your certificates for you and on whether or not you hold your securities in book-entry form. Western urges you to read the section captioned “The Offer—Procedure for Tendering” as well as the accompanying revised letter of transmittal.

### Withdrawal Rights

You can withdraw tendered shares at any time until the offer has expired and, if Western has not agreed to accept your shares for exchange by the expiration date, you can withdraw them at any time after that date until it accepts shares for exchange.

### Exchange of Shares of ITEX Common Stock; Delivery of Shares of Western Common Stock

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the offer (including, if the offer is extended or amended, the terms and conditions of any such extension or amendment), Western will accept for exchange, and will exchange for Western common stock, up to 2,700,000 shares of ITEX common stock validly tendered and not properly withdrawn promptly after the expiration date.

### Cash Instead of Fractional Shares of Western Common Stock

Western will not issue certificates representing fractional shares of Western common stock pursuant to the offer. Instead, each tendering stockholder who would otherwise be entitled to a fractional share of Western common stock will receive cash in an amount equal to such fraction (expressed as a decimal and rounded to the nearest 0.01 of a share) multiplied by the average of the closing prices, rounded to four decimal points, of Western common stock for the 15 consecutive trading day period ending on the third trading day before the expiration date.

### Regulatory Approvals

Western does not believe that the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, is applicable to the proposed transaction, and is not aware of any other material filings that will be required or advisable with any regulatory authorities in connection with the proposed transaction.

Comparison of Stockholders' Rights

You will receive Western common stock if you tender your shares of ITEX common stock in the offer. There are a number of differences between the rights of a stockholder of ITEX, a Nevada corporation, and the rights of a stockholder of Western, a Delaware corporation. Western urges you to review the discussion in the section captioned "Comparison of Stockholders' Rights."

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Risk Factors

Western's business and the offer are subject to several risks. In deciding whether to tender your shares of ITEX common stock pursuant to the offer, you should carefully read and consider the risk factors contained in the section captioned "Risk Factors."

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

At a meeting held on July 27, 2007, Western's Board of Directors increased the authority delegated to Sardar Biglari, Western's Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, to invest surplus cash and to borrow funds in connection with making investments to \$10 million and \$5 million, respectively.

In April 2007, Western formed Western Investments, Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary, to serve as the general partner of Western Acquisitions, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership that operates as a private investment fund. Through Western Investments, Mr. Biglari operates as the portfolio manager to the fund.

Western Acquisitions has an ownership interest in The Steak n Shake Company and has filed a Schedule 13D (as amended) with the SEC as a member of a group that also includes Western, Western Investments, The Lion Fund, L.P., Biglari Capital Corp., Mr. Biglari and Philip L. Cooley, Western's Vice Chairman of the Board. As of February 4, 2008, this group collectively beneficially owned approximately 8.5 % of Steak n Shake. Western initially purchased Steak n Shake shares utilizing funds from working capital and, during the third quarter ended September 30, 2007, contributed those shares to Western Investments, which in turn contributed them to Western Acquisitions. The group has consulted with Steak n Shake's Chairman and management concerning Steak n Shake's business, operations and future plans, and determined to seek seats on the Board of Directors for Mr. Biglari and Dr. Cooley. On August 16, 2007, the group delivered a letter to Steak n Shake, pursuant to its By-laws, nominating Mr. Biglari and Dr. Cooley for election to the Board at the 2008 annual meeting of stockholders or any other meeting of stockholders held in lieu thereof. Western's Board of Directors has determined that seeking these seats is in the best interests of Western's stockholders given the investment in Steak n Shake. Western engaged in a proxy solicitation to get its nominees elected and has agreed to share the expenses of this effort pro rata with Western Acquisitions and The Lion Fund, L.P. At Steak n Shake's annual meeting of stockholders held on March 7, 2008, Steak n Shake's stockholders voted to elect Mr. Biglari and Dr. Cooley to the Board of Directors of Steak n Shake.

On August 29, 2007, the stockholders of Friendly Ice Cream Corporation approved the previously announced agreement for that company's acquisition by an affiliate of Sun Capital Corp. Western, along with Mr. Biglari, Dr. Cooley and The Lion Fund, L.P., voted in favor of the merger agreement. In accordance with the terms of the merger agreement, Western received \$15.50 per share for its Friendly stock held as of August 29, 2007.

On October 17, 2007, Western commenced a rights offering, distributing to stockholders, at no charge, one transferable subscription right for each share of Western common stock held on that date. Every two rights entitled a stockholder to purchase one share of Western common stock for \$8.50 in cash. A total of 1,797,750 rights were issued entitling stockholders to purchase an aggregate of 898,875 shares. The rights offering expired on November 16, 2007 with 898,875 shares being purchased through both basic and oversubscription rights, generating total proceeds to Western of approximately \$7.6 million.

On December 13, 2007, Western Real Estate, LP, a newly formed Delaware limited partnership managed by Western Properties, Inc., a newly formed Delaware corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of Western, purchased approximately 23 acres of real property located in Bexar County, Texas from unaffiliated third parties. Western Properties, Inc. serves as the general partner of Western Real Estate, LP, which intends to operate as a private real estate investment fund.

On February 22, 2008, Western announced that its common stock had been approved for trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "WEST." Trading on Nasdaq commenced on February 25, 2008.

On February 29, 2008, the Circuit Court of Pulaski County Arkansas entered judgment in the case captioned Parks Land Company, et al. v. Western Sizzlin Corporation, et al. against Western in the amount of \$689,666. Western had

previously reserved \$400,000 on this loss contingency. Western disagrees with the result of the trial and is evaluating its options.



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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains “forward-looking statements.” Specific forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts and include, without limitation, words such as “may,” “will,” “expects,” “believes,” “anticipates,” “plans,” “estimates,” “projects,” “targets,” “forecasts,” “seeks,” “could” or the negative terms or other variations on such terms or comparable terminology. Similarly, statements that describe Western’s objectives, plans or goals are forward-looking. Western’s forward-looking statements are based on management’s current intent, belief, expectations, estimates and projections regarding Western and its industry. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors that are difficult to predict, including those discussed below. Therefore, actual results may vary materially from what is expressed in or indicated by the forward-looking statements. Readers of this prospectus are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements since, while Western believes the assumptions on which the forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, there can be no assurance that these forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate. This cautionary statement is applicable to all forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus and the material accompanying this prospectus.

RISK FACTORS

Risk Factors Relating to the Offer

The exchange ratio for the offer is fixed and will not be adjusted. Because the market price of shares of Western common stock may fluctuate, ITEX stockholders cannot be sure of the market value of the shares of Western common stock that they will receive in the offer.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the offer, each outstanding share of ITEX common stock that is accepted for exchange pursuant to the offer will be exchanged for .06623 shares of Western common stock. This exchange ratio is fixed and will not be adjusted in case of any increases or decreases in the price of Western common stock or ITEX common stock. If the price of Western common stock declines (which may occur as a result of a number of reasons (many of which are out of Western’s control), including as a result of the risks described in this “Risk Factors” section), ITEX stockholders will receive less value for their shares in the offer than the value calculated pursuant to the exchange ratio on the last full trading day before Western announced its intention to commence the original offer. Because the offer may not be completed until specified conditions have been satisfied or waived (please see the section of this prospectus entitled “The Offer — Conditions of the Offer”), a significant period of time may pass between the commencement of the offer and the time that Western accepts shares of ITEX common stock for exchange. Therefore, at the time you tender your shares pursuant to the offer, you will not know the exact market value of the shares of Western common stock that will be issued to you if Western accepts your shares for exchange. ITEX stockholders are urged to obtain current market quotations for Western and ITEX common stock when they consider whether to tender their shares of ITEX common stock pursuant to the offer.

This transaction may adversely affect the liquidity and value of non-tendered ITEX common stock.

In the event that Western accepts for exchange those shares tendered into the offer, the number of stockholders and the number of shares of ITEX common stock held by individual holders will be reduced. As a result, the closing of the offer could adversely affect the liquidity and market value of the shares of ITEX common stock.

Western has only conducted a review of ITEX’s publicly available information and has not had access to ITEX’s non-public information. Any unknown liabilities of ITEX that cause a decrease in ITEX’s share price in the future may have an adverse effect on Western’s profitability and results of operations.

To date, Western has only conducted a due diligence review of ITEX's publicly available information. ITEX may be subject to liabilities that Western might have discovered if Western had been permitted to conduct a complete due diligence review of ITEX's non-public information. Any such currently unknown liabilities that come to light after the consummation of the offer may cause a decrease in ITEX's share price. Such a decline in ITEX's share price could, as a result of Western's ownership of ITEX shares, have an adverse effect on Western's profitability and results of operations.

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Western's verification of the reliability of the ITEX information included in, or omitted from, this prospectus pursuant to Western's due diligence review of ITEX has been limited by ITEX's refusal to provide Western with the accounting and other records necessary for Western to fully assess the financial and operating condition of ITEX. In addition, ITEX's refusal to provide its independent public accounting firm's consent may impact your ability to assert or recover on certain claims.

In respect of all information relating to ITEX presented in, or omitted from, this prospectus, Western has relied upon publicly available information, including information publicly filed by ITEX with the SEC. Although Western has no knowledge that would indicate that any statements contained herein regarding ITEX's condition, including its financial or operating condition, based upon such publicly filed reports and documents, are inaccurate, incomplete or untrue, Western was not involved in the preparation of such reports and documents.

ITEX has declined to furnish to Western the consent of ITEX's independent public accounting firm, which is necessary for the filing in the registration statement on Form S-4, of which this prospectus is a part, of that firm's audit report with respect to the financial statements of ITEX for its fiscal years ended July 31, 2007 and 2006.

On February 20, 2008, under Section 7(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 437 promulgated thereunder, Western submitted to the SEC a request for a waiver of the requirement to include the consent of ITEX's independent public accounting firm in the registration statement. On February 22, 2008, subject to specified conditions with which Western has complied or will comply, the SEC granted Western's waiver request, permitting the registration statement to be declared effective without the consent of ITEX's independent public accounting firm, which consent would otherwise be required under Section 7(a) of the Securities Act. The absence of this consent may limit recovery by investors on certain claims, and limit the ability of investors to assert claims against ITEX's independent public accounting firm, under Section 11 of the Securities Act, for any untrue statements of a material fact contained, or any omissions to state a material fact required to be stated, in ITEX's audited financial statements included in the registration statement. The sections of the prospectus containing ITEX financial information or information derived therefrom may, nonetheless, remain expertised under Section 11(b)(3)(c) of the Securities Act so as to provide a "due diligence" defense to third parties involved in the offer based on any claims asserted in connection with the offering of Western common stock as part of the offer.

The market price of Western common stock may decline as a result of the offer, and Western's common stock could be delisted from the Nasdaq Capital Market .

The market price of Western's common stock may decline as a result of the offer. In particular, Western estimates that it will issue approximately 178,821 shares of Western common stock in connection with the offer. The increase in the number of shares of Western common stock issued may lead to sales of such shares or the perception that such sales may occur, either of which may adversely affect the market for, and the market price of, Western common stock.

Although Western's common stock was approved for listing, and has commenced trading, on the Nasdaq Capital Market, there can be no assurance that Western's common stock will continue to meet the requirements for listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market. It is a condition to the offer that Western's common stock be approved for listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market or other national securities exchange reasonably acceptable to Western. If Western's common stock were to be delisted from the Nasdaq Capital Market, Western may seek to have its common stock listed on another national securities exchange. Any inability on the part of Western to continue to satisfy the listing requirements of the Nasdaq Capital Market, or to satisfy the initial listing or continued maintenance requirements of another national securities exchange, could result in the anticipated benefits of such listing not being realized and/or the termination or amendment of the offer.



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Antitrust authorities may attempt to delay or prevent Western's acquisition of ITEX shares.

Western does not believe that the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, is applicable to the proposed transaction, and is not aware of any other material filings that will be required with any regulatory authorities in connection with the proposed transaction. Western cannot provide any assurance that any necessary approvals will be obtained or that there will not be any adverse consequences to Western's business resulting from the failure to obtain any required regulatory approvals or from conditions that could be imposed in connection with obtaining any such approvals. You should be aware that any required regulatory approvals may not be obtained in time and could result in a significant delay in the consummation of the offer.

Upon your receipt of shares of Western common stock in the offer, you will become a stockholder in Western, a Delaware corporation, which may change some of the rights and privileges you hold as a stockholder of ITEX, a Nevada corporation.

Western is a Delaware corporation and is governed by the laws of the State of Delaware and by its certificate of incorporation and bylaws. The General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, referred to in this prospectus as the "DGCL," extends to stockholders rights and privileges that may not exist under Nevada law and, conversely, does not extend other rights and privileges that you may have as a stockholder of a company governed by Nevada law. The directors of a Delaware corporation may elect to adopt provisions that have the effect of discouraging a third party from acquiring control of the corporation. These provisions could limit the price that some investors might be willing to pay in the future for shares of Western common stock. These Delaware provisions may also have the effect of discouraging or preventing transactions involving an actual or a threatened change in control of Western, including unsolicited takeover attempts, even though such a transaction may offer Western stockholders the opportunity to sell their shares of Western common stock at a price above the prevailing market price. For a detailed discussion of the rights of Western stockholders versus the rights of ITEX stockholders, see the section captioned "Comparison of Stockholders' Rights."

**Risk Factors Relating to Western's Business**

Western is dependent on key personnel.

Western believes that its success depends in part on the services of Sardar Biglari, its Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, and Robyn B. Mabe, its Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. The loss of the services of Mr. Biglari or Mrs. Mabe could have a material adverse effect upon Western's business, financial condition and results of operations. Qualified replacements may not be available in a timely manner, if at all. Western's continued growth will also depend on its ability to attract and retain additional skilled management personnel.

Western's stock price could be volatile.

Fluctuations in Western's stock price may result from general market conditions, perceived changes in the underlying characteristics of its business and the relative price of competing investments. The volume of trading in the market for Western common stock is typically very limited. As a consequence, liquidating your investment could cause a decline in Western's stock price. Because of changes in the balance of buy and sell orders, notwithstanding other relevant factors, the price of Western's common stock can fluctuate for reasons unrelated to the performance of its business.

A sale of a substantial number of shares of Western common stock could cause the market price to decline.

The sale of a substantial number of shares of Western common stock in the public market could substantially reduce the prevailing market price of its common stock. As of March 7, 2008, 2,696,625 shares of common stock were outstanding. In addition, there were 36,000 shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding stock options. Western cannot predict any effect that sales of shares of its common stock or the availability of shares for sale will have on prevailing market prices. However, substantial amounts of Western common stock could be sold in the public market, which may adversely affect prevailing market prices for the common stock.

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Western is controlled by a few stockholders.

Two stockholders, Sardar Biglari, Western's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Jonathan Dash, a director, beneficially own or exercise voting power over approximately 61% of Western's total common stock. In particular, Mr. Biglari controls approximately 35% and Mr. Dash approximately 26% of Western's outstanding common stock. Further details on their respective holdings are reflected in their Schedules 13D, as amended, which are filed with the SEC. Were these stockholders to agree to act in concert, they would have the ability to control or significantly influence all matters requiring the approval of Western's stockholders, including the election of its directors. Sale of a substantial number of shares of Western common stock by these principal stockholders in the public market could substantially reduce the prevailing market price of its common stock.

Western's Board of Directors has recently undergone significant change.

In November 2005, Western added three new members to its Board of Directors, namely Sardar Biglari, Philip L. Cooley and Paul D. Sonkin. Subsequently, in March 2006, six of the incumbent directors, Paul C. Schorr, III (former Chairman), A. Jones Yorke, J. Alan Cowart, Jr., Pat Vezertzis, Jesse M. Harrington and Roger D. Sack, resigned from the Board. At that same time Mr. Sonkin indicated that he would not stand for reelection at the 2006 annual meeting of stockholders. He ultimately resigned prior to the annual meeting. Jonathan Dash was elected to the Board in March 2006. Thomas M. Hontzas resigned from the Board in August 2006. Kenneth R. Cooper was elected to the Board in February 2007 and Martin S. Fridson was elected to the Board in November 2007. While Western believes that the Board of Directors as presently constituted with Sardar Biglari as Chairman, Philip L. Cooley as Vice Chairman and Directors Titus W. Greene, Jonathan Dash, Kenneth R. Cooper and Martin S. Fridson, will function at least as well as the Board had done previously, there is no guarantee this will be the case. The failure of the Board to function adequately together would have a material adverse effect on Western's business. This could result in an adverse impact on Western's financial condition, results of operations and its stock price.

Western recently formed a new wholly-owned subsidiary, Western Investments, Inc., to serve as the general partner of a private investment limited partnership, Western Acquisitions, L.P. Western Investments will bear the first 30% of any cumulative net losses otherwise allocable to the capital accounts of certain limited partners.

In April 2007, Western formed Western Investments, Inc., a Delaware corporation, as a wholly-owned subsidiary. Western Investments is the general partner of Western Acquisitions, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership also formed in April 2007. The purpose of Western Acquisitions is to invest primarily in equity securities of U.S. publicly traded companies. Sardar Biglari, Western's Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, will manage the portfolio. Western Investments will bear the first 30% of any cumulative net losses otherwise allocable to the capital accounts of limited partners holding Class B interests. In the event that Western Investments has insufficient resources to fund this commitment, it may be necessary for Western to make a capital contribution to keep that company from defaulting on its obligation. Such an event could potentially have a material adverse effect on Western's financial position and prevent it from using the funds provided to Western Investments in other areas. As of the date of this prospectus, Western Acquisitions did not have any limited partners holding Class B interests.

Western is dependent on one key person for investment and capital allocation decisions.

Investment decisions and all major capital allocation decisions are made for Western and its subsidiaries, including Western Acquisitions, by Sardar Biglari, Western's Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer and President. Although there are limitations on Mr. Biglari's authority at the parent company level and the Western Board of Directors monitors his investment and capital allocation decisions (see "Recent Developments"), there is risk in having concentrated decision-making authority. Mr. Biglari's decisions could either independently or in the aggregate involve amounts that are material to Western's business. Additionally, if for any reason the services of Mr. Biglari

were to become unavailable, there could be a material adverse effect on Western's business, since he is singularly responsible for these decisions.



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Western's investments in marketable securities, including through Western Acquisitions, are highly concentrated.

Western's investments in marketable securities, including through Western Acquisitions, are highly concentrated. A decline in the market value of these investments may produce a material decrease in Western's stockholders' equity, and thus its stock price.

Western's investment activities, including through Western Acquisitions, may involve the purchase of securities on margin.

Western may purchase securities on margin in connection with its investment activities, including through Western Acquisitions. If it does so, a significant decrease in the value of the securities that collateralize the margin line of credit could result in a margin call. If Western does not have sufficient cash available from other sources in the event of a margin call, it may be required to sell those securities at a time when it would prefer not to sell them.

Western's investment activities could require registration as an Investment Company.

While Western has historically been principally engaged in franchising and operating restaurants, its recent investment activities could bring it within the definition of an "investment company" and require it to register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Western's Board of Directors has adopted a policy requiring management to restrict its operations and investment activities to avoid becoming an investment company, until and unless the Board approves otherwise. Although Western does not presently intend to change its principal business, and the Board has not approved any such change, Western has expanded its investment activities, and it may decide in the future to register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act. Also, under certain circumstances, if Western is successful in its investment activities, then it may inadvertently fall within the definition of an investment company, in which event it may be required to register as an investment company.

Notwithstanding Western's Board policy, if its investment activities inadvertently result in it being determined to be an investment company and Western fails to register as an investment company, it might be unable to enforce contracts with third parties, and third parties could seek rescission of transactions with it undertaken during the period that it was an unregistered investment company, subject to equitable considerations set forth in the Investment Company Act. In addition, Western might be subject to monetary penalties or injunctive relief, or both, in an action brought against it by the SEC.

If Western decides to register as an investment company, then it would become subject to various provisions of the Investment Company Act and the regulations adopted under such Act, which are very extensive and could adversely affect Western's operations. For example, Western might be prohibited from entering into or continuing transactions with certain of its affiliates.

Western is experiencing a decline in its franchise base.

Western has experienced steady declines in its existing franchise base for the past several years. Since January 1, 2004, Western had a total of 45 closures and currently has 116 franchised restaurants. Of the 45 closed restaurants the majority were Western Sizzlin brand restaurants. The average sales of Western's franchised restaurants are approximately \$1.6 million. The average sales of the closed restaurants were approximately \$1.0 million or less. Western's lost royalty stream from a closure at a 2% royalty rate is approximately \$20,000 per closed restaurant. The closures of franchised restaurants were caused by their operating at a competitive disadvantage which stemmed from such factors as location, facility, lack of reinvestment, mismanagement, among others factors. There is no guarantee that these reasons will be eliminated. Moreover, these closures occurred during generally favorable economic conditions and it is possible that this trend could accelerate in the event of an economic downturn or

recession. While Western is striving to reverse this trend by revitalizing its brand, there is no guarantee that it will be successful in doing so and as a result its franchise base may continue to decline regardless of the economic environment.

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Western's restaurants operate in a highly competitive environment.

Western's restaurants, both franchised and company-owned, operate in a highly competitive industry comprised of a large number of restaurants, including national and regional restaurant chains and franchised restaurant operations, as well as locally-owned, independent restaurants. Price, restaurant location, food quality, service and attractiveness of facilities are important aspects of competition. The competitive environment is often affected by factors beyond a particular restaurant management's control, including changes in the public's taste and eating habits, population and traffic patterns and economic conditions. New competitors may emerge at any time. Western may not be able to compete successfully against its competitors in the future. Competition may have a material adverse effect on Western's operations or earnings.

Western is dependent on attracting and retaining qualified employees while also controlling labor costs.

Western is dependent upon the availability of qualified restaurant personnel. Availability of staff varies widely from location to location. If restaurant management and staff turnover trends increase, Western would suffer higher direct costs associated with recruiting and retaining replacement personnel. Western could suffer from significant indirect costs, including restaurant disruptions due to management changeover and potential delays in new store openings due to staff shortages. Competition for qualified employees exerts upward pressure on wages paid to attract personnel, resulting in higher labor costs, together with greater expense to recruit and train them. Many of Western's employees are hourly workers whose wages are likely to be impacted by an increase in the federal or state minimum wage. An increase in the minimum wage may require an increase or create pressure to increase the pay scale for Western's employees. A shortage in the labor pool or other general inflationary pressures or changes could also increase Western's labor costs.

Western is dependent upon the timely delivery of fresh ingredients.

Western's restaurant operations are dependent on timely deliveries of fresh ingredients, including fresh produce, dairy products and meat. The cost, availability and quality of the ingredients Western uses to prepare its food are subject to a range of factors, many of which are beyond Western's control. Fluctuations in weather, supply and demand and economic and political conditions could adversely affect the cost, availability and quality of Western's ingredients. Historically, when operating expenses increased due to inflation or increases in food costs, Western generally has been able to offset these higher costs by increasing its menu prices. Western may not be able to recover increased costs in the future because competition may limit or even prohibit such future increases. If the variety or quality of its food products declines due to the lack or lower quality of its ingredients or due to interruptions in the flow of fresh ingredients and similar factors, customer traffic may decline and negatively affect Western's sales.

General economic factors may adversely affect Western's results of operations.

National, regional, and local economic conditions, such as recessionary economic cycles or a worsening economy, could adversely affect disposable consumer income and consumer confidence. Unfavorable changes in these factors or in other business and economic conditions affecting Western's customers could reduce customer traffic in some or all of its restaurants, impose practical limits on its pricing and increase its costs. Any of these factors could lower its profit margins and have a material adverse affect on its results of operations. The impact of inflation on food, beverages, labor, utilities and other aspects of Western's business can negatively affect its results of operations. Although Western attempts to offset inflation through periodic menu price increases, cost controls and incremental improvement in operating margins, it may not be able to completely do so. This may negatively affect Western's results of operations.



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Western faces the risk of adverse publicity and litigation relating to food-borne illness, employment and other matters that could have a material adverse effect on its business and financial performance.

Western may be the subject of complaints or litigation from customers alleging illness, injury or other food quality, health or operational concerns. While the risk of food-borne illness is real, whether it results from improper operations, new diseases or from chemicals in certain food products, the risk would generally only affect a limited number of Western's restaurants. As soon as any food issues became known to Western, those food items that were potentially at risk would be no longer served to customers.

While the risk of food-borne illness or injury would likely be localized, the risk of the adverse publicity that might result from such an incident is more generalized and accordingly much greater. The general public's response to adverse publicity relating to Western's restaurant brands could materially adversely affect a significant number of its restaurants. This could be true whether the allegations underlying the adverse publicity are valid or whether Western is liable.

Furthermore, more generalized health concerns about the consumption of beef or chicken due to reported incidents of diseases such as Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy ("mad cow disease") or Avian Influenza ("bird flu") could lead to changes in customer preferences, reduce consumption of Western's products and adversely affect its financial performance. These events could also reduce the available supply of beef or chicken or significantly raise the prices of beef or chicken.

In addition, Western is subject to employee claims alleging injuries, wage and hour violations, discrimination, harassment or wrongful termination. In recent years, a number of restaurant companies have been subject to lawsuits, including class action lawsuits, alleging violations of federal and state law regarding workplace, employment and similar matters. A number of these lawsuits have resulted in the payment of substantial damages by the defendants. Regardless of whether any claims against Western are valid or whether Western is ultimately determined to be liable, claims may be expensive to defend and may divert time and money away from its operations and hurt its financial performance. A significant judgment for any claim(s) could materially adversely affect Western's financial condition or results of operations.

Western is regulated by the federal and state government.

The restaurant industry is subject to extensive federal, state and local laws and regulations. The development and operation of restaurants depend to a significant extent on the selection and acquisition of suitable sites. Those are subject to zoning, land use, environmental, traffic and other regulations and requirements. Western is also subject to licensing and regulation by state and local authorities relating to health, sanitation, safety and fire standards and building codes. Federal and state laws govern Western's relationships with employees, including the Fair Labor Standards Act and applicable minimum wage requirements, overtime, employment tax rates, family leave, tip credits, working conditions, safety standards and citizenship requirements. Federal and state laws prohibit discrimination and other laws regulating the design and operation of facilities, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. In addition, Western is subject to a variety of federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the use, storage, discharge, emission and disposal of hazardous materials. The impact of current laws and regulations, the effect of future changes in laws or regulations that impose additional requirements and the consequences of litigation relating to current or future laws and regulations could increase Western's compliance and other costs of doing business. These could adversely affect its results of operations. Failure to comply with the laws and regulatory requirements of federal, state and local authorities could result in revocation of required licenses, administrative enforcement actions, fines and civil and criminal liability.

Adverse weather conditions or losses due to casualties such as fire could negatively impact Western's financial performance.

Although Western maintains, and requires its franchisees to maintain, property and casualty insurance to protect against property damage caused by casualties and natural disasters, inclement weather, flooding, hurricanes, fire and other acts of God can adversely impact Western's sales in several ways. For example, severe weather typically discourages potential customers from dining out. In addition, a restaurant that is damaged by a natural disaster can be inoperable for a significant amount of time due to either physical damage or to a shortage of employees resulting from a relocation of the general population.

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As disclosed in detail in Western's Forms 10-K for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005, Western experienced losses due to fire in each of 2005 and 2004. The 2005 fire involved a company-owned restaurant and the 2004 fire consumed a subleased property. In both instances insurance covered the loss and Western recorded a gain from the insurance proceeds received.

Pending litigation could have a material adverse effect on Western's financial position and results of operations.

In September 2006, Western was served with a lawsuit filed in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Arkansas, captioned Parks Land Company, LLP, et al., v. Western Sizzlin Corporation, et al. The plaintiffs are owners/landlords of four restaurant premises located in the Little Rock, Arkansas, metropolitan area which had been leased pursuant to a single lease agreement and previously occupied by Western. Most recently, each of these premises had been subleased to various operators. The lease agreement expired pursuant to its terms on June 30, 2006. The plaintiffs claimed in their lawsuit unspecified damages allegedly owing for certain repair and maintenance expenses on the premises, for the replacement of certain equipment, for diminution of property value, and for loss of rental income, as well as interest and costs. On February 29, 2008, the Court entered judgment against Western in the amount of \$689,666. Western had previously reserved \$400,000 on this loss contingency. Western disagrees with the result of the trial and is evaluating its options. If Western determines to appeal the Court's decision, the appeals process could be lengthy and result in a significant diversion of company resources and management attention.

Western is also from time to time a party to various other legal actions which are ordinary routine matters incidental to its business. While Western believes that the ultimate outcome of these matters individually and in the aggregate will not have a material impact on its financial position, it cannot assure that an adverse outcome on any of these matters would not, in fact, materially impact its financial position, cash flows and results of operations.

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## COMPARATIVE MARKET PRICE DATA

Western's common stock commenced trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "WEST" on February 25, 2008, and was previously quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbol "WSZL.OB." Shares of ITEX common stock are quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbol "ITEX.OB."

As quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board, the following table sets forth historical closing prices per share for shares of Western common stock and shares of ITEX common stock on December 12, 2007, the last full trading day before Western announced its intention to commence the original offer. The table below illustrates the number of shares and per share value of Western common stock you would receive based on these closing prices and the exchange ratio for the offer.

	Western Common Stock	ITEX Common Stock	Shares of Western Common Stock to be Received	Per Share Value of Western Common Stock to be Received
December 12, 2007	\$ 15.40	\$ 0.90	.06623	\$ 1.02

The value of the offer will change as the market prices of Western common stock and ITEX common stock fluctuate during the offer period and thereafter, and may therefore be different from the prices set forth above at the expiration of the offer period and at the time you receive your shares of Western common stock. **YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO OBTAIN CURRENT MARKET QUOTATIONS PRIOR TO MAKING ANY DECISION WITH RESPECT TO THE OFFER.**



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## COMPARATIVE HISTORICAL PER SHARE DATA

The table set forth below depicts historical information about basic and diluted net income per share and book value per share for Western for its fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and for ITEX for its fiscal year ended July 31, 2007 and six months ended January 31, 2008, on a historical basis. You should read the information presented in this table below together with the historical financial statements of Western and ITEX and the related notes, which are included elsewhere in this prospectus.

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007		Year Ended December 31, 2006	
Western historical data				
Net income per share				
Basic	\$	1.59	\$	0.23
Diluted	\$	1.58	\$	0.23
Book value per share	\$	10.07	\$	9.73
	Six Months Ended January 31, 2008		Year Ended July 31, 2007	
ITEX historical data				
Net income per share				
Basic	\$	0.03	\$	0.25
Diluted	\$	0.03	\$	0.25
Book value per share	\$	0.72	\$	0.69

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## SELECTED HISTORICAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA OF WESTERN

## October 2003 Merger, Name Change and Format Restructuring

Effective October 21, 2003, Western merged its wholly owned subsidiary, The Western Sizzlin Corporation, a Delaware corporation, into Austins Steak and Saloon, Inc., with Austins being the surviving entity. At the same time, Western changed its name to “Western Sizzlin Corporation” by amending its certificate of incorporation. The amendment was approved by solicitation of written stockholder consents without a meeting pursuant to Section 288 of the DGCL. On September 30, 2003, the 60th day following the date of the first consent received, stockholders voting 6,495,149 shares or 53.4% of the outstanding common stock submitted written consents to the action.

Effective January 1, 2007, Western restructured its operations into a holding company/subsidiary format whereby all of its operations are now conducted through wholly-owned subsidiaries. This restructuring is not anticipated to have any tax impact and will have no impact on Western’s financial reporting as it will continue to report consolidated financial statements.

## Financial Data

The following table sets forth a summary of selected historical consolidated financial data of Western for each of the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006 and for each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2006. This information is derived from, and should be read in conjunction with, the audited consolidated financial statements of Western and the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of Western, which, other than the consolidated balance sheets of Western as of December 31, 2004, December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002 and the consolidated statements of income of Western for the years ended December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002, are included elsewhere in this prospectus. The operating results for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007 are not necessarily indicative of the results for the remainder of the fiscal year or any future period. Western’s management believes that its respective unaudited interim consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments that are necessary for a fair statement of the results for the interim periods presented. For additional information, see “Western Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.”

	Years Ended December 31					Nine Months Ended	
	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	September 30 2007	September 30 2006
Statement of Operations Data:	(In thousands, except per share data)						
Total revenues	\$ 17,404	\$ 19,372	\$ 21,708	\$ 21,060	\$ 39,443	\$ 13,342	\$ 13,348
Income (loss) from operations	628	1,426	1,174	783	(1,680)	844	599
Net income (loss)	274	681	566	212	(1,053)	2,854	234
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.17	\$ (0.86)	\$ 1.59	\$ 0.20
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	0.23	0.57	0.48	0.17	(0.86)	1.58	0.20
Shares used in computing basic earnings per share	1,215	1,189	1,190	1,212	1,217	1,793	1,190
Shares used in computing diluted earnings per share	1,225	1,190	1,190	1,212	1,217	1,801	1,198

## Balance Sheet Data:

Working capital surplus (deficit)	\$	3,238	\$	2,001	\$	1,480	\$	141	\$	(1,180)	\$	546
Total assets		19,820		15,476		16,697		16,894		18,039		22,694
Long-term debt, excluding current maturities		685		848		2,698		3,549		4,075		592
Other long-term liabilities		464		42		15		50		—		85
Stockholders' equity		17,398		11,760		10,093		10,527		11,522		18,112
Other Financial Data:												
Dividends declared		—		—		—		119		183		—

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FINANCIAL DATA OF ITEX

The following table sets forth selected historical consolidated financial data of ITEX for each of the years in the four-year period ended July 31, 2007 and for the six months ended January 31, 2008 and 2007. This information is derived from, and should be read in conjunction with, ITEX's audited consolidated financial statements for each of the years in the four-year period ended July 31, 2007 and unaudited consolidated financial statements for the six months ended January 31, 2008 and 2007 which are included elsewhere in this prospectus or in ITEX's publicly filed reports with the SEC. For additional information, see "ITEX Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

	2007	Year Ended July 31,			Six Months Ended	
	2006	2005	2004	2008	2007	
	(In thousands, except per share data)					
Revenue	\$ 14,171	\$ 14,646	\$ 10,225	\$ 10,283	\$ 8,028	\$ 7,455
Costs and expenses	12,666	13,305	9,496	9,662	7,274	6,632
Income from operations	1,505	1,341	729	621	754	823
Other income - net	156	117	109	1,622	5	86
Income before income taxes	1,661	1,458	838	2,243	759	909
Income tax (benefit) expense	(2,843)	(1,975)	(2,260)	--	290	337
Net income	\$ 4,504	\$ 3,433	\$ 3,098	\$ 2,243	\$ 469	\$ 572
Net income per common share						
Basic	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.03
Diluted	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.03

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BACKGROUND AND REASONS FOR THE OFFER

Background of the Offer

In July 2007, Western commenced purchasing shares of ITEX common stock. Western continued purchasing shares of ITEX common stock through October 18, 2007 and, as of the date of this prospectus, beneficially owned 700,714 shares of ITEX common stock, representing approximately 3.9% of the outstanding ITEX shares, based upon publicly available information.

On December 12, 2007, Western's board of directors convened a telephonic meeting. After discussion, Western's board of directors determined that the original offer, followed by a second-step merger of a wholly-owned subsidiary of Western with and into ITEX, were advisable and in the best interests of Western and its stockholders and approved the acquisition of ITEX upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the original prospectus.

Following the board meeting on December 12, 2007, Sardar Biglari, Western's Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President, telephoned Steven White, ITEX's Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Interim Chief Financial Officer, to inform him of Western's intention to commence the original offer. Western then issued a press release announcing its intention to commence the original offer and delivered to ITEX its request for ITEX's stockholder list and security position listings, as well as the requests described under "Note on ITEX Information" above.

On December 13, 2007, Messrs. Biglari and White had a telephone conversation in which they discussed the proposed transaction and their views on valuation. Mr. Biglari requested an in-person meeting among Mr. Biglari, Mr. White and Philip L. Cooley, Western's Vice Chairman of the Board, to discuss the two companies and the proposed transaction, and Mr. White was agreeable to such a meeting. Mr. Biglari said that he would check Dr. Cooley's schedule and then call Mr. White to arrange a meeting at a convenient time and location for Mr. White.

On December 14, 2007, ITEX issued a press release confirming it had received notice of the proposed exchange offer and reporting on Messrs. Biglari's and White's telephone conversation on December 13, 2007.

Also on December 14, 2007, Mr. Biglari telephoned Mr. White to schedule an in-person meeting among Mr. Biglari, Dr. Cooley and Mr. White at ITEX's corporate headquarters for the following week. On December 17, 2007, Mr. Biglari received a call from a representative of ITEX, who informed Mr. Biglari that Mr. White was unavailable to meet through the end of 2007.

On December 27, 2007, Western commenced the original offer by filing a Schedule TO and a registration statement on Form S-4 with the SEC, and renewed its request for the use of ITEX's stockholder list and security position listings for the purpose of disseminating the original offer. Western also issued a press release on that date announcing the commencement of the original offer.

On December 31, 2007, ITEX, through its counsel, advised Western that ITEX would furnish Western with the stockholder information required to be provided by ITEX pursuant to Rule 14d-5(c) under the Exchange Act. ITEX's counsel transmitted these materials to Western's counsel by e-mail on January 2, 2008.

On January 7, 2008, Mr. Biglari received a letter from Mr. White that stated ITEX's then current position on the original offer, set forth its initial considerations regarding the original offer and reciprocated on Mr. Biglari's request for a meeting, which Mr. Biglari initially made on December 13, 2007. ITEX also issued a press release on that date requesting that its stockholders take no action at that time in response to Western's original offer and stating that, on or before January 11, 2008, ITEX intended to file with the SEC a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule

14D-9 containing a formal recommendation to ITEX stockholders regarding the original offer.

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On January 8, 2008, Messrs. Biglari and White had a telephone conversation in which they discussed the original offer. Messrs. Biglari and White scheduled a telephone conference for the following day that would also be joined by Dr. Cooley and Eric Best, a director of ITEX.

On January 9, 2008, Mr. Biglari and Dr. Cooley participated in the scheduled telephone conference with Messrs. White and Best in which they further discussed the original offer, the two companies and their strategies, and their respective views on valuation, with Mr. White insisting that ITEX was “not for sale.” At no point during this conversation did Mr. Biglari say that Mr. White would “not have a future with the Company” if he did not support the original offer, a statement that ITEX wrongly attributed to Mr. Biglari in its Schedule 14D-9. Indeed, Mr. Biglari’s alleged quote runs directly contrary to Western’s numerous statements, acknowledged by ITEX in its Schedule 14D-9, that Western intended to continue to operate ITEX’s business and keep its current management in place.

On January 11, 2008, ITEX filed its Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9, which stated that its Board of Directors determined that the original offer was inadequate and not in the best interests of ITEX or its stockholders and recommended that ITEX’s stockholders reject the original offer and not tender their ITEX shares in the original offer. ITEX also issued a press release containing its Board’s recommendation. However, ITEX failed to file its Schedule 14D-9 within the time period required by SEC rules.

On January 28, 2008, Mr. Biglari issued a letter to ITEX stockholders discussing Western’s business, its plans and its belief that stockholders tendering their shares in the original offer would maximize the return on their investment.

On February 1, 2008, Western announced the extension of the expiration date of the original offer to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on February 28, 2008.

On February 7, 2008, Western updated its request for the use of ITEX’s stockholder list and security position listings for the purpose of disseminating the original offer, and for the provision of the consent of ITEX’s independent public accounting firm. On February 7, 2008, ITEX, through its counsel, delivered a letter to Western transmitting updated stockholder list and security position listings. In this letter, ITEX declined to furnish to Western the consent of ITEX’s independent public accounting firm.

On February 14, 2008, Mr. White issued a letter to ITEX stockholders updating them on recent ITEX developments and commenting on the status of the original offer.

Also on February 14, 2008, ITEX announced that its board of directors had amended its bylaws to (1) require that a stockholder who intends to make a nomination for director or propose business to be brought before an annual meeting of stockholders must first give notice to ITEX, (2) provide that special meetings of the stockholders may only be called by the Chairman of the Board, or the CEO, or at the request of a majority of the board of directors, (3) provide that stockholders may only take action at a duly called annual or special meeting of stockholders, and may not take action by written consent without a meeting, (4) modify the number of directors by reducing the range from three to five, from a previous range of three to nine, and (5) remove a section that provided that directors may be removed by other directors for cause.

On February 20, 2008, Western submitted to the SEC a request for a waiver of the requirement to include the consent of ITEX’s independent public accounting firm in the registration statement on Form S-4, of which this prospectus is a part. On February 22, 2008, subject to specified conditions with which Western has complied or will comply, the SEC granted Western’s waiver request, permitting the registration statement to be declared effective without the consent of ITEX’s independent public accounting firm.

On February 29, 2008, Western announced the extension of the expiration date of the offer to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on March 26, 2008.



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On March 3, 2008, ITEX filed with the SEC its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended January 31, 2008, in which it disclosed the following: (1) ITEX increased the annual base salary of Mr. White to \$150,000 for serving as ITEX's Chief Executive Officer; (2) ITEX entered into a Change of Control Agreement with Mr. White under which Mr. White would receive a lump sum payment equal to one times his base salary and immediate vesting of all equity-based compensation upon a change of control and a severance payment equal to two times his base salary upon termination of his employment either (a) by ITEX without "cause," or (b) by Mr. White for "good reason" after the occurrence of a change in control; and (3) ITEX's compensation committee approved a form of change of control agreement for certain key employees of ITEX, which provides that if the employee's employment is terminated by ITEX without "cause" or by the employee for "good reason" within one year after a change in control occurs, the employee will generally be entitled to receive a continuation of the employee's annual base salary, as severance pay, over a designated period following the severance date up to a maximum of 12 months, plus accelerated vesting of any equity-based compensation and continued medical group health and dental plan coverage for the period the employee receives severance pay.

On March 6, 2008, Western updated its request for the use of ITEX's stockholder list and security position listings for the purpose of disseminating the offer.

On March 13, 2008, Western amended the offer and issued a press release announcing the amended offer and the elimination of a number of significant conditions to the offer.

Reasons for the Offer

Western is seeking to acquire up to 2,700,000 shares of ITEX common stock in the offer for investment purposes. Following the consummation of the offer, Western intends to evaluate its investment in the ITEX common stock on a continual basis and may, from time to time, communicate with ITEX management, members of ITEX's board of directors and other stockholders of ITEX.

Following the consummation of the offer, Western may, from time to time, acquire additional shares of ITEX common stock, dispose of shares of ITEX common stock or formulate other purposes, plans or proposals regarding ITEX or the ITEX common stock, to the extent deemed advisable in light of its general investment policies, market conditions or other factors.

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THE OFFER

Western is offering to exchange up to 2,700,000 shares of ITEX common stock at an exchange ratio of one share of ITEX common stock for .06623 shares of Western common stock, upon the terms and subject to the conditions contained in this prospectus and the accompanying revised letter of transmittal. In addition, you will receive cash instead of any fractional shares of Western common stock to which you may be entitled.

The term “expiration date” means 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on March 26, 2008, unless Western extends the period of time for which the offer is open, in which case the term “expiration date” means the latest time and date on which the offer, as so extended, expires.

If you have already tendered your shares of ITEX common stock, you do not need to do anything to tender into the amended offer. Shares of ITEX common stock validly tendered and not properly withdrawn prior to the date of this prospectus will automatically be considered to have been tendered pursuant to the terms of the amended offer set forth in this prospectus.

If you are a registered stockholder and tender your shares of ITEX common stock directly to the exchange agent, you will not be obligated to pay any charges or expenses of the exchange agent or any brokerage commissions. If you hold your shares through a broker or bank, you should consult your institution as to whether or not they will charge you any service fees. Except as set forth in the instructions to the revised letter of transmittal, transfer taxes on the exchange of shares of ITEX common stock pursuant to the offer will be paid by Western.

Western is seeking to acquire up to 2,700,000 shares of ITEX common stock in the offer for investment purposes. Following the consummation of the offer, Western intends to evaluate its investment in the ITEX common stock on a continual basis and may, from time to time, communicate with ITEX management, members of ITEX’s board of directors and other stockholders of ITEX.

Based on the exchange ratio for the offer, Western estimates that if the maximum 2,700,000 ITEX shares are exchanged pursuant to the offer, former ITEX stockholders would own, in the aggregate, approximately 6.2% of the outstanding shares of Western common stock. For a detailed discussion of the assumptions on which this estimate is based, see “The Offer—Ownership of Western After the Offer.”

Western’s obligation to exchange shares of Western common stock for shares of ITEX common stock pursuant to the offer is subject to several conditions referred to below under “Conditions of the Offer,” including the registration statement condition and the listing condition. The offer is no longer conditioned on any minimum number of shares being tendered. Western has also eliminated a number of other significant conditions to the offer.

Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 14d-5, Western asked ITEX for its stockholder list and security position listings to communicate with you and to distribute Western’s offer to you, and ITEX delivered these materials to Western on January 2, 2008. Western received updated stockholder list and security position listings from ITEX on February 7, 2008. Western’s original prospectus, the related letter of transmittal and other relevant materials were delivered, and this prospectus, the revised letter of transmittal and other relevant materials will be delivered, to record holders of shares of ITEX common stock and to brokers, dealers, commercial banks, trust companies and similar persons whose names, or the names of whose nominees, appeared on ITEX’s stockholder list or, if applicable, who were listed as participants in a clearing agency’s security position listing, so that they could in turn send these materials to beneficial owners of shares of ITEX common stock.

Expiration Date of the Offer

The offer is scheduled to expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on March 26, 2008, unless extended by Western. For more information, you should read the discussion below under the caption “The Offer—Extension, Termination and Amendment.”

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Extension, Termination and Amendment

Subject to the applicable rules of the SEC and the terms and conditions of the offer, Western expressly reserves the right, in its sole discretion, at any time or from time to time, to extend, for any reason, the period of time during which the offer remains open, and Western can do so by giving oral or written notice of such extension to the exchange agent. If Western decides to so extend the offer, Western will make an announcement to that effect no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the next business day after the previously scheduled expiration date. Western is not making any assurance that it will exercise its right to extend the offer, although it currently intends to do so until all conditions to the offer have been satisfied or waived. During any such extension, all shares of ITEX common stock previously tendered and not withdrawn will remain subject to the offer, subject to your right to withdraw your shares of ITEX common stock. You should read the discussion under “The Offer—Withdrawal Rights” for more details.

To the extent legally permissible, Western also reserves the right, in its sole discretion, at any time or from time to time:

- to delay acceptance for exchange of, or exchange of, any shares of ITEX common stock pursuant to the offer in order to comply in whole or in part with applicable law;
- to terminate the offer and not accept or exchange any shares of ITEX common stock not previously accepted or exchanged, upon the failure of any of the conditions of the offer to be satisfied prior to the expiration date;
- to amend or terminate the offer without accepting for exchange or exchanging any shares of ITEX common stock if ITEX agrees to enter into a negotiated merger agreement with Western; and
  - to waive any condition or otherwise amend the offer in any respect.

In addition, even if Western has accepted for exchange, but not exchanged, shares in the offer, it may terminate the offer and not exchange shares of ITEX common stock that were previously tendered if completion of the offer is illegal or if a governmental authority has commenced or threatened legal action related to the offer.

Western will effect any extension, termination, amendment or delay by giving oral or written notice to the exchange agent and by making a public announcement as promptly as practicable thereafter. In the case of an extension, any such announcement will be issued no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the next business day after the previously scheduled expiration date. Subject to applicable law and without limiting the manner in which Western may choose to make any public announcement, Western assumes no obligation to publish, advertise or otherwise communicate any such public announcement other than by making a press release.

Western acknowledges that Rule 14e-1(c) under the Exchange Act requires Western to pay the consideration offered or return the shares of ITEX common stock tendered promptly after the termination or withdrawal of the offer.

Western confirms to you that if it makes a material change in the terms of the offer or the information concerning the offer, or if it waives a material condition of the offer, it will extend the offer to the extent required under the Exchange Act. If, prior to the expiration date, Western changes the percentage of shares of ITEX common stock being sought or the consideration offered to you, that change will apply to all holders whose shares of ITEX common stock are accepted for exchange pursuant to Western’s offer, regardless of whether the shares were tendered before or after the change. If at the time notice of that change is first published, sent or given to you, the offer is scheduled to expire at any time earlier than the tenth business day from and including the date that such notice is first so published, sent or given, Western will extend the offer until the expiration of that ten business day period. For purposes of the offer, a “business day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or federal holiday and consists of the time period from

12:01 a.m. through 12:00 midnight, New York City time.

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Because the amended offer is for less than all of the outstanding ITEX common stock, Exchange Act Rule 14d-11 does not permit Western to provide a subsequent offering period after the expiration of the offer.

### Exchange of ITEX Shares; Delivery of Western Common Stock and Cash

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the offer (including, if the offer is extended or amended, the terms and conditions of any such extension or amendment), Western will accept for exchange, and will exchange, up to 2,700,000 shares of ITEX common stock validly tendered and not properly withdrawn promptly after the expiration date. In addition, subject to applicable rules of the SEC, Western expressly reserves the right to delay acceptance for exchange of, or the exchange of, shares of ITEX common stock in order to comply with any applicable law. In all cases, exchange of shares of ITEX common stock tendered and accepted for exchange pursuant to the offer will be made only after timely receipt by the exchange agent of certificates for those shares of ITEX common stock (or a confirmation of a book-entry transfer of those shares of ITEX common stock in the exchange agent's account at The Depository Trust Company, referred to as "DTC"), a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal and any other required documents.

For purposes of the offer, Western will be deemed to have accepted for exchange shares of ITEX common stock validly tendered and not properly withdrawn as, if and when it notifies the exchange agent of its acceptance of the tenders of those shares of ITEX common stock pursuant to the offer. The exchange agent will deliver Western common stock in exchange for shares of ITEX common stock pursuant to the offer and cash instead of fractional shares of Western common stock promptly after receipt of such notice. The exchange agent will act as your agent for the purpose of receiving Western common stock (and cash to be paid instead of fractional shares of Western common stock) from Western and transmitting such stock and cash to you. You will not receive any interest on any cash that Western pays you, even if there is a delay in making the exchange.

If Western does not accept any tendered shares of ITEX common stock for exchange pursuant to the terms and conditions of the offer for any reason (including shares not accepted because of proration), or if certificates are submitted for more shares of ITEX common stock than are tendered, Western will return certificates for such unexchanged shares of ITEX common stock without expense to the tendering stockholder or, in the case of shares of ITEX common stock tendered by book-entry transfer of such shares of ITEX common stock into the exchange agent's account at DTC pursuant to the procedures set forth below in the section entitled "The Offer—Procedure for Tendering," those shares of ITEX common stock will be credited to an account maintained within DTC promptly following expiration or termination of the offer.

Western reserves the right to transfer or assign, in whole or from time to time in part, to one or more of its affiliates, the right to exchange all or any portion of the shares of ITEX common stock tendered pursuant to the offer, but any such transfer or assignment will not relieve Western of its obligations under the offer or prejudice the rights of tendering stockholders to exchange shares of ITEX common stock validly tendered and accepted for exchange pursuant to the offer.

### Cash Instead of Fractional Shares of Western Common Stock

Western will not issue certificates representing fractional shares of Western common stock pursuant to the offer. Instead, each tendering stockholder who would otherwise be entitled to a fractional share of Western common stock will receive cash in an amount equal to such fraction (expressed as a decimal and rounded to the nearest 0.01 of a share) multiplied by the average of the closing prices, rounded to four decimal points, of Western common stock for the 15 consecutive trading day period ending on the third trading day before the expiration date.

### Proration

If more than 2,700,000 shares of ITEX common stock is validly tendered and not properly withdrawn prior to the expiration date, Western will, upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the offer, accept shares for exchange on a pro rata basis. If proration of tendered shares is required, Western will determine the proration factor promptly following the expiration date. Proration for each stockholder tendering shares will be based on the ratio of the number of shares validly tendered and not properly withdrawn by such stockholder to the total number of shares validly tendered and not properly withdrawn by all stockholders. Because of the difficulty in determining the number of shares validly tendered, including shares tendered by guaranteed delivery procedures as described below, and not properly withdrawn, Western does not expect that it will be able to announce the final proration factor until five to seven business days after the expiration date. The preliminary results of any proration will be announced by press release promptly after the expiration date. ITEX stockholders may obtain preliminary proration information from the information agent or exchange agent for the offer and may be able to obtain this information from their brokers.

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### Procedure for Tendering

For you to validly tender shares of ITEX common stock pursuant to the offer, either (a) a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal, along with any required signature guarantees, or an agent's message in connection with a book-entry transfer, and any other required documents, must be received by the exchange agent at one of its addresses set forth on the back cover of this prospectus, and certificates for tendered shares of ITEX common stock must be received by the exchange agent at such address or those shares of ITEX common stock must be tendered pursuant to the procedures for book-entry transfer set forth below (and a confirmation of receipt of such tender, referred to as a "book-entry confirmation," must be received), in each case before the expiration date, or (b) you must comply with the guaranteed delivery procedures set forth below under "The Offer—Guaranteed Delivery."

The term "agent's message" means a message transmitted by DTC to, and received by, the exchange agent and forming a part of a book-entry confirmation, which states that DTC has received an express acknowledgment from the DTC participant tendering the shares of ITEX common stock that are the subject of such book-entry confirmation, that such participant has received and agrees to be bound by the terms of the letter of transmittal and that Western may enforce that agreement against such participant.

Tendering stockholders may use either the revised letter of transmittal and the revised notice of guaranteed delivery circulated with this prospectus or the original letter of transmittal and the original notice of guaranteed delivery previously circulated with the original prospectus. Stockholders using the original letter of transmittal to tender their shares will nevertheless be deemed to be tendering pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in this prospectus and the enclosed revised letter of transmittal.

The exchange agent has established accounts with respect to the shares of ITEX common stock at DTC in connection with the offer, and any financial institution that is a participant in DTC may make book-entry delivery of shares of ITEX common stock by causing DTC to transfer such shares into the exchange agent's account in accordance with DTC's procedure for such transfer. However, although delivery of shares of ITEX common stock may be effected through book-entry transfer at DTC, the letter of transmittal with any required signature guarantees, or an agent's message, along with any other required documents, must, in any case, be received by the exchange agent at one of its addresses set forth on the back cover of this prospectus prior to the expiration date, or the guaranteed delivery procedures described below must be followed. Western cannot assure you that book-entry delivery of ITEX shares will be available. If book-entry delivery is not available, you must tender ITEX shares by means of delivery of ITEX share certificates or pursuant to the guaranteed delivery procedures set forth below under "The Offer—Guaranteed Delivery."

Signatures on all letters of transmittal must be guaranteed by an eligible institution (as defined below), except (1) in cases in which shares of ITEX common stock are tendered by a registered holder of shares of ITEX common stock who has not completed the box entitled "Special Issuance Instructions" or the box entitled "Special Delivery Instructions" on the letter of transmittal or (2) if shares of ITEX common stock are tendered for the account of a financial institution that is a member of the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program or by any other "eligible guarantor institution," as that term is defined in Rule 17Ad-15 under the Exchange Act (each of the foregoing is referred to as an "eligible institution"). Most banks, savings and loan associations and brokerage houses are able to effect these signature guarantees for you.

If the certificates for shares of ITEX common stock are registered in the name of a person other than the person who signs the letter of transmittal, or if the offer consideration is to be delivered, or certificates for unexchanged shares of ITEX common stock are to be issued, to a person other than the registered holder(s), the ITEX share certificates must be endorsed or accompanied by appropriate stock powers, in either case signed exactly as the name or names of the registered owner or owners appear on the certificates, with the signature(s) on the certificates or stock powers



guaranteed by an eligible institution.

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In all cases, Western will exchange shares of ITEX common stock tendered and accepted for exchange pursuant to the offer only after timely receipt by the exchange agent of certificates for shares of ITEX common stock (or timely confirmation of a book-entry transfer of such securities into the exchange agent's account at DTC as described above), properly completed and duly executed letter(s) of transmittal (or an agent's message in connection with a book-entry transfer) and any other required documents.

By executing a letter of transmittal as set forth above, you irrevocably appoint Western's designees as your attorneys-in-fact and proxies, each with full power of substitution, to the full extent of your rights with respect to your shares of ITEX common stock tendered and accepted for exchange by Western and with respect to any and all other shares of ITEX common stock and other securities issued or issuable in respect of the shares of ITEX common stock on or after the expiration date. That appointment is effective, and voting rights will be affected, when and only to the extent that Western deposits with the exchange agent the shares of its common stock and the cash in lieu of fractional shares in consideration for the shares of ITEX common stock that you have tendered. All such proxies will be considered coupled with an interest in the tendered shares of ITEX common stock and therefore will not be revocable. Upon the effectiveness of such appointment, all prior proxies that you have given will be revoked, and you may not give any subsequent proxies (and, if given, they will not be deemed effective). Western's designees will, with respect to the shares of ITEX common stock for which the appointment is effective, be empowered, among other things, to exercise all of your voting and other rights as they, in their sole discretion, deem proper at any annual, special or adjourned meeting of ITEX's stockholders or otherwise. Western reserves the right to require that, in order for shares of ITEX common stock to be deemed validly tendered, immediately upon the exchange of those shares, Western must be able to exercise full voting rights with respect to those shares.

THE METHOD OF DELIVERY OF ITEX SHARE CERTIFICATES AND ALL OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING DELIVERY THROUGH DTC, IS AT YOUR OPTION AND RISK, AND THE DELIVERY WILL BE DEEMED MADE ONLY WHEN ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE EXCHANGE AGENT. IF DELIVERY IS BY MAIL, WESTERN RECOMMENDS REGISTERED MAIL WITH RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, PROPERLY INSURED. IN ALL CASES, YOU SHOULD ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME TO ENSURE TIMELY DELIVERY.

TO PREVENT BACKUP FEDERAL INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING, YOU MUST PROVIDE THE EXCHANGE AGENT WITH YOUR CORRECT TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND CERTIFY WHETHER YOU ARE SUBJECT TO BACKUP WITHHOLDING OF FEDERAL INCOME TAX BY COMPLETING THE SUBSTITUTE FORM W-9 INCLUDED IN THE LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL. SOME STOCKHOLDERS (INCLUDING, AMONG OTHERS, ALL CORPORATIONS AND SOME FOREIGN INDIVIDUALS) ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THESE BACKUP WITHHOLDING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. IN ORDER FOR A FOREIGN INDIVIDUAL TO QUALIFY AS AN EXEMPT RECIPIENT, THE STOCKHOLDER MUST SUBMIT A FORM W-8BEN, SIGNED UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, ATTESTING TO THAT INDIVIDUAL'S EXEMPT STATUS.

Guaranteed Delivery

If you wish to tender shares of ITEX common stock pursuant to the offer and your certificates are not immediately available or you cannot deliver the certificates and all other required documents to the exchange agent prior to the expiration date or complete the procedure for book-entry transfer on a timely basis, your shares of ITEX common stock may nevertheless be tendered, as long as all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- you make your tender by or through an eligible institution;
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a properly completed and duly executed notice of guaranteed delivery, substantially in the form made available by Western, is received by the exchange agent as provided below prior to the expiration date; and

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- the certificates for all tendered shares of ITEX common stock (or a confirmation of a book-entry transfer of such securities into the exchange agent's account at DTC as described above), in proper form for transfer, together with a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal with any required signature guarantees (or, in the case of a book-entry transfer, an agent's message) and all other documents required by the letter of transmittal, are received by the exchange agent within three trading days after the date of execution of such notice of guaranteed delivery.

You may deliver the notice of guaranteed delivery by hand, overnight courier, facsimile transmission or mail to the exchange agent. The notice must include a guarantee by an eligible institution in the form set forth in the notice.

The tender of shares of ITEX common stock pursuant to any of the procedures described above will constitute a binding agreement between Western and you upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the offer.

### Matters Concerning Validity and Eligibility

Western will determine all questions as to the validity, form, eligibility (including time of receipt) and acceptance for exchange of any tender of shares of ITEX common stock, in its sole discretion, and its determination will be final and binding to the fullest extent permitted by law. Western reserves the absolute right to reject any and all tenders of shares of ITEX common stock that it determines are not in proper form or the acceptance of or exchange for which may, in the opinion of its counsel, be unlawful. Western also reserves the absolute right to waive any defect or irregularity in the tender of any shares of ITEX common stock. No tender of shares of ITEX common stock will be deemed to have been validly made until all defects and irregularities in tenders of shares of ITEX common stock have been cured or waived. None of Western, the exchange agent, the information agent or any other person will be under any duty to give notification of any defects or irregularities in the tender of any shares of ITEX common stock or will incur any liability for failure to give any such notification. Western's interpretation of the terms and conditions of the offer (including the letter of transmittal and instructions thereto) will be final and binding to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROCEDURE FOR TENDERING SHARES OF ITEX COMMON STOCK, PLEASE CONTACT THE INFORMATION AGENT AT ITS ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS SET FORTH ON THE BACK COVER OF THIS PROSPECTUS.**

### Withdrawal Rights

You can withdraw tendered shares at any time until the offer has expired and, if Western has not agreed to accept your shares for exchange by the expiration date, you can withdraw them at any time after that date until it accepts shares for exchange. If Western elects to extend the offer, is delayed in its acceptance for exchange of shares of ITEX common stock or is unable to accept shares of ITEX common stock for exchange pursuant to the offer for any reason, then, without prejudice to Western's rights under the offer, the exchange agent may, on behalf of Western, retain tendered shares of ITEX common stock, and such shares of ITEX common stock may not be withdrawn except to the extent that tendering stockholders are entitled to withdrawal rights as described in this section. Any such delay will be by an extension of the offer to the extent required by law. Please see the section of this prospectus entitled "The Offer — Extension, Termination and Amendment."

For a withdrawal to be effective, a written or facsimile transmission notice of withdrawal must be timely received by the exchange agent at one of its addresses set forth on the back cover page of this prospectus. Any such notice of withdrawal must specify the name of the person who tendered the shares of ITEX common stock to be withdrawn, the number of shares of ITEX common stock to be withdrawn and the name of the registered holder of such shares of ITEX common stock, if different from that of the person who tendered such shares of ITEX common stock. If certificates evidencing shares of ITEX common stock to be withdrawn have been delivered or otherwise identified to

the exchange agent, then, prior to the physical release of such certificates, the serial numbers shown on such certificates must be submitted to the exchange agent and, unless such shares of ITEX common stock have been tendered by or for the account of an eligible institution, the signature(s) on the notice of withdrawal must be guaranteed by an eligible institution. If shares of ITEX common stock have been tendered pursuant to the procedure for book-entry transfer as set forth in the section of this prospectus entitled “The Offer — Procedure for Tendering,” any notice of withdrawal must specify the name and number of the account at DTC to be credited with the withdrawn shares of ITEX common stock.

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Withdrawals of shares of ITEX common stock may not be rescinded. Any shares of ITEX common stock properly withdrawn will thereafter be deemed not to have been validly tendered for purposes of the offer. However, withdrawn shares of ITEX common stock may be re-tendered at any time prior to the expiration date by following one of the procedures discussed under the sections entitled “The Offer—Procedure for Tendering” or “The Offer—Guaranteed Delivery.”

Western will decide all questions as to the form and validity (including time of receipt) of any notice of withdrawal in its sole discretion, and its decision shall be final and binding to the fullest extent permitted by law. None of Western, the exchange agent, the information agent or any other person will be under any duty to give notification of any defects or irregularities in any notice of withdrawal or will incur any liability for failure to give any such notification.

### Announcement of Results of the Offer

Western will announce by press release the final results of the offer, including whether all of the conditions to the offer have been fulfilled or waived and whether Western will accept the tendered shares of ITEX common stock for exchange, promptly after expiration of the offer, except as otherwise provided above under “Proration.”

### Ownership of Western After the Offer

Based on the exchange ratio for the offer and assuming that:

- Western exchanges pursuant to the offer the maximum 2,700,000 shares of ITEX common stock; and
- 2,696,625 shares of Western common stock, which is the number of shares outstanding as of March 7, 2008, are outstanding, which number does not include 36,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding options;

former ITEX stockholders would own, in the aggregate, approximately 6.2% of the outstanding shares of Western common stock.

### Taxation

The following is a discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences of the offer to holders of ITEX common stock whose stock is exchanged for Western common stock pursuant to the offer. The discussion is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, referred to in this prospectus as the “Code,” applicable Treasury Regulations and administrative and judicial interpretations thereof, each as in effect as of the date of this offer, all of which may change, possibly with retroactive effect. The discussion applies only to stockholders who hold their ITEX common stock as capital assets and may not apply to stockholders subject to special rules under the Code, including, without limitation, persons who acquired their ITEX common stock upon the exercise of stock options or otherwise as compensation, financial institutions, brokers, dealers or traders in securities or commodities, insurance companies, partnerships or other entities treated as partnerships or flow-through entities for U.S. federal income tax purposes, tax-exempt organizations, persons who are subject to alternative minimum tax, persons who hold ITEX common stock as a position in a “straddle” or as part of a “hedging” or “conversion” transaction or other integrated investment, or persons that have a functional currency other than the United States dollar. This discussion does not address the U.S. federal tax consequences to any stockholder of ITEX who, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, is a non-resident alien individual, foreign corporation, foreign partnership or foreign estate or trust, and does not address any state, local or foreign tax consequences of the offer.

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BECAUSE INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES MAY DIFFER, EACH STOCKHOLDER SHOULD CONSULT SUCH STOCKHOLDER'S TAX ADVISOR REGARDING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE RULES DISCUSSED BELOW TO SUCH STOCKHOLDER AND THE PARTICULAR TAX EFFECTS TO SUCH STOCKHOLDER OF THE OFFER, INCLUDING THE APPLICATION AND EFFECT OF STATE, LOCAL, AND FOREIGN TAX LAWS.

The receipt of Western common stock in exchange for ITEX common stock pursuant to the offer is expected to be a taxable transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In general, a stockholder who exchanges ITEX common stock pursuant to the offer will recognize gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes equal to the difference, if any, between the fair market value on the date of acceptance for exchange pursuant to the offer of the Western common stock received and the holder's adjusted tax basis in the ITEX common stock exchanged pursuant to the offer. Gain or loss will be determined separately for each block of ITEX common stock (i.e., ITEX common stock acquired at the same cost in a single transaction) exchanged pursuant to the offer. Any such gain or loss generally will be long-term capital gain or loss if the stockholder has held the ITEX common stock for more than one year on the date of acceptance for exchange pursuant to the offer. Long-term capital gain of noncorporate stockholders is generally taxable at a maximum rate of 15%. Certain limitations apply to the use of capital losses.

A holder's tax basis in the Western common stock received pursuant to the offer will equal its fair market value on the date of acceptance for exchange pursuant to the offer. A holder's holding period in the Western common stock received will begin the day following the date of acceptance for exchange pursuant to the offer.

### Purpose of the Offer; Dissenters' Rights

#### Purpose and Structure of the Offer

Western is seeking to acquire up to 2,700,000 shares of ITEX common stock in the offer for investment purposes. Following the consummation of the offer, Western intends to evaluate its investment in the ITEX common stock on a continual basis and may, from time to time, communicate with ITEX management, members of ITEX's board of directors and other stockholders of ITEX.

Following the consummation of the offer, Western may, from time to time, acquire additional shares of ITEX common stock, dispose of shares of ITEX common stock or formulate other purposes, plans or proposals regarding ITEX or the ITEX common stock, to the extent deemed advisable in light of its general investment policies, market conditions or other factors.

#### Dissenters' Rights

Dissenters' rights are the rights of stockholders, in certain cases, to receive "fair value" for their shares, plus accrued interest, as determined by a statutorily-prescribed process, which may include a judicial appraisal process. Dissenters' rights are not available in the offer. In addition, the amended offer will not give rise to dissenters' rights under the Nevada Control Share Statute, because Western will not acquire a "controlling interest" (as defined in the Nevada Control Share Statute) in ITEX as a result of the amended offer.

#### Plans for ITEX

Western is seeking to acquire up to 2,700,000 shares of ITEX common stock in the offer for investment purposes. Following the consummation of the offer, Western intends to evaluate its investment in the ITEX common stock on a continual basis and may, from time to time, communicate with ITEX management, members of ITEX's board of directors and other stockholders of ITEX.

Following the consummation of the offer, Western may, from time to time, acquire additional shares of ITEX common stock, dispose of shares of ITEX common stock or formulate other purposes, plans or proposals regarding ITEX or the ITEX common stock, to the extent deemed advisable in light of its general investment policies, market conditions or other factors.



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Except as indicated in this prospectus, neither Western nor any of Western's subsidiaries or affiliates has any current plans or proposals which relate to or would result in (1) any extraordinary transaction, such as a merger, reorganization or liquidation of ITEX or any of its subsidiaries, (2) any purchase, sale or transfer of a material amount of assets of ITEX or any of its subsidiaries, (3) any material change in the present dividend rate or policy, or indebtedness or capitalization of ITEX or any of its subsidiaries, (4) any change in the current board of directors or management of ITEX, (5) any other material change in ITEX's corporate structure or business, (6) any class of equity security of ITEX ceasing to be authorized to be quoted in an automated quotation system operated by a national securities association or (7) any class of equity securities of ITEX becoming eligible for termination of registration under the Exchange Act.

Effect of the Offer on the Market for Shares of ITEX Common Stock; Registration Under the Exchange Act; Margin Regulations

Effect of the Offer on the Market for the Shares of ITEX Common Stock

According to ITEX's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007, the shares of ITEX common stock are quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board and there were approximately 894 holders of record of ITEX common stock as of July 31, 2007. The exchange of shares of ITEX common stock by Western pursuant to the offer will reduce the number of holders of ITEX common stock and the number of shares of ITEX common stock held by individual holders and could adversely affect the liquidity and market value of the shares of ITEX common stock.

Registration Under the Exchange Act

Based upon ITEX's public filings with the SEC, Western believes that ITEX common stock is currently registered under the Exchange Act. Western does not expect the amended offer to result in the termination of the registration of the ITEX common stock under the Exchange Act.

Margin Regulations

ITEX common stock is not a "margin security" under the regulations of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and is therefore not subject to the margin regulations of the Federal Reserve Board.

Conditions of the Offer

Notwithstanding any other provision of the offer, Western is not required to accept for exchange or, subject to any applicable rules and regulations of the SEC, including Rule 14e-1(c) under the Exchange Act (relating to Western's obligation to pay for or return tendered shares promptly after termination or expiration of the offer), exchange any shares of ITEX common stock, and may terminate or amend the offer, if, at the expiration date, any of the following conditions have not been satisfied or, to the extent legally permissible, waived:

- the "registration statement condition"—the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part shall have become effective under the Securities Act, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the registration statement shall have been issued and no proceedings for that purpose shall have been initiated or threatened by the SEC and Western shall have received all necessary state securities law or "blue sky" authorizations; and
- the "listing condition"—Western's common stock shall have been approved for listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market or other national securities exchange reasonably acceptable to Western, and the shares of Western common stock to be issued pursuant to the offer shall have been authorized for listing on such national securities exchange, subject to official notice of issuance. Western's common stock was approved for listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market and

commenced trading on Nasdaq on February 25, 2008.

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As a result of the amended offer, Western has eliminated the following conditions to the offer, and the offer is no longer subject to the satisfaction of these conditions :

- the “minimum tender condition”—there shall have been validly tendered and not properly withdrawn prior to the expiration of the offer that number of shares of ITEX common stock representing, together with the shares owned by Western and its affiliates, at least 60% of the total voting power of all of the outstanding securities of ITEX entitled to vote generally in the election of directors or in a merger, calculated on a fully diluted basis immediately prior to the expiration of the offer;
- the “control share condition”—Western must be satisfied, in its reasonable discretion, that the provisions of the Nevada Control Share Statute do not and will not apply to the shares of ITEX common stock to be acquired pursuant to the offer or are invalid or the stockholders of ITEX must have approved full voting rights for all of the shares of ITEX common stock to be acquired by Western pursuant to the offer under the Nevada Control Share Statute;
- the “business combination condition”—Western must be satisfied, in its reasonable discretion, that, after consummation of the offer, Section 78.411, et seq. of the Nevada Revised Statutes will not prohibit or restrict for any period of time the merger or any other business combination involving ITEX and Western or an affiliate or associate of Western;
  - the “antitrust condition”—any waiting periods under applicable antitrust laws shall have expired or terminated;
- the “ITEX debt condition”—Western shall have received all consents, waivers and approvals required under the terms of ITEX’s indebtedness in order for Western to consummate the offer; and
- the “stockholder approval condition”—Western’s stockholders shall have approved, as and to the extent required by the rules of any national securities exchange on which the Western common stock is listed, the issuance of shares of Western common stock pursuant to the offer.

In addition, notwithstanding any other provision of the offer, Western is not required to accept for exchange or, subject to any applicable rules and regulations of the SEC, including Rule 14e-1(c) under the Exchange Act (relating to Western’s obligation to pay for or return tendered shares promptly after termination or expiration of the offer), exchange any shares of ITEX common stock, and may terminate or amend the offer, if, at any time on or after the date of this prospectus and before the expiration of the offer, any of the following conditions exist:

- (i) there is threatened, instituted or pending any action or proceeding by any government, governmental authority or agency or any other person, domestic, foreign or supranational, before any court or governmental authority or agency, domestic, foreign or supranational, (a) challenging or seeking to make illegal, to delay or otherwise, directly or indirectly, to restrain or prohibit the making of the offer, the acceptance for exchange of or exchange of some or all of the shares of ITEX common stock sought by Western or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, (b) seeking to obtain material damages or otherwise directly or indirectly relating to the offer, (c) seeking to impose limitations on Western’s ability or that of any of its subsidiaries or affiliates effectively to exercise any rights as record or beneficial owner of the shares of ITEX common stock acquired or owned by Western or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, including, without limitation, the right to vote any shares acquired or owned by Western or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates on all matters properly presented to ITEX’s stockholders, (d) seeking to require divestiture by Western or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates of any shares of ITEX common stock, or (e) that otherwise, in Western’s reasonable judgment, has or may have a material adverse effect on the business, assets, liabilities, financial condition, capitalization, operations or results of operations of ITEX or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates or results or may result in a material diminution in the value of the shares of ITEX common stock; or



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- (ii) any action is taken, or any statute, rule, regulation, injunction, order or decree is proposed, enacted, enforced, promulgated, issued or deemed applicable to the offer or the acceptance for exchange of or exchange of shares of ITEX common stock, by any court, government or governmental authority or agency, domestic, foreign or supranational, or of any applicable foreign statutes or regulations (as in effect as of the date of this prospectus) to the offer, that, in Western's reasonable judgment, might, directly or indirectly, result in any of the consequences referred to in clauses (a) through (e) of paragraph (i) above; or
- (iii) any change occurs or is threatened (or any development occurs or is threatened involving a prospective change) in the business, assets, liabilities, financial condition, capitalization, operations or results of operations of ITEX or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates that, in Western's reasonable judgment, is or may be materially adverse to ITEX or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates or results or may result in a material diminution in the value of the shares of ITEX common stock; or
- (iv) there occurs (a) any general suspension of trading in, or limitation on prices for, securities on any national securities exchange or in the over-the-counter market, (b) any decline in either the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the Standard and Poor's Index of 500 Industrial Companies or the NASDAQ-100 Index by an amount in excess of 15%, measured from the business day immediately preceding the date of the amended offer, or any change in the general political, market, economic or financial conditions in the United States or abroad that, in Western's reasonable judgment, could have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition or results of operations of ITEX and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, (c) the declaration of a banking moratorium or any suspension of payments in respect of banks in the United States, (d) any material adverse change (or development or threatened development involving a prospective material adverse change) in U.S. or any other currency exchange rates or a suspension of, or a limitation on, the markets therefor, (e) any material adverse change in the market price of the shares of ITEX common stock or in the U.S. securities or financial markets, (f) the commencement of a war, armed hostilities or other international or national calamity directly or indirectly involving the United States or any attack on, outbreak or act of terrorism involving the United States, (g) any limitation (whether or not mandatory) by any governmental authority or agency on, or any other event that, in Western's reasonable judgment, may adversely affect, the extension of credit by banks or other financial institutions or (h) in the case of any of the foregoing existing at the time of the date of the amended offer, a material acceleration or worsening thereof; or
- (v) (a) a tender or exchange offer for some or all of the shares of ITEX common stock has been publicly proposed to be made or has been made by another person (including ITEX or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates), or has been publicly disclosed, or any person or "group" (as defined in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) has acquired or publicly proposes to acquire beneficial ownership of more than 5% of any class or series of capital stock of ITEX (including ITEX common stock), through the acquisition of stock, the formation of a group or otherwise, or is granted any option, right or warrant, conditional or otherwise, to acquire beneficial ownership of more than 5% of any class or series of capital stock of ITEX (including ITEX common stock) other than acquisitions for bona fide arbitrage purposes only and other than as disclosed in a Schedule 13D or 13G on file with the SEC on the date of this prospectus, (b) any such person or group which, prior to the date of this prospectus, had filed such a Schedule with the SEC has acquired or proposes to acquire beneficial ownership of additional shares of any class or series of capital stock of ITEX, through the acquisition of stock, the formation of a group or otherwise, constituting 1% or more of any such class or series, or is granted any option, right or warrant, conditional or otherwise, to acquire beneficial ownership of additional shares of any class or series of capital stock of ITEX constituting 1% or more of any such class or series, (c) any person or group has entered into a definitive agreement or an agreement in principle or made a proposal with respect to a tender or exchange offer or a merger, consolidation or other business combination with or involving ITEX or (d) any person has filed a Notification and Report Form under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, or made a public announcement reflecting an intent to acquire ITEX or any assets or securities of ITEX; or



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- (vi) ITEX or any of its subsidiaries has (a) split, combined or otherwise changed, or authorized or proposed the split, combination or other change of, the shares of ITEX common stock or its capitalization, (b) acquired or otherwise caused a reduction in the number of, or authorized or proposed the acquisition or other reduction in the number of, outstanding shares of ITEX common stock or other securities, (c) issued or sold, or authorized or proposed the issuance or sale of, any additional shares of ITEX common stock, shares of any other class or series of capital stock, other voting securities or any securities convertible into, or options, rights or warrants, conditional or otherwise, to acquire, any of the foregoing (other than the issuance of shares of ITEX common stock or options to employees or directors in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice), or any other securities or rights in respect of, in lieu of, or in substitution or exchange for any shares of its capital stock, (d) permitted the issuance or sale of any shares of any class of capital stock or other securities of any subsidiary of ITEX, (e) declared, paid or proposed to declare or pay any dividend or other distribution on any shares of capital stock of ITEX, (f) altered or proposed to alter any material term of any outstanding security, issued or sold, or authorized or proposed the issuance or sale of, any debt securities or otherwise incurred or authorized or proposed the incurrence of any debt other than in the ordinary course of business, (g) authorized, recommended, proposed, announced its intent to enter into or entered into an agreement with respect to or effected any merger, consolidation, liquidation, dissolution, business combination, acquisition of assets, disposition of assets or relinquishment of any material contract or other right of ITEX or any of its subsidiaries or any comparable event not in the ordinary course of business, (h) authorized, recommended, proposed, announced its intent to enter into or entered into any agreement or arrangement with any person or group that, in Western's reasonable judgment, has or may have a material adverse effect on the business, assets, liabilities, financial condition, capitalization, operations or results of operations of ITEX or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates or results or may result in a material diminution in the value of the shares of ITEX common stock, (i) entered into or amended any employment, severance or similar agreement, arrangement or plan with any of its employees other than in the ordinary course of business or entered into or amended any such agreements, arrangements or plans so as to provide for increased benefits to employees as a result of or in connection with the making of the offer or the acceptance for exchange of or exchange of some of or all the shares of ITEX common stock sought by Western, (j) except as may be required by law, taken any action to terminate or amend any employee benefit plan (as defined in Section 3(2) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974) of ITEX or any of its subsidiaries, or (k) amended, or authorized or proposed any amendment to, its articles of incorporation or bylaws (or other similar constituent documents); or
- (vii) (a) any material contractual right of ITEX or any of its subsidiaries has been impaired or otherwise adversely affected or any material amount of indebtedness of ITEX or any of its subsidiaries has been accelerated or has otherwise become due or become subject to acceleration prior to its stated due date, in each case with or without notice or the lapse of time or both, as a result of or in connection with the offer or (b) any covenant, term or condition in any instrument or agreement of ITEX or any of its subsidiaries, in Western's reasonable judgment, has or may have a material adverse effect on the business, assets, liabilities, financial condition, capitalization, operations or results of operations of ITEX or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates or results or may result in a material diminution in the value of the shares of ITEX common stock (including, without limitation, any event of default that may ensue as a result of or in connection with the offer or the acceptance for exchange of or exchange of some or all of the shares of ITEX common stock sought by Western); or
- (viii) Western or any of its affiliates enters into a definitive agreement or announces an agreement in principle with ITEX providing for a merger or other similar business combination with ITEX or any of its subsidiaries or the purchase of securities or assets of ITEX or any of its subsidiaries, or Western and ITEX reach any other agreement or understanding pursuant to which it is agreed that the offer will be terminated; or

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- (ix) ITEX or any of its subsidiaries shall have (a) granted to any person proposing a merger or other business combination with or involving ITEX or any of its subsidiaries or the purchase of securities or assets of ITEX or any of its subsidiaries any type of option, warrant or right which, in Western's reasonable judgment, constitutes a "lock-up" device (including, without limitation, a right to acquire or receive any shares of ITEX common stock or other securities, assets or business of ITEX or any of its subsidiaries) or (b) paid or agreed to pay any cash or other consideration to any party in connection with or in any way related to any such business combination or purchase; which, in Western's reasonable judgment, in any such case, makes it inadvisable to proceed with such acceptance for exchange or exchange.

The satisfaction or existence of any of the conditions to the offer will be determined by Western in its reasonable discretion. These conditions are for the sole benefit of Western and its affiliates and may be asserted by Western in its reasonable discretion regardless of the circumstances giving rise to any of these conditions or may be waived (to the extent legally permissible) by Western in its reasonable discretion in whole or in part at any time or from time to time before the expiration date (provided that all conditions to the offer must be satisfied or waived prior to the expiration of the offer). Western expressly reserves the right to waive any of the conditions to the offer (to the extent legally permissible) and to make any change in the terms of or conditions to the offer. Western's failure at any time to exercise its rights under any of these conditions will not be deemed a waiver of any such right. The waiver of any such right with respect to particular facts and circumstances will not be deemed a waiver with respect to any other facts and circumstances. Each such right will be deemed an ongoing right which may be asserted at any time or from time to time, except that any such right may not be asserted after the expiration date. Any determination made by Western concerning the events described in this section "The Offer—Conditions to the Offer" will be final and binding upon all parties, subject to the tendering stockholder's right to bring any dispute with respect thereto before a court of competent jurisdiction.

## Dividends and Distributions

If on or after the date of this prospectus, ITEX:

- (a) splits, combines or otherwise changes its shares of common stock or its capitalization,
- (b) acquires shares of its common stock or otherwise causes a reduction in the number of outstanding shares,
- (c) issues or sells any additional shares of its common stock (other than shares or options issued to employees or directors in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice), shares of any other class or series of capital stock, other voting securities or any securities convertible into, or options, rights, or warrants, conditional or otherwise, to acquire, any of the foregoing, or any other securities or rights in respect of, in lieu of, or in substitution or exchange for any shares of its capital stock, or
- (d) discloses that it has taken such action,

then, without prejudice to Western's rights under "The Offer—Extension, Termination and Amendment" and "The Offer—Conditions of the Offer," Western may, in its sole discretion, make such adjustments in the exchange ratio and other terms of the offer as it deems appropriate including, without limitation, the number or type of securities to be purchased.

## Certain Legal Matters; Regulatory Approvals

## General



Western is not aware of any governmental license or regulatory permit that appears to be material to ITEX's business that might be adversely affected by Western's acquisition of shares of ITEX common stock pursuant to the offer or of any approval or other action by any government or governmental administrative or regulatory authority or agency, domestic or foreign, that would be required for Western's acquisition or ownership of shares of ITEX common stock pursuant to the offer. Should any of these approvals or other actions be required, Western currently contemplates that these approvals or other actions will be sought. There can be no assurance that any of these approvals or other actions, if needed, will be obtained (with or without substantial conditions) or that if these approvals were not obtained or these other actions were not taken adverse consequences might not result to Western, ITEX or any of their respective subsidiaries, which could result in the failure of a condition to the offer. Western's obligation under the offer to accept for exchange and exchange shares of ITEX common stock is subject to certain conditions. See "The Offer—Conditions of the Offer."

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Antitrust

Western does not believe that the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, is applicable to the proposed transaction. Nevertheless, the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, referred to in this prospectus as the “Antitrust Division,” and the Federal Trade Commission, referred to in this prospectus as the “FTC,” frequently scrutinize the legality under the antitrust laws of transactions such as Western’s acquisition of shares pursuant to the offer. At any time before or after the consummation of any such transactions, the Antitrust Division or the FTC could take such action under the antitrust laws as it deems necessary or desirable in the public interest, including seeking to enjoin the purchase of shares pursuant to the offer or seeking divestiture of the shares so acquired or divestiture of Western’s or ITEX’s material assets. Private parties (including individual states) may also bring legal actions under the antitrust laws. Based on an examination of the publicly available information relating to the business in which ITEX is engaged, Western does not believe that the consummation of the offer will result in a violation of any applicable antitrust laws. However, there can be no assurance that a challenge to the offer on antitrust grounds will not be made or, if such a challenge is made, what the result will be. See “Conditions of the Offer” for certain conditions to the offer, including conditions with respect to litigation and certain governmental actions.

Nevada Control Share Statute

Under the Nevada Control Share Statute, with specified exceptions, an “acquiring person” who acquires a “controlling interest” in an “issuing corporation” may not exercise voting rights as to any “control shares” unless such voting rights are approved by the stockholders of the issuing public corporation as described below. For purposes of the statute:

“acquiring person” means any person who, individually or in association with others, acquires or offers to acquire, directly or indirectly, a controlling interest in an issuing corporation;

“control shares” means those outstanding voting shares of an issuing corporation which an acquiring person acquires (1) in an acquisition of a controlling interest or (2) within 90 days immediately preceding the date when the acquiring person became an acquiring person;

“controlling interest” means the ownership of outstanding voting shares of an issuing corporation sufficient, but for the Nevada Control Share Statute, to enable the acquiring person, directly or indirectly and individually or in association with others, to exercise (1) one-fifth or more but less than one-third, (2) one-third or more but less than a majority or (3) a majority or more, of all the voting power of the corporation in the election of directors; and

“issuing corporation” means a corporation which is organized in Nevada and (1) has 200 or more stockholders of record, at least 100 of whom have addresses in Nevada appearing on the stock ledger of the corporation, and (2) does business in Nevada directly or through an affiliated corporation.

As a result of the amended offer, based on publicly available information, Western will not acquire a “controlling interest” in ITEX and therefore believes that the Nevada Control Share Statute is not applicable to it and the offer. In addition, ITEX may not meet the definition of an “issuing corporation” under the Nevada Control Share Statute. Accordingly, Western has eliminated the control share condition to the offer.

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THIS SUMMARY OF THE NEVADA CONTROL SHARE STATUTE DOES NOT PURPORT TO BE COMPLETE AND IS QUALIFIED BY REFERENCE TO SECTIONS 78.378-78.3793 OF THE NEVADA REVISED STATUTES.

Nevada Business Combination Statute

Section 78.411, et seq. of the Nevada Revised Statutes, referred to in this prospectus as the “Nevada Business Combination Statute,” prevents an “interested stockholder” and a Nevada corporation to which the Nevada Business Combination Statute applies from entering into a “combination,” unless specified conditions are met. The Nevada Business Combination Statute applies to Nevada corporations with 200 or more stockholders of record, which (a) as of the date the person becomes an interested stockholder, has a class of voting shares registered with the SEC under Section 12 of the Exchange Act; or (b) provides for applicability of the statute in its articles of incorporation. Nevada corporations may opt out of the Nevada Business Combination Statute by (1) provision in its original articles of incorporation or (2) amendment to the corporation’s articles of incorporation approved by the affirmative vote of the holders, other than interested stockholders and their affiliates and associates, of a majority of the outstanding voting power of the corporation, excluding the voting shares of interested stockholders and their affiliates and associates, but any such amendment will not effective until 18 months after the stockholder vote. Western believes that ITEX’s articles of incorporation do not exclude it from the coverage of the Nevada Business Combination Statute.

For purposes of the Nevada Business Combination Statute:

- A “combination” includes, among other transactions, any merger or consolidation of the corporation with an “interested stockholder,” or any “affiliate” or “associate” thereof (even if the entity was not an affiliate or associate of the interested stockholder prior to the merger or consolidation), or any sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, transfer or other disposition, in one transaction or a series of transactions, to or with an interested stockholder, or an affiliate or associate thereof, of assets: (1) having an aggregate market value equal to five percent or more of the aggregate market value of all the assets, determined on a consolidated basis, of the corporation; (2) having an aggregate market value equal to five percent or more of the aggregate market value of all outstanding shares of the corporation; or (3) representing ten percent or more of the earning power or net income, determined on a consolidated basis, of the corporation.
- An “interested stockholder” means (1) the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of ten percent or more of the voting power of the outstanding voting shares of a corporation, or (2) an affiliate or associate of the corporation who, at any time within the past three years, was an interested stockholder of the corporation.
- An “affiliate” is a person or entity that directly or indirectly is controlled by or is under common control with a specified person.
- An “associate,” when used to indicate a relationship with a person, is: (a) a corporation or organization of which that person is an officer or partner or is, directly or indirectly, the beneficial owner of ten percent or more of any class of voting shares; (b) any trust or other estate in which that person has a substantial beneficial interest or as to which the person serves as trustee or in a similar fiduciary capacity; and (c) any relative or spouse of that person or any relative of the spouse, who has the same home as that person.

Under the Nevada Business Combination Statute, a corporation may not engage in a combination with an interested stockholder for three years after the person first became an interested stockholder unless the combination or the transaction by which the person first became an interested stockholder is approved by the board of directors before the person first became an interested stockholder. If this approval is not obtained, then after the expiration of the three-year period, the business combination may be consummated if the combination is then approved by the

affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding voting power not beneficially owned by the interested stockholder or any affiliate or associate thereof. Alternatively, even without either of these approvals, a combination occurring more than three years after the person first became an interested stockholder may be permissible if specified requirements relating to the consideration to be received by disinterested stockholders are met, and the interested stockholder has not, subject to limited exceptions, become the beneficial owner of additional voting shares of the corporation.

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Based on publicly available information, Western believes that, if it acquires 1,080,911 shares of ITEX common stock in the offer in addition to the 700,714 shares it currently owns, Western will be subject to the restrictions of the Nevada Business Combination Statute and its ability to consummate a “combination” with ITEX in the future will be restricted, unless ITEX’s board of directors approves the offer prior to the consummation of the offer. Western has eliminated the business combination condition to the offer.

THIS SUMMARY OF THE NEVADA BUSINESS COMBINATION STATUTE DOES NOT PURPORT TO BE COMPLETE AND IS QUALIFIED BY REFERENCE TO SECTIONS 78.411-78.444 OF THE NEVADA REVISED STATUTES.

### Other State Takeover Statutes

A number of other states have adopted laws and regulations applicable to attempts to acquire securities of corporations which are incorporated, or have substantial assets, stockholders, principal executive offices or principal places of business, or whose business operations otherwise have substantial economic effects, in such states. To the extent that these state takeover statutes (other than the Nevada Business Combination Statute) purport to apply to the offer, Western believes that there are reasonable bases for contesting such laws. In *Edgar v. MITE Corp.*, the Supreme Court of the United States invalidated on constitutional grounds the Illinois Business Takeover Statute, which, as a matter of state securities law, made takeovers of corporations meeting certain requirements more difficult. However, in 1987 in *CTS Corp. v. Dynamics Corp. of America*, the Supreme Court held that the State of Indiana may, as a matter of corporate law and, in particular, with respect to those aspects of corporate law concerning corporate governance, constitutionally disqualify a potential acquiror from voting on the affairs of a target corporation without the prior approval of the remaining stockholders. The state law before the Supreme Court was by its terms applicable only to corporations that had a substantial number of stockholders in the state and were incorporated there. Subsequently, in *TLX Acquisition Corp. v. Telex Corp.*, a Federal district court in Oklahoma ruled that the Oklahoma statutes were unconstitutional insofar as they apply to corporations incorporated outside Oklahoma because they would subject those corporations to inconsistent regulations. Similarly, in *Tyson Foods, Inc. v. McReynolds*, a federal district court in Tennessee ruled that four Tennessee takeover statutes were unconstitutional as applied to corporations incorporated outside Tennessee. This decision was affirmed by the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. In December 1988, a federal district court in Florida held, in *Grand Metropolitan P.L.C. v. Butterworth*, that the provisions of the Florida Affiliated Transactions Act and the Florida Control Share Acquisition Act were unconstitutional as applied to corporations incorporated outside of Florida.

Based on publicly available information, ITEX conducts business in a number of states throughout the United States, some of which have enacted takeover laws. Except as described in this prospectus, Western has not attempted to comply with any state takeover statutes in connection with the offer. Should any person seek to apply any state takeover law, Western will take such action as then appears desirable, which may include challenging the validity or applicability of any such statute in appropriate court proceedings. In the event it is asserted that one or more state takeover laws is applicable to the offer and an appropriate court does not determine that it is inapplicable or invalid as applied to the offer, Western might be required to file certain information with, or receive approvals from, the relevant state authorities. In addition, if enjoined, Western might be unable to accept for exchange any shares of ITEX common stock tendered pursuant to the offer or be delayed in continuing or consummating the offer. In this case, Western may not be obligated to accept for exchange any shares of ITEX common stock tendered.

### Relationships With ITEX

Except as set forth in this prospectus, neither Western or any of its affiliates nor, to the best of its knowledge, any of its directors or executive officers has any contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship with any other person with respect to any securities of ITEX, including, but not limited to, any contract, arrangement, understanding or

relationship concerning the transfer or the voting of any securities, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guaranties of loans, guaranties against loss or the giving or withholding of proxies. Except as otherwise described in this prospectus, during the two years before the date of this prospectus, there have been no contacts, negotiations or transactions between Western, any of its affiliates or, to the best of its knowledge, any of the persons listed on Schedule I to this prospectus, and ITEX or its affiliates, on the other hand, concerning a merger, consolidation or acquisition, an exchange offer or other acquisition of securities, an election of directors, or a sale or other transfer of a material amount of assets.

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As of the date of this prospectus, Western beneficially owned 700,714 shares of ITEX common stock, representing approximately 3.9% of the outstanding shares of ITEX common stock, based on 17,816,248 shares reported by ITEX to be outstanding as of January 31, 2008. None of Western's affiliates beneficially owns any shares of ITEX common stock. Neither Western nor any of its affiliates has effected any transactions in the securities of ITEX in the 60 days prior to the date of this prospectus. Except as set forth in this prospectus, to Western's knowledge, after reasonable inquiry, none of the persons listed on Schedule I hereto, nor any of their respective associates or majority-owned subsidiaries, beneficially owns or has the right to acquire any securities of ITEX or has effected any transaction in securities of ITEX during the past 60 days.

Source and Amount of Funds

Western estimates that the total amount of cash required to complete the transactions contemplated by the offer, including payment of cash in lieu of fractional shares and payment of fees and expenses related to the transactions, will be approximately \$250,000. Western intends to obtain the funds needed to pay these costs from its available cash.

Fees and Expenses

Western has retained Morrow & Co., LLC as information agent in connection with the offer. The information agent may contact holders of ITEX common stock by mail, telephone, telex, telegraph and personal interview and may request brokers, dealers and other nominee stockholders to forward material relating to the offer to beneficial owners of ITEX common stock. Western will pay the information agent reasonable and customary compensation for these services in addition to reimbursing the information agent for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. Western agreed to indemnify the information agent against certain liabilities and expenses in connection with the offer, including certain liabilities under the U.S. federal securities laws.

In addition, Western has retained Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company as the exchange agent for the offer. Western will pay the exchange agent reasonable and customary compensation for its services in connection with the offer, will reimburse the exchange agent for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses and will indemnify the exchange agent against certain liabilities and expenses, including certain liabilities under the U.S. federal securities laws.

Except as set forth above, Western will not pay any fees or commissions to any broker, dealer or other person for soliciting tenders of shares pursuant to the offer. Western will reimburse brokers, dealers, commercial banks and trust companies and other nominees, upon request, for customary clerical and mailing expenses incurred by them in forwarding offering materials to their customers.

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## MARKET PRICE AND DIVIDEND MATTERS

## Market Price History

Western's common stock commenced trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "WEST" on February 25, 2008, and was previously quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbol "WSZL.OB." ITEX common stock is quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbol "ITEX.OB."

On December 12, 2007, which was the last full trading day prior to Western's announcement of its intention to commence the original offer for ITEX common stock, the per share closing price of Western common stock was \$15.40 and the per share closing price of ITEX common stock was \$0.90. Western encourages you to obtain current market quotations for shares of Western common stock and ITEX common stock.

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the range of high and low bid prices for Western common stock as reported on the OTC Bulletin Board. Please note that quotations reflect inter-dealer prices, without mark-up, mark-down or commission and may not necessarily represent actual transactions. The prices have been calculated retroactively to reflect the effect of the rights offering in the fourth quarter of 2006 and the 1 for 10 stock split in the third quarter of 2006.

Fiscal Years Ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005	High	Low
First Quarter 2007	\$ 12.50	\$ 8.38
Second Quarter 2007	\$ 16.43	\$ 12.10
Third Quarter 2007	\$ 17.50	\$ 15.00
Fourth Quarter 2007	\$ 18.75	\$ 12.35
First Quarter 2006	\$ 9.90	\$ 9.20
Second Quarter 2006	\$ 10.87	\$ 8.33
Third Quarter 2006	\$ 9.83	\$ 8.50
Fourth Quarter 2006	\$ 9.80	\$ 7.17
First Quarter 2005	\$ 9.00	\$ 6.86
Second Quarter 2005	\$ 8.32	\$ 7.32
Third Quarter 2005	\$ 8.67	\$ 7.80
Fourth Quarter 2005	\$ 10.73	\$ 7.80

As of March 7, 2008 there were approximately 38 stockholders of record of Western common stock.

Western's Board of Directors has not declared a dividend in any of its three most recent fiscal years. Western's Board of Directors declares dividends when, in its discretion, it determines that a dividend payment, as opposed to another use of cash, is in the best interests of the stockholders. Such decisions are based on the facts and circumstances then-existing. As a result, Western cannot predict when, or whether, another dividend will be declared in the future.

The range of high and low bid prices for ITEX common stock for each quarter during its two most recent fiscal years and the quarterly periods ended October 31, 2007 and January 31, 2008 is as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended July 31,	2007		2006	
	High	Low	High	Low
First Quarter	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.47	\$ 1.15	\$ 0.34
Second Quarter	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.69	\$ 0.55
Third Quarter	\$ 0.81	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.81	\$ 0.51
Fourth Quarter	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.52



	High	Low
Fiscal Quarter Ended October 31, 2007	\$ 1.01	\$ 0.66
Fiscal Quarter Ended January 31, 2008	\$ 1.05	\$ 0.71

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This table reflects the range of high and low bid prices for ITEX common stock during the indicated periods, as published by the OTC Bulletin Board. The quotations merely reflect the prices at which transactions were proposed and do not necessarily represent actual transactions. Prices do not include retail markup, markdown or commissions.

According to ITEX's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007, there were approximately 894 holders of record of ITEX common stock as of July 31, 2007.

According to ITEX's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007, ITEX has not paid any cash dividends and does not intend to pay any cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

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WESTERN BUSINESS

Western Business

Western Sizzlin Corporation (formerly Austins Steaks & Saloon Inc.) operates and/or franchises Western Sizzlin, Western Sizzlin Wood Grill, Great American Steak & Buffet, and Quincy Steakhouses. Western changed its name to Western Sizzlin Corporation effective October 1, 2003, in connection with a merger of a wholly owned subsidiary into Western. The caption "October 2003 Merger, Name Change and Format Restructuring" in this prospectus sets forth further details on the merger transaction, name change and recent format restructuring.

Western is a holding company which owns a number of subsidiaries. Its most important business activity is conducted through Western Sizzlin Franchise Corporation, which franchises and operates 122 restaurants in 19 states. Financial decisions are centralized at the holding company level, and management of operating businesses is decentralized at the business unit level. Western's prime objective centers on achieving above-average returns on capital in pursuit of maximizing the eventual net worth of its stockholders.

As of the date of this prospectus, Western operated 5 Great American Steak & Buffet restaurants. In addition, approximately 80 franchisees operated 116 Western Sizzlin, Western Sizzlin Wood Grill, Great American Steak & Buffet and Quincy Steakhouses.

Restaurant Operations and Support

Western has always set guest satisfaction as its first priority. Currently, Western operates under the following trade name concepts:

- Western Sizzlin Steak & More
- Western Sizzlin Wood Grill
- Great American Steak & Buffet Company
- Quincy Steakhouses
- Austin's

Western's aim is to deliver a dining experience that exceeds customer expectations. Consistently providing high quality, flavorful food products with both a full line of entree offerings and an enhanced buffet bar offering can be a challenge. Western's goal is not only to meet this challenge, but to exceed the guest expectation of both quality and service, and to offer a price point that the guest will perceive as an exceptional value.

There are several factors necessary for achieving this goal:

- Food Quality:
  - Western's restaurants use high quality ingredients in all menu offerings. Additionally, all food preparation is done on premises, by either small batch or large batch cooking procedures. Guest flow determines which type will be used.
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Western strives to ensure that each recipe is prepared and served promptly to guarantee maximum freshness, appeal and that proper serving temperatures are maintained. Western believes that its food preparation and delivery system enables it to produce higher quality and more flavorful food than is possible in other steak and buffet or cafeteria style restaurants.

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Menu Selection:

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Western's restaurants emphasize two traditional American style offerings:

- The first is the traditional family style steakhouse, which became popular during the 1960's. Since that time, the primary red meat offering has grown extensively and now includes a vast array of chicken, pork, seafood and many other protein dishes.
- The second is a full line of both hot & cold food buffet, which has become a very appealing option for Western's guests. Western's rotating daily menu offerings, displayed on one of its many scatter bars in the buffet area, clearly demonstrate its home cooking flavor profile.

Western believes that its extensive food offering provides the guest with delicious variety and a flavorful dining experience that will encourage them to visit its restaurants time after time.

- **Price/Value Relationship:**

Western is committed to providing its guests with excellent price to value alternatives in the full-service casual dining restaurant sector and traditional steak and buffet restaurants. At Western's restaurants, the guests are provided with a choice of many different entree offerings and they can also choose to enjoy Western's "all-you-care-to-eat" unlimited food or buffet bar offerings. Western believes the perceived price value is excellent, with lunch ranging between \$5.00 and \$9.75 and dinner ranging between \$7.00 and \$15.50. Additionally, Western's restaurants normally offer special reduced prices for senior citizens and children under 12 and other special promotions from time to time.

- **Efficient Food Service and Delivery System:**

The scatter bar format, food preparation methods and restaurant layout are all designed to efficiently serve a large number of guests, while enhancing the overall quality of the dining experience. In addition, preparing food in the proper amounts, serving it in several easily accessible areas (scatter bars) and closely monitoring consumption will shorten guest lines, increase frequency of table turns, improve over-all quality and reduce waste; thereby increasing guest satisfaction and restaurant level profitability. Western's restaurants range in size from approximately 5,200 square feet to 12,000 square feet. A description of these properties is provided below.

### Site Selection and Construction

In selecting new restaurant locations, Western considers target population density, local competition, household income levels and trade area demographics, as well as specific characteristics, including visibility, accessibility, parking capacity and traffic volume. An important factor in site selection is the convenience of the potential location to both lunch and dinner guests and the occupancy cost of the proposed site. Western also takes into account the success of other chain restaurants operating in the area.

Potential site locations are identified by a potential franchisee and/or corporate personnel, consultants and independent real estate brokers. Western Sizzlin Franchise Corporation will approve or disapprove any proposed restaurant site. The majority of restaurants are free-standing but some restaurants are developed in other formats such as strip centers.

Historically when a restaurant has been built in an existing facility, renovation and construction has taken approximately 60 to 120 days after the required construction permits have been obtained. New construction of free-standing restaurants requires a longer period of time and can range from 120 to 180 days. Also, when obtaining a construction permit, Western has generally experienced a waiting period ranging from approximately 20 to 90 days.

Restaurants are constructed by outside general contractors. Western expects to continue this practice for the foreseeable future.

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### Restaurant Management and Employees

The management staff of a typical restaurant consists of one General Manager, one Assistant General Manager and one or two Associate Managers. Individual restaurants typically employ between 40 and 80 non-management hourly employees (a mix of both part-time and full-time workers), depending on restaurant size and sales volume.

The General Manager of a restaurant has responsibility for the day-to-day operation of a restaurant, acts independently to maximize restaurant performance, and follows company established management policies. The General Manager makes decisions regarding operations and personnel.

### Recruiting

Western attempts to attract and train high quality employees at all levels of restaurant operations. Generally, restaurant management is either recruited from outside the company and has had significant prior restaurant experience or has been promoted through the system as experience levels increased. As Western continues to grow, its management will continue to recruit restaurant management personnel from among non-management employees within Western's system and supplement these resources through outside hiring.

### Management Training

Western has implemented strict operating standards. Western maintains a strong standardized training process which plays a critical role in maintaining operational propriety. All management employees, including Assistant Managers, regardless of former experience, participate in a six to eight week formal course of training. Periodically, additional training is provided during each calendar year through a series of two to three day seminars, to provide the most current information on a variety of topics including sales building techniques, labor controls and food cost management. Non-management employees are generally trained at the local restaurant site.

### Purchasing

In 2004, Western negotiated a national, five-year contract with a broadline distributor and one to twelve month agreements with other vendors. This allows Western to maximize its buying power based on volume and also work towards its goals of system-wide consistency. Western utilizes velocity reports supplied by its various distributors to look for opportunities to consolidate its purchases resulting in cost of food savings. Western's stores are divided into areas based on geographical location. While each store places their own orders with the various distributors, the most successful stores are the ones who support the areas and use the volume of the combined buying power to be as economically efficient as possible.

### Hours of Operation

Western's restaurants are open seven days a week, typically from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### Franchise Agreements

Western's standard franchise agreement has a 20-year term, with one ten-year renewal option. It generally provides for a one-time payment to Western of an initial franchise fee and a continuing royalty fee based on gross sales. Western collects weekly and monthly sales reports from its franchisees as well as periodic and annual financial statements.

Each franchisee is responsible for selecting the location for its restaurant, subject to Western's approval. Western considers such factors as demographics, competition, traffic volume and patterns, parking, site layout, size and other

physical characteristics in approving proposed sites.

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Franchisees must operate their restaurants in compliance with Western's operating and recipe manuals. Franchisees are not required to purchase food products or other supplies through Western's suppliers, but are required to purchase proprietary products from Western. Each franchised restaurant must have a designated General Manager and Assistant Manager who have completed Western's six-week manager training program or who have been otherwise approved by Western. For the opening of a restaurant, Western provides consultation and makes its personnel generally available to a franchisee. In addition, Western sends a team of personnel to the restaurant for up to two weeks to assist the franchisee and its managers in the opening, the initial marketing and training effort, as well as the overall operation of the restaurant.

Western may terminate a franchise agreement for a number of reasons, including a franchisee's failure to pay royalty fees when due, failure to comply with applicable laws, or repeated failure to comply with one or more requirements of the franchise agreement. Many state franchise laws limit Western's ability to terminate or refuse to renew a franchise. A franchisee may terminate a franchise agreement and continue to operate the restaurant as a competitive concept by paying liquidated damages to Western. Western does not anticipate that the termination of any single franchise agreement would have a materially adverse effect on its operations. Termination by a multiple-unit franchisee of several franchise agreements for various locations could, however, have a materially adverse effect on its operations.

Western's franchise agreement contains provisions that prohibit franchisees from disclosing proprietary information about its restaurant operating system. Western's standard franchise agreement also contains non-competition provisions that, for the duration of the agreement and for one or two years following termination, prohibit a franchisee from directly or indirectly competing with Western or soliciting employees to leave Western. There is no assurance that these contractual provisions will effectively prevent the appropriation by franchisees of business opportunities and proprietary information. More discussion is contained in the caption "Government Regulation."

## Marketing and Promotion

The Advertising Development and Research Fund or ADRF, financed through vendor support and member dues, is Western's franchisee-controlled graphic art design/marketing agency. It is incorporated under the name WSI ADRF, Inc.

ADRF designs and produces each marketing campaign for Western and its franchisees. Production includes several major marketing campaigns annually in addition to menus, table tents, posters, indoor and outdoor signage, gift certificates and other marketing tools.

The marketing effort is communicated through a vast system of printed materials such as a corporate newsletter, internet webpages, training manuals, tapes and videos.

The marketing department is primarily self-sufficient in production capabilities with some of the most sophisticated computer and graphic equipment available. ADRF is staffed by professionals experienced in all phases of marketing, graphics / design, and communications. Their efforts have produced and coordinated promotions that include national sweepstakes campaigns, television commercials, national convention materials and training videos.

The coordinated efforts of ADRF, area field consultants, training instructors, corporate personnel, franchise owners, managers and the entire system of operators share in the ongoing success of marketing programs. Western's programs utilize virtually all types of media including billboards, newspapers, television and radio.

## Restaurant Industry and Competition

The restaurant industry is extremely competitive. Western competes on the basis of the quality and value of food products offered, price, service, ambiance and overall dining experience. Western's competitors include a large and diverse group of restaurant chains and individually owned restaurants. The number of restaurants with operations generally similar to Western has grown considerably in the last several years. Western believes competition among this style of restaurant is increasing.

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In addition, Western's business is affected by changes in consumer tastes, national, regional and local economic conditions and market trends. The performance of individual restaurants may be affected by factors such as traffic patterns, demographic considerations and the type, number and location of competing restaurants. Western's significant investment in, and long-term commitment to, each of its restaurant sites limits its ability to respond quickly or effectively to changes in local competitive conditions or other changes that could affect its operations. Western's continued success is dependent to a substantial extent on its reputation for providing high quality and value and this reputation may be affected not only by the performance of company owned restaurants but also by the performance of franchisee owned restaurants over which Western has limited control.

## Government Regulation

Western's business is subject to and affected by various federal, state and local laws. Each restaurant must comply with state, county and municipal licensing and regulation requirements relating to health, safety, sanitation, building construction and fire prevention. Difficulties in obtaining or failure to obtain required licenses or approvals could delay or prevent the development of additional restaurants. Western has not experienced significant difficulties in obtaining such licenses and approvals to date.

Western is subject to FTC regulation and various state laws that regulate the offer and sale of franchises. The FTC requires Western to provide prospective franchisees with a franchise offering circular containing prescribed information about Western and its franchise operations. Some states in which Western has existing franchises and a number of states in which Western might consider franchising regulate the sale of franchises. Several states require the registration of franchise offering circulars. Beyond state registration requirements, several states regulate the substance of the franchisor franchisee relationship and, from time to time, bills are introduced in Congress aimed at imposing federal registration on franchisors. Many of the state franchise laws limit, among other things, the duration and scope of noncompetition and termination provisions of franchise agreements.

Western's restaurants are subject to federal and state laws governing wages, working conditions, citizenship requirements and overtime. From time-to-time, federal and state legislatures increase minimum wages or mandate other work-place changes that involve additional costs for Western's restaurants. There is no assurance that Western will be able to pass such increased costs on to its guests or that, if Western were able to do so, it could in a timely manner.

## Trademarks

Western believes its rights in its trademarks and service marks are important to its marketing efforts and a valuable part of its business. Following are marks that are registered for restaurant services on the Principal Register of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: "Western Sizzlin", "Western Sizzlin Steak House", "Western", "Sizzlin", "Western Sizzlin Cow", "Western Sizzlin Steak & More", "Western Sizzlin County Fair Buffet and Bakery", "Flamekist", "Marshall", "Gun Smoke", "Six Shooter", "Big Tex", "Dude", "Trailblazer", "Ranger", "Cheyenne", "Colt 45", "Cookin' What America Loves", "Great American Steak and Buffet Company", "Great American Buffet", "Western Sizzlin Wood Grill and Buffet", and "Western Sizzlin Wood Grill".

## Employees

As of September 30, 2007, Western employed approximately 280 persons, of whom approximately 241 were restaurant employees, 23 were restaurant management and supervisory personnel, and 17 were corporate personnel. Restaurant employees include both full-time and part-time workers and all are paid on an hourly basis. None of Western's employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement and Western considers its employee relations to be good.

## Properties

At September 30, 2007, Western's five (5) company-owned restaurants are located in leased space ranging from 8,000 square feet to 10,000 square feet. Leases are negotiated with initial terms of five to twenty years, with multiple renewal options. All of Western's leases provide for a minimum annual rent, with certain locations subject to additional rent based on sales volume at the particular locations over specified minimum levels. Generally, the leases are net leases which require Western to pay the costs of insurance, taxes, and a pro rata portion of lessors' common area costs.

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See the discussion regarding certain lease properties with General Electric Franchise Finance Corporation contained under the caption “Operating Leases” under “Western Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.”

Western currently leases its executive office, which is located at 416 South Jefferson Street, Suite 600, Roanoke, Virginia 24011.

Legal Proceedings

Western accrues for an obligation in all known contingencies, including estimated legal costs, when a loss is probable and the amount is reasonably estimable. As facts concerning contingencies become known to Western, it reassesses its position with respect to accrued liabilities and other expenses. These estimates are subject to change as events evolve and as additional information becomes available during the litigation process.

Little Rock, Arkansas Lease

In September 2006, Western was served with a lawsuit filed in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Arkansas, captioned Parks Land Company, LLP, et al. v. Western Sizzlin Corporation, et al. The plaintiffs are owners/landlords of four restaurant premises located in the Little Rock, Arkansas metropolitan area which had been leased pursuant to a single lease agreement and previously occupied by Western. Each of these premises had been subleased to various operators. The lease agreement expired pursuant to its terms on June 30, 2006. The plaintiffs claimed in their lawsuit unspecified damages allegedly owing for certain repair and maintenance expenses on the premises, for the replacement of certain equipment, for diminution of property value, and for loss of rental income, as well as interest and costs. The parties met for mediation on November 6, 2007, but were unsuccessful in settling the dispute. The case went to trial in February 2008 in Little Rock, Arkansas. On February 29, 2008, the Court entered judgment against Western in the amount of \$689,666. Western had previously reserved \$400,000 on this loss contingency. Western disagrees with the result of the trial and is evaluating its options.

Other

As Western previously reported in its quarterly filings, several legal proceedings were resolved during 2006, namely: Dickson, Tennessee Claim, Chubb Claim, Lawrenceville, Georgia Claim, and Waldorf, Maryland Claim.

Western is involved in various other claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of Western’s management, the ultimate disposition of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

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ITEX BUSINESS

The following description of ITEX's business is derived from ITEX's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007.

Overview

ITEX, The Membership Trading Community<sup>SM</sup>, is a leading exchange for cashless business transactions across North America (the "Marketplace"). ITEX services its member businesses through its independent licensed brokers, area directors and franchise network (individually, "Broker" and together, the "Broker Network") in the United States and Canada. ITEX's business services and payment systems enable approximately 24 thousand member businesses (its "members") to trade goods and services valued at more than \$270 million without exchanging cash. These products and services are instead exchanged for ITEX dollars which can only be redeemed in the Marketplace ("ITEX dollars"). ITEX administers the Marketplace and acts as a third-party record-keeper for its members' transactions. ITEX generates revenue by charging members percentage-based transaction fees, association fees, and other fees assessed in United States dollars and Canadian dollars where applicable (collectively and as reported on ITEX's financial statements, "USD").

ITEX maintains its executive offices at 3326 160th Avenue SE, Suite 100, Bellevue, Washington 98008-6418. ITEX's telephone number is 425-463-4000. ITEX's SEC reports can be accessed through the investor relations section of its website, [www.itex.com](http://www.itex.com). There ITEX makes available, free of charge, its annual report on Form 10-KSB, quarterly reports on Form 10-QSB, current reports on Form 8-K and any amendments to those reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after it files such material electronically with, or furnishes it to, the SEC. These reports are also available from the SEC website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The information found on ITEX's website is not part of this prospectus.

Marketplace Transactions

The Marketplace provides a forum for ITEX's members to purchase from and sell their products and services to other members using ITEX's currency called "ITEX dollars" instead of USD. An ITEX dollar is an accounting unit used to record the value of transactions as determined by the members in the Marketplace. ITEX dollars are not intended to constitute legal tender, securities, or commodities and have no readily determinable correlation to USD. ITEX dollars may only be used in the manner and for the purpose set forth in the rules of the Marketplace. As described below, ITEX issues, on a case by case basis, ITEX dollar credit lines to certain members. Members with positive ITEX dollar account balances or those within their ITEX dollar credit line may use available ITEX dollars to purchase products or services from other members and may sell their products or services to other members. Those members with negative ITEX dollar account balances are obligated to sell their products or services to other Marketplace members in order to offset their negative account balance.

ITEX assists members in marketing their products and services through its Broker Network, newsletters, e-mail, on its website at [www.itex.com](http://www.itex.com) and through other promotional means. Transactions are generally conducted by members directly but can be facilitated by ITEX's Brokers.

Businesses use ITEX's Marketplace to attract new customers, increase sales and market share, and to utilize unproductive assets, surplus inventory, or excess capacity. The Marketplace is especially useful to businesses where the variable costs of products or services are low, such as hotels, media, and other service related businesses. For example, a hotel that has not filled its rooms by the end of the day has lost potential revenue but still has nearly the same overhead associated with owning and maintaining its facility. Selling these unused rooms for ITEX dollars is beneficial for both the traveler or buyer and the hotel or seller. The traveler receives a hotel room without spending USD and the hotel can use the ITEX dollars earned to purchase other products or services in the Marketplace.

In order to facilitate transactions, ITEX may grant ITEX dollar credit lines to certain members. When considering an ITEX dollar credit line, ITEX assesses the financial stability of the member and the demand by others for the member's product or service. Members without a line of credit may only use their ITEX dollars received from selling their product or service to purchase other products or services in the Marketplace.

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For tax purposes, the Internal Revenue Service considers ITEX dollar sales to be equivalent to USD sales and ITEX dollar expenses to be equivalent to USD expenses. ITEX is obliged under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA) to send Forms 1099-B to each of its members and to the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”), which it does electronically. The Form 1099-B reflects the member’s total ITEX dollar sales for the calendar year less the amount of any returns. The IRS requires all Form 1099-B recipients to report their ITEX dollars received (sales) as gross income on their tax returns. Expenditures of ITEX dollars may be reported as deductions in tax returns if they qualify as a deductible business expense or as other deductions that are permitted by the Internal Revenue Code.

## Broker Network

Brokers are independent contractors with respect to ITEX. Combined, ITEX’s corporate staff, Brokers and their staff, and outside contractors total more than 300 individuals supporting the Marketplace. Because ITEX depends on a high rate of repeat business, the quality of broker interactions with members is an important element of ITEX’s business strategy. Supporting and empowering ITEX’s broker network is vital to its long term success. ITEX develops strong, cooperative relationships with its Broker Network by providing training, marketing materials and programs, internet and computer-related support, incentive programs, and investments in Broker Network technology.

ITEX’s Brokers provide Marketplace members with information about products and services that are available locally, nationally and in Canada. Brokers do not typically have exclusive contractual rights to operate in a geographical area. Each Broker is responsible for enrolling new Marketplace members, training them in Marketplace policies and procedures, facilitating their transactions and assuring payment in USD of transaction fees, association fees and other fees to ITEX. Members of the Marketplace have a direct contractual relationship with ITEX. In turn, Brokers receive a commission in USD for a percentage of revenue collected from the members serviced by those Brokers.

ITEX’s franchise agreements and independent licensed broker contracts both provide for a five-year term unless ITEX terminates the contract for cause as defined in the agreement. These agreements provide for subsequent five-year renewal terms as long as the franchisee or broker is not in breach of the agreement and is in compliance with ITEX’s performance requirements, policies, and procedures then in place. Area Director contracts typically provide for a three-year term that is renewable if specified performance requirements are met. Area Director contracts may be terminated upon specified events of default.

Since early 2003, ITEX has offered the sale of ITEX franchises to qualified individuals and entities. In addition, ITEX has sought to renew all individual Broker contracts under its most current franchise agreement which ITEX periodically amends as current events and circumstances deem necessary. Through ITEX’s franchisees, it distributes its services by licensing its business ideas and concepts while retaining legal ownership of those concepts and ideas, including its name and logos. ITEX’s franchise agreement grants a limited license and right to use and operate a recognizable ITEX outlet to the franchisee by utilizing ITEX’s business system and proprietary marks. The franchise agreement allows ITEX to oversee the obligations and responsibilities of the franchisee. Under federal and state franchise and business opportunity laws, franchisees are entitled to additional protections including the provision that many of the substantive aspects of the business relationship (e.g., termination, transfer, cancellation, and non-renewal) will be governed by state law. Refer to “Government Regulation” for more information.

## Sources of Revenue

For each calendar year, ITEX divides its operations into 13 four-week billing and commission cycles always ending on a Thursday (“operating cycle”). For financial statement purposes, ITEX’s fiscal year is from August 1 to July 31 (“year”, “2007” for August 1, 2006 to July 31, 2007, “2006” for August 1, 2005 to July 31, 2006). ITEX reports its results as of the last day of each calendar month (“accounting cycle”).





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Primarily, ITEX's revenues consist of transaction fees and association fees. Each operating cycle ITEX charges its members transaction fees in USD. For most Marketplace transactions that occur during the operating cycle, ITEX charges both the buyer and seller in those transactions a USD fee computed as a percentage of the ITEX dollar value of the transaction. If a member pays their total operating cycle charges automatically by credit card or electronic funds transfer through ITEX's Preferred Member Autopay System ("Autopay System"), ITEX charges a USD transaction fee of 5% to 6% of the ITEX dollar amount of their purchases and sales during the operating cycle. If a member pays their total operating cycle USD fees by check or otherwise, ITEX charges a USD transaction fee of 7.5% of the ITEX dollar amount of their purchases and sales during the operating cycle. Additionally, regardless of a member's transaction activity, each operating cycle ITEX charges most members an association fee of \$20 USD (\$260 USD annually) and \$10 ITEX dollars (\$130 ITEX dollars annually). Transaction and association fees composed 99% and 97% of ITEX's total revenue in 2007 and 2006, respectively.

As of July 31, 2007 approximately 67% of members pay by electronic funds transfer or by credit cards using ITEX's Autopay System. To minimize both ITEX's members' and ITEX's time, effort and expense as well as convert ITEX's receivables to USD more timely and efficiently, ITEX continually strives to increase the percentage of members using its Autopay System through member incentives.

ITEX prepares its financial statements on an accrual basis in accordance with United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Refer to Note 1 "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" included in ITEX's "Notes to Audited Consolidated Financial Statements" for a description of its accounting policies. As discussed in ITEX's critical accounting policies, due to the lack of readily determinable fair values and its ability to control and manipulate ITEX dollars, ITEX does not recognize its Marketplace revenues or expenses of ITEX dollars on its financial statements. ITEX recognizes ITEX dollars as required by the Internal Revenue Service for income tax reporting purposes. ITEX accounts for ITEX dollar transactions and USD fee assessments in statements to members and Brokers. The majority of the ITEX dollars ITEX earns are distributed back to the Broker Network as revenue share and sales incentives. Additionally, ITEX uses ITEX dollars it earns to fund the ITEX co-op advertising program utilized by both members and Brokers. ITEX expends an immaterial amount of ITEX dollars for certain ITEX operating expenses.

## Business Strategy

ITEX's goal is to expand its market share of the cashless transaction industry, principally in the United States and Canada. ITEX believes it can successfully increase the number of members participating in its Marketplace and its revenues if it provides members:

- An ever expanding variety of products, services and member benefits. In order to utilize the bargaining power of ITEX's 24,000 Marketplace member businesses and their employees, ITEX announced its Executive Privileges Program ("EPP") to its Brokers on March 30, 2007. Subsequently, ITEX added partnerships with nationally recognized businesses. ITEX's relationships differ from partner to partner and its primary focus is to provide added benefits to its Marketplace member businesses. The goal of EPP is to identify and provide needed services for small businesses, assisting them in being a successful enterprise. ITEX anticipates that these benefits will assist Brokers in retaining existing members and attracting new members. Financially, ITEX earns a small fee on transactions with some partners while it pays a small fee on transactions with other partners. Overall, ITEX does not expect the EPP to have a material direct effect on its financial statements. Instead, ITEX anticipates that the program will have a long-term positive effect on its operations by expanding its Marketplace member base which should result in increased revenues.
- A system that enables members to execute and track transactions in the Marketplace. ITEX has internally developed an industry exclusive, comprehensive, customer relationship management and payment processing

software called "TEAM." This online software solution provides members, Brokers and ITEX's management team with enhanced information systems and marketing tools. ITEX plans to continue to enhance its TEAM software.

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ITEX has developed and continues to upgrade and enhance its technologically advanced multi-channel payment system that provides efficient internet access to ITEX members and its Broker Network. These upgrades and enhancements in computer and communications technology provide Brokers and members with additional tools and more effective computer applications to more easily engage in “real-time” transactions.

- A community where members can meet and feel comfortable with other members. In the third quarter of 2007, ITEX upgraded the entire look and feel of its entire website, [www.itex.com](http://www.itex.com). ITEX’s new website has a more casual, community approach conveying to Marketplace members the variety of businesses that comprise the Marketplace and the benefits that come with their participation. To add to the community feel, ITEX expanded the member business profile section of its website to allow business owners to provide personal pictures, tell the Marketplace more about themselves and communicate with other member businesses via blogs. ITEX believes that seeing the photograph of a business owner and sharing selected personal information will differentiate them from other businesses, encouraging other member businesses to conduct transactions with them in the Marketplace.

Additionally, ITEX is developing specific microsites as auxiliary supplements to its main website. These microsites will target specific high demand business segments that existing members have requested to participate in ITEX’s Marketplace, such as restaurants, hospitality and professional services. In conjunction with their release, ITEX intends to encourage its Brokers to focus their new member registration efforts on the businesses in their region fitting ITEX’s targeted business segments. ITEX hopes that those businesses, previously unfamiliar with ITEX, will be attracted to the Marketplace as a result of viewing ITEX’s microsites specifically tailored to their business segments and the unique needs they may have.

- More regions in which to trade by increasing the size and effectiveness of ITEX’s Broker Network. To attract new franchisees and increase the trade regions covered by the Marketplace, in the second quarter of 2007 ITEX upgraded and expanded the franchise portion of its website, [www.itex.com](http://www.itex.com). ITEX identified target markets, provided added detail about its company and business model, and allowed potential franchisees to calculate sample financial forecasts. ITEX anticipates this will facilitate the addition of new franchisees to the Marketplace.

Subsequent to July 31, 2007, ITEX acquired certain assets of a commercial trade exchange network from Intagio (refer to “Overview” included in “ITEX Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations”) and significantly expanded its presence in six U.S. regions, four of which were previously not served by existing Brokers. The approximately two thousand member businesses brought a variety of new products and services to the Marketplace.

- Excellent customer service by the Broker Network and ITEX’s corporate office. ITEX continually provides training and support for new and existing Brokers and refines its franchisee and Broker operating manuals and related support materials. Additionally, ITEX holds an annual convention and several regional meetings where it discusses and attempts to find solutions for current issues and proactively plans for future enhancements and benefits to its Trading Community. In the fourth quarter of 2007, ITEX engaged the services of a national sales manager who is working with Brokers to implement various strategies and methods for obtaining new members.

## Members

The Marketplace has approximately 24,000 members in the United States and Canada. The majority of members are business owners with fewer than 10 employees. Members may choose to participate in the Marketplace for a number of reasons including to:

- Attract new customers



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- Increase sales and market share
- Add new channels of distribution
- Utilize unproductive assets, surplus inventory or excess capacity

Members earn ITEX dollars which they have the opportunity to spend on products and services offered by other ITEX members. The following is a representative example of a transaction:

A dentist wants to remodel her office. Through the Marketplace, she hires a contractor who agrees to perform the remodeling work for \$1,500 ITEX dollars. The dentist has ITEX dollars in her account to spend because she had previously provided dental work to the owner of a vacation resort, a restaurant owner and a lawyer, all members of the Marketplace, in exchange for ITEX dollars. These other members originally acquired ITEX dollars by providing services for other Marketplace members.

### Sales, Marketing and Transactions

#### Sales

The primary function of new member enrollment is to grow and retain the Marketplace member base and generate additional revenue. ITEX provides standardized marketing and support materials, advertising, ongoing training, and promotion to assist its Broker Network in expanding the member base. ITEX's Brokers contact prospective members to market the benefits of joining the Marketplace. In addition, Brokers obtain new members by attending various meetings and networking events in their areas and through the referrals of existing Marketplace members. ITEX offers a Member Referral Program that provides incentive awards and discounted fees to existing members that refer new qualified members to the Marketplace.

#### Marketing

ITEX's marketing strategy is to promote its Membership Trading Community brand and attract new members to the Marketplace while instructing them how to effectively use the Marketplace to grow their business. ITEX's marketing efforts include a program of support and education for its members and Brokers in addition to continual upgrades and features of its website, [www.itex.com](http://www.itex.com). New tools for Brokers to customize and use in their sales efforts include pre-designed advertisements, brochures and sales presentations to give ITEX a consistent look and message. To promote the Marketplace, ITEX markets products and services of existing members through its website, directories, newsletters, e-mail, and other means. In addition, ITEX pursues strategic affiliations with companies with access to potential small business members.

#### Transactions

ITEX's Brokers focus on maximizing transaction volume and maximizing the ITEX dollar amount per transaction. Brokers facilitate transactions between members by identifying their needs and making them aware of products and services available in the Marketplace that could fulfill those needs. Brokers actively market products and services available to and from the members they service on the ITEX website and pursue potential member businesses by introducing them to the Marketplace.

#### Systems and Technologies

The Marketplace is handled by an internally developed, proprietary, online system ITEX calls Trade Exchange Account Manager (“TEAM”) that is based on Microsoft® technologies. ITEX designed TEAM to facilitate the activities of all parties involved in the Marketplace, from its corporate management and accounting personnel to Brokers and Marketplace members. The system extends well beyond record keeping and transaction processing. The major features of the system are as follows:

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- Account Information Manager (“AIM”) Online - provides ITEX’s Brokers and corporate management with customer relationship management (“CRM”) features including notes, transaction histories, calendaring and scheduling capabilities as well as Marketplace management features.
- Trade Flash - an online classified ad section where members can list products and services they are offering for ITEX dollars as well as locate products and services they are seeking to purchase with ITEX dollars.
  - Member Directory - a categorized listing of ITEX members that allows members to advertise their business.
- Reporting - Brokers, corporate management and accounting personnel are provided with a number of reports allowing for a comprehensive analysis of various aspects of the Marketplace.

ITEX takes the steps necessary to ensure the adequate security of its hardware and software systems including monitoring and correcting outside intrusions and attacks. ITEX’s technologies are co-hosted in Washington and Idaho and ITEX performs full back-ups every 24 hours. ITEX continues to improve the speed and reliability of its information systems and transaction tools for all of TEAM’s users by continually updating hardware and enhancing its software with new, internally developed programs and functionalities.

## Industry Overview

### General

ITEX’s industry was developed when various trade exchanges (“Exchanges”) established a non USD-based index of valuation for credits and debits called “trade dollars.” For ITEX, the index of valuation is the ITEX dollar and ITEX’s trade exchange is its Marketplace. ITEX acts as a third party record-keeper of ITEX dollars exchanged for products and services among members in its Marketplace. For every transaction, ITEX posts ITEX dollar activity to the buyer and seller’s accounts. Members can transact business directly or may use the services of a Broker who matches buyers and sellers. ITEX accounts for all transactions in its Marketplace with its TEAM software.

There are several hundred independently owned Exchanges in the United States and Canada. ITEX believes that growth in its industry has been relatively stagnant in recent years with most revenue growth driven by consolidation.

### Competition

ITEX has three primary competitors: Exchanges, internet distribution channels, and private label payment cards. ITEX believes that it is the Exchange leader in the United States and Canada based on reported USD revenues, participating member businesses, the number of payments processed, regions served, and completed transactions of a single, non-USD currency. After ITEX, the next largest Exchange is International Monetary Systems, Ltd.

Internet distribution channel competitors include eBay, Travelocity, Priceline, and Overstock.com. Similar to ITEX’s Marketplace, these companies provide distribution channels to move excess or surplus inventory. The greater the number of avenues to move excess inventory, the more competitive it is to attract businesses to trade their inventory in ITEX’s Marketplace. ITEX also competes with these companies through price and brand name awareness.

Private labeled, network branded, payment and incentive cards, such as Card USA, Galileo Processing and Springbok Services compete with ITEX by providing a branded solution for local distribution or sales channels and the ability to create in-kind payment solutions.





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While ITEX is currently providing a single small business service, a unique sales and distribution channel via its Marketplace, ITEX may expand to other small business services. In that case, ITEX would face competition from other small business service providers.

ITEX competes primarily on a service basis, including the number of products and services available in the Marketplace and the liquidity of ITEX dollars. ITEX expects to encounter competition in its efforts to expand its Marketplace. In addition to existing Exchanges, new, smaller competitors can launch new Exchanges at a relatively low cost since technological and financial barriers to entry are relatively low. However, ITEX believes participation from a significant number of members is necessary to offer a quality Exchange. ITEX also knows there is a steep learning curve to manage an Exchange as well as a potentially significant investment in TEAM. Ultimately, ITEX believes these elements create a difficult barrier to entry for new competitors and may require significant ramp-up times to make a competitive Exchange successful. Regardless, ITEX's competitors could include companies with longer operating histories, greater market presence and name recognition, larger customer bases and greater financial, technical and marketing resources than ITEX has. Such companies would be strong competitors if they decided to develop a focused business effort in ITEX's industry.

In general, customer demands for wider availability of products and services, stronger customer service, better computer servicing technology and the acceptance of the internet as a medium for communication and business have resulted in a more competitive industry. ITEX believes that in order to capture greater market share, local Exchanges will need to expand into larger regional or national organizations that possess the ability to offer a wider selection of products and services, service a more diverse and dispersed member clientele and have greater access to growth capital and management expertise.

ITEX believes it will remain in a good competitive position as long as it continues to maintain the quality of its services and its relationships with its Broker Network and its member base. ITEX's ability to compete successfully will depend on its ability to continually enhance and improve its existing products and services, to adapt products and services to the needs of its Brokers, members and potential members, to successfully develop and market new products and services, and to continually improve its operating efficiencies. However, ITEX cannot assure you that it will be able to compete successfully, that competitors will not develop competing technologies, products or strategic alliances and affiliations that make its brand, products and services less marketable or less useful or desirable. Furthermore, ITEX may not be able to successfully enhance its products and services or develop new products or services to meet its members' needs. Increased competition, price or other circumstances, could result in erosion of ITEX's market share and may require price reductions and increased spending on marketing and product development to remain competitive. Increased competition for ITEX's products and services could have a materially adverse effect on its results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

## Government Regulation

Along with ITEX's Brokers, ITEX is subject to various federal, state and local laws, regulations and administrative practices affecting its businesses. These include the requirement to obtain business licenses, withhold taxes, remit matching contributions for its employees' social security accounts, and other such legal requirements, regulations and administrative practices required of businesses in general. ITEX is a third party record-keeper under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act ("TEFRA") and it is required to account for and report annually to the IRS the total ITEX dollar sales transactions of each member in its Marketplace.

It is the legal responsibility of ITEX's Brokers to pay and withhold all applicable federal and state income taxes (including estimated taxes), Social Security, Medicare and all applicable federal and state self-employment taxes, and in general to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, statutes, codes, rules, regulations and standards, including but not limited to the Americans with Disabilities Act. ITEX's Brokers are independent contractors, and

ITEX does not own, control or operate the businesses comprising its Broker Network. However, a number of federal and state laws and regulations are implicated by virtue of ITEX's relationship with its Broker Network. For example, its contractual relationship with a Broker could be subject to challenge to determine whether an individual is an independent contractor or an employee for purposes of the Fair Labor Standards Act or state equivalents. Under various agency positions, ITEX could potentially be found liable for the conduct of its independent contractors in a situation where that contractor has caused injury to a third party. In addition, under federal (Federal Trade Commission Act) and state franchise and business opportunity laws, franchisees are entitled to certain protections including mandatory disclosures and the provision that many of the substantive aspects of the business relationship (i.e., termination, transfer, cancellation, and non-renewal) will be governed by state law. Many states broadly view the requirements of what constitutes a franchise and, consequently, many types of relationships that are ordinarily not considered franchises can be brought within the ambit of state and federal franchise regulation. There is a risk that one or more of ITEX's non-franchise business relationships could be deemed to constitute a franchise. An adverse finding in one or more of these regulated areas could govern the enforceability of ITEX's agreements or permit the recovery of damages and penalties which could have a material adverse effect on its business, results of operations, cash flows and financial condition.

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With respect to ITEX's online technologies, there are currently few laws or regulations directly applicable to access to or commerce on the internet. However, it is possible that a number of laws and regulations may be adopted with respect to the internet, covering issues such as taxes, user privacy, information security, pricing and characteristics and quality of products and services. ITEX cannot predict the impact, if any, that future internet-related regulation or regulatory changes might have on its business.

## Proprietary Rights

ITEX relies on a combination of copyright and trademark laws, trade secrets, software security measures, franchise and license agreements and nondisclosure agreements to protect its proprietary technology and software products. ITEX has registered service marks for the word mark ITEX®, as well as "ITEX" used in connection with its logo design. ITEX intends to file additional service mark word and design applications for ITEX. ITEX seeks to police the use of its marks and to oppose any infringement. ITEX has registered the internet domain name "ITEX.com" and other related domain names.

ITEX cannot be certain that others will not develop substantially equivalent or superseding proprietary technology or be certain that equivalent products or services will not be marketed in competition with its products thereby substantially reducing the value its proprietary rights. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that any confidentiality agreements between ITEX and its employees or any license agreements with its customers will provide meaningful protection of its proprietary information in the event of any unauthorized use or disclosure of such proprietary information.

## Employees

As of July 31, 2007, ITEX had 18 full-time equivalent employees. From time to time, ITEX utilizes independent consultants or contractors for technology support, marketing, sales and support, accounting or administrative functions. ITEX's employees are not represented by any collective bargaining unit and ITEX has never experienced a work stoppage. ITEX believes relations with its employees are good.

## Description of Property

ITEX's executive offices are located in Bellevue, Washington, where it currently leases approximately 7,035 square feet. The lease expires on April 30, 2010. There is no renewal option. ITEX believes that its current facilities are adequate and suitable for their current use. ITEX also believes that all of the leased space and all property maintained within are adequately insured.

## Legal Proceedings

For information regarding legal proceedings, refer to Note 8 "Litigation and Claims" included in ITEX's "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)."

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WESTERN MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND  
ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Overview

Western Sizzlin Corporation is a holding company which owns a number of subsidiaries. Its most important business activity is conducted through Western Sizzlin Franchise Corporation, which franchises and operates 122 restaurants in 19 states. Financial decisions are centralized at the holding company level, and management of operating businesses is decentralized at the business unit level. Western's prime objective centers on achieving above-average returns on capital in pursuit of maximizing the eventual net worth of its stockholders.

Western seeks to invest, for itself and through its subsidiaries, including Western Acquisitions, L.P. (see "Overview" below), in stocks of businesses at prices below their intrinsic business value. Western's preferred strategy is to allocate a meaningful amount of capital in each investee, resulting in concentration. The carrying values of these investments are exposed to market price fluctuations, which may be accentuated by a concentrated equity portfolio. A significant decline in the price of major investments may produce a large decrease in Western's stockholder's equity (See Note 3 to Western's Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements). Investment and all other capital allocation decisions are made for Western and its subsidiaries, including Western Acquisitions, by Mr. Biglari.

Effective January 1, 2007, Western restructured its operations into a holding company/subsidiary format whereby all operations are now conducted through wholly-owned subsidiaries. This restructuring is not anticipated to have any tax impact and will have no impact on the financial reporting as Western will continue to report consolidated financial statements.

In April 2007, Western formed Western Investments, Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary to serve as the general partner of Western Acquisitions, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership that operates as a private investment fund. Through Western Investments, Mr. Biglari operates as the portfolio manager to the fund.

Western Investments' role as the general partner carries with it the obligation to manage the operations of the fund, and in this regard it will be assisted by a professional fund administrator. For serving as the fund's general partner, Western Investments may receive a monthly management fee equal to one-twelfth of 1% of the value of the capital account of each limited partner. It also may receive an annual incentive allocation equal to 20% of the portion of each limited partner's pro rata share of the fund's net profits for each fiscal year in excess of net losses allocated to each limited partner and carried forward from prior years. All or part of these fees may be waived by Western Investments. Limited partnership interests in the fund are either Class A or Class B. The classes are identical except that Class A interests must be held for two years, whereas Class B interests are locked-up for five years. Additionally, Western Investments will at the end of the five year period reimburse the holders of Class B interests for the first 30% of any cumulative net losses they may suffer. This commitment carries significant risk. See "Risk Factors." As of September 30, 2007, Western Acquisitions, L.P. did not have any limited partners holding Class B interests.

Western is the majority investor in the fund at September 30, 2007. During the third quarter ended September 30, 2007, Western contributed cash along with its holdings in the common stock of The Steak n Shake Company to Western Investments, Inc., which in turn contributed these assets to Western Acquisitions, L.P.

While Western has historically been principally engaged, and intends at this time to remain principally engaged, in franchising and operating restaurants, the recent investment activities could bring Western within the definition of an "investment company" and require it to register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Western's Board of Directors had adopted a policy requiring management to restrict Western's operations and investment activities to avoid becoming an investment company, until and unless the Board approves

otherwise. Although Western does not presently intend to change its principal business, and the Board has not approved any such change, Western has expanded its investment activities, and may decide in the future to register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act. Under certain circumstances, if Western is successful in investment activities, then it may inadvertently fall within the definition of an investment company, in which event it may be required to register as an investment company. If Western decides or is required to register as an investment company, then it would become subject to various provisions of the Investment Company Act and the regulations adopted under such Act, which are very extensive and could adversely affect Western's operations. Western is exploring strategic opportunities to acquire other companies as a whole; the consummation of such acquisitions also could lessen the possibility of Western becoming an investment company.

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On August 10, 2006, Western effected a 1-for-10 reverse stock split pursuant to the discretionary authority granted by the stockholders at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders on June 20, 2006.

Western undertook a rights offering in the fourth quarter of 2006. Western's Form S-3 Registration Statement (as amended) was effective on November 7, 2006. The record date for receiving rights in the offering was November 9, 2006 and the offering expired December 8, 2006.

As Western reported in its Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007, as of December 31, 2006, its management had evaluated the effectiveness of its disclosure controls and procedures and concluded that they were ineffective in providing reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed by it in its annual report on Form 10-K was summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and Form 10-K. A material weakness is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected. As of December 31, 2006, management identified a material weakness in Western's information technology system that allowed the Chief Financial Officer access to the journal entry module within Western's accounting system, leading to a segregation of duties issue. Western has restricted access to that particular module from its Chief Financial Officer and implemented additional access controls, review controls and documentation procedures necessary to remediate the material weakness.

In addition, in connection with the audit of Western's 2006 financial results, Grant Thornton LLP, (Western's former independent registered public accounting firm), detected an error related to how Western accounted for expenses associated with the rights offering that expired on December 8, 2006. A correcting adjustment was made prior to finalization of the 2006 financial statements, with the costs of \$123,280 associated with the rights offering properly recorded as a reduction of equity instead of an expense. Western has implemented additional review controls as of September 30, 2007.

Accordingly, and as Western reported in its Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007, management concluded that the previously reported material weaknesses had been remedied as of September 30, 2007.

Results of Operations

Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007 Compared to Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006

Net income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 was \$2,472,115 and \$2,854,235 compared to net income of \$84,651 and \$234,055 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006. The primary reason for the year over year change in earnings is the gain on the sale of Friendly Ice Cream Corporation of \$3.6 million.

The following table sets forth for the periods presented the percentage relationship to total revenues of certain items included in the consolidated statements of income and certain restaurant data for the periods presented:

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	Three Months		Nine Months	
	Ended September 30, 2007	2006	Ended September 30, 2007	2006
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Company-operated restaurants	76.1%	75.7%	75.2%	74.8%
Franchise operations	23.9	24.3	24.8	25.2
Total revenues	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Company-operated restaurants — food, beverage and labor				
Restaurant occupancy and other	54.1	52.7	53.6	53.2
Subleased properties	13.2	15.7	13.3	14.1
Franchise operations — direct support	1.4	2.4	1.1	1.9
Corporate expenses	6.5	5.9	6.0	6.6
Depreciation and amortization	12.8	12.9	13.6	13.8
Total costs and expenses	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.9
	93.9	95.6	93.6	95.5
Income from operations	6.1	4.4	6.4	4.5
Other income (expense)	80.0	(1.1)	27.5	(1.5)
Income before income tax expense and minority interest	86.1	3.3	33.9	3.0
Income tax expense	31.4	1.4	12.5	1.2
Income before minority interest	54.7	1.9	21.4	1.8
Minority interest	0.0	—	0.0	—
Net income	54.7%	1.9%	21.4%	1.8%

	Three Months		Nine Months	
	Ended September 30, 2007	2006	Ended September 30, 2007	2006
<b>Restaurant Data</b>				
<b>Number of Company-Operated Restaurants:</b>				
Beginning of period	5	5	5	5
Opened	—	—	—	—
Closed	—	—	—	—
Franchised	—	—	—	—
End of period	5	5	5	5

	Three Months		Nine Months	
	Ended September 30, 2007	2006	Ended September 30, 2007	2006
<b>Number of U.S. Franchised Restaurants:</b>				
Beginning of period	119	130	123	135
Opened	—	—	—	—
Closed	3	6	7	11
End of period	116	124	116	124



	Three Months		Nine Months	
	Ended September 30, 2007	2006	Ended September 30, 2007	2006
<b>Number of Joint Venture Restaurants:</b>				
Beginning of period	1	—	1	—
Opened	—	—	—	—
Closed	—	—	—	—
End of period	1	—	1	—

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## Revenues

Total revenues increased 0.8% to \$4.52 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007 from \$4.49 million for the comparable three months ended September 30, 2006. Total revenues decreased 0.05% to \$13.34 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 from \$13.35 million for the comparable nine months ended September 30, 2006. Company-operated restaurant revenues increased 1.5% to \$3.44 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007 as compared to \$3.39 million for the comparable three months ended September 30, 2006. Company-operated restaurant revenues increased 0.63% to \$10.03 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 as compared to \$9.97 million for the comparable nine months ended September 30, 2006. The increase for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 is largely attributable to the temporary closings of two company-operated locations for remodeling during 2006, which resulted in lost revenues of approximately \$220,000 in the first nine months of 2006. Same store sales at company-operated restaurants for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, taking the closed days for remodels out of the comparison, experienced an overall decrease of 1.45% and 1.17%, respectively. Franchise revenues decreased 1.25% to \$1.08 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007 as compared to \$1.09 million for the comparable three months ended September 30, 2006. Franchise revenues decreased 2.03% to \$3.31 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 as compared to \$3.38 million for the comparable nine months ended September 30, 2006. The decrease in franchise revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 is attributable to fewer franchised units in the system at September 30, 2007 as compared to September 30, 2006. Same store sales at franchise operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, experienced an overall decrease of 0.35% and decrease of 0.51%, respectively.

## Costs and Expenses

Cost of company-operated restaurants, consisting primarily of food, beverage, and labor costs increased \$85,000 (3.6%) to \$2.45 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007 from \$2.37 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006. These costs for the three month period as a percentage of company-operated restaurants revenue were 71.2% and 69.7% for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Cost of company-operated restaurants increased \$59,000 (0.8%) to \$7.16 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 from \$7.10 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. These costs for the nine month period as a percentage of company-operated restaurants revenue were 71.3% and 71.2% for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The increase in the costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was largely attributable to rising costs of commodities in 2007.

Restaurant occupancy and other, which include utilities, insurance, maintenance, rent and other such costs of the company-operated restaurants, decreased by \$108,000 (15.3%) for the three months ended September 30, 2007 versus the prior year's comparable period. These costs for the three month period decreased as a percentage of company-operated restaurant revenues from 20.8% in 2006 to 17.3% in 2007. Restaurant occupancy and other decreased by \$102,000 (5.4%) for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 versus the prior year's comparable period. These costs for the nine month period decreased as a percentage of company-operated restaurant revenues from 18.8% in 2006 to 17.7% in 2007. The decreases are attributable to a one time write-off of expenses for \$66,000 in 2006 from costs associated with a lease in Chantilly, Virginia and \$36,000 less advertising costs in 2007 over 2006.

Subleased properties include net costs associated with subleasing former Western operations and maintenance of vacant premises. These expenses decreased by \$42,000 and \$100,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 versus the prior years' comparable periods. The decreases were largely attributable to termination of certain leased property arrangements during 2006.

Cost of franchise operations direct support expense increased by \$29,000 and decreased \$91,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 versus the prior years' comparable periods. The increase in the third quarter of 2007 is attributable to increased expenses in franchise development. The decrease for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 is largely attributable to personnel reductions and targeted expense reductions during the third and fourth quarters of 2006.

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Corporate expenses consist of certain expenses not directly associated with any business segment. These expenses include legal, accounting, stockholder relations, personnel not directly related to a segment, information systems, and other headquarters activities. These expenses decreased by \$1,000 and \$20,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007. These expenses have decreased for 2007 due to personnel reductions and targeted expense reductions during the third and fourth quarters of 2006, but were offset by an increase in legal expenses associated with the Friendly Ice Cream Corp investment beginning in the third quarter of 2006.

Depreciation and amortization expense decreased by \$2,000 and increased by \$5,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 versus the prior years' comparable periods. The increases were attributable to an increase in capital expenditures placed in service due to remodels of two company-operated locations during 2006, offset by some items becoming fully depreciated.

## Other Income (Expense)

Interest expense was comparable for the three months ended September 30, 2007 over prior period and decreased \$37,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 versus the prior years' comparable periods due to a lower average principal outstanding balance. Interest income fluctuates according to the levels of available cash balances. Western employs a cash management system whereby available balances are invested on an overnight basis.

Other income increased \$13,000 and \$7,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 versus the prior years' comparable periods.

## Income Tax Expense

Income tax expense is directly affected by the levels of pretax income. Western's effective tax rate was 36.5% and 43.3% for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and 36.9% and 41.0% for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

## Years Ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004

The following tables set forth the percentage relationship to total revenues, unless otherwise indicated, of certain income statement data, and certain restaurant data for the years indicated:

Income Statement Data:	Year Ended December 31		
	2006	2005	2004
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Company-operated restaurants	74.6%	75.8%	77.0%
Franchise operations	23.1	21.9	21.2
Other	2.3	2.3	1.8
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Costs and expenses:</b>			
Cost of company-operated restaurants — food, beverage and labor costs	53.4	54.2	56.5
Restaurant occupancy and other	14.1	13.5	14.1
Sub-leased properties	1.9	.9	0
Franchise operations — direct support	7.1	7.3	6.6
Corporate expenses	13.4	13.7	11.9

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Depreciation and amortization expense	6.1	5.5	5.5
Closed restaurants expense	—	1.8	—
Impairment and other charges	.3	1.7	
Gain on settlement of insurance claims	—	(6.0)	—
Income from operations	3.7	7.4	5.4
Other income (expense)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.2)
Income before income tax expense	2.7	6.4	4.2
Income tax expense	1.1	2.8	1.6
Net income	1.6%	3.6%	2.6%

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	Years Ended December 31		
	2006	2005	2004
<b>Restaurant Data:</b>			
Percentage increase (decrease) in average sales for Company-operated restaurants	(2.5)	11.6	5.0
Number of Company-operated restaurants included in the average sales computation	5	5	7
Average sales for Company-operated restaurants	\$ 2,599,000	\$ 2,665,000	\$ 2,387,000
<b>Number of Company-operated Restaurants:</b>			
Beginning of period	5	7	7
Opened	—	—	—
Closed/Franchised	—	2	—
End of period	5	5	7
<b>Number of U.S. Franchised Restaurants:</b>			
Beginning of period	135	147	161
Opened	—	3	4
Closed	12	15	18
End of period	123	135	147
<b>Number of Joint Venture Restaurants:</b>			
Beginning of period	—	—	—
Opened	1	—	—
Closed	—	—	—
End of period	1	—	—

## 2006 Compared To 2005

## Revenues

Total revenues decreased 10.2% to \$17.4 million in 2006, from \$19.4 million in 2005. Company operated restaurant sales decreased 11.6% to \$13.0 million in 2006, from \$14.7 million in 2005. This decrease was due to the closing of a company-operated location in February 2005 and a closing of a company-operated location in July 2005 due to a total loss by fire casualty. Same store sales for 2006 experienced an overall decrease of 2.45% over 2005. Customer counts decreased 8.24% over 2005. Price increases were implemented on the remodeled locations in 2006, with an average beverage increase of 10% and an average buffet increase of 4%.

Franchise and other revenues decreased 5.7% to \$4.4 million in 2006, from \$4.7 million in 2005. The decrease is primarily attributable to 12 less franchised restaurants during 2006. Same store sales for 2006 experienced an overall increase of 1.10% over 2005.

## Costs and Expenses

Cost of company-operated restaurants, consisting primarily of food, beverage, and labor costs decreased \$1.2 million (11.5%) to \$9.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 from \$10.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. These costs for both years stayed the same as a percentage of company-operated restaurants revenue of 71.5% in 2005 and 2006. The decrease in the costs was largely attributable to the closing of a company-operated location in February 2005 and the closing due to fire of a company-operated location in July, 2005.

Restaurant occupancy and other, which include utilities, insurance, maintenance, rent and other such costs of the company-operated restaurants, decreased by \$155,100 (5.9%) for the year ended December 31, 2006 versus the prior year's comparable period. These costs for the year increased as a percentage of company-operated restaurant revenues from 17.8% in 2005 to 18.9% in 2006. The decreases were attributable to the closings of two company-operated locations in 2005.

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Subleased restaurant expenses include net costs associated with subleasing former Western operations and maintenance of vacant premises. These expenses decreased by \$160,000 (86.5%) versus the prior year's comparable period. The decreases were largely attributable to additional expenses incurred on repair and maintenance of the facilities and uncollectible rents during 2005.

Cost of franchise operations direct support expense decreased \$175,000 (12.4%) to \$1.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 from \$1.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. The decreases are attributable to personnel reductions and targeted expense reductions during 2006 and additional spending in 2005 on consumer research and prototype plans.

Unallocated corporate expenses consist of certain expenses not allocated to any business segment. These expenses include legal, accounting, stockholder relations, personnel not directly related to a segment, information systems, and other headquarter activities. These expenses decreased by \$319,000 (12.0%) for the year ended December 31, 2006 versus the prior year's comparable period. The decreases are attributable to personnel reductions and targeted expense reductions during 2006.

Depreciation and amortization for 2006 were comparable to 2005.

Closed restaurants expense of \$350,279 in 2005 included impairment of \$128,000 associated with the end of a subleased property due to a buyout of the lease and impairments related to the closing of a company-operated restaurant of \$222,000 in February, 2005. No such charges were experienced in 2006.

Impairment and other charges of \$319,830 in 2005 included impairments associated with a subleased property consisting of a write down of assets deemed non-recoverable of \$236,330 and \$83,500 of related rent payments deemed non-collectible as of December 31, 2005. Impairment and other charges of \$46,284 in 2006 included impairments associated with subleased properties related to an expiring lease as of June 30, 2006.

Gain on settlement of insurance claims of \$1,166,683 in 2005 included a gain of \$220,351 attributable to insurance proceeds received on the Lawrenceville, Georgia casualty and a gain of \$946,332 attributable to insurance proceeds received on the Waldorf, Maryland casualty. No such items were recorded in 2006.

Other income (expense) decreased from (\$199,500) in 2005 to (\$168,000) in 2006. Interest expense decreased \$120,000 (44.5%) comparing 2006 to 2005. The decrease is due to a lower average principal outstanding balance. Loss on early extinguishment of long term debt of \$92,535 associated with payoff of certain loans was recorded in 2006. Equity in the losses of a joint venture were \$160,902 in 2006 compared to a loss of \$21,618 in 2005. Included in 2006 is termination fee income of \$163,000 associated with a negotiated settlement of certain franchise agreements.

Income tax expense is directly affected by levels of pretax income. Western's effective tax rate was 40.4% and 44.5% for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

## 2005 Compared To 2004

### Revenues

Total revenues decreased 10.8% to \$19.4 million in 2005, from \$21.7 million in 2004. Through mid-July of 2005, Western's system overall was experiencing increases in same store sales over 2004 by 1%. Company operated restaurant sales decreased 12.1% to \$14.7 million in 2005, from \$16.7 million in 2004. This decrease was due to the closing of a company-operated location in February, 2005 totaling approximately \$1.1 million in lost revenues in 2005



compared to 2004 and a closing of a company-operated location in July, 2005 due to a total loss by fire casualty totaling approximately \$851,000 in lost revenues in 2005 over 2004. Same store sales for 2005 experienced an overall decrease of .33% over 2004. Customer counts decreased 5% over 2004. Western implemented an average menu price increase of 4% on January 1, 2005.

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Franchise and other revenues decreased 6.3% to \$4.7 million in 2005, from \$5.0 million in 2004. The decrease is primarily attributable to 12 less franchised restaurants during 2005. Same store sales for 2005 experienced an overall increase of .25% over 2004.

### Costs and Expenses

Cost of company-operated restaurants, consisting primarily of food, beverage, and labor costs decreased \$1.8 million (14.3%) to \$10.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 from \$12.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2004, and as a percentage of company-operated restaurants revenue from 73.4% in 2004, to 71.5% in 2005. The decreases are largely due to the closing of a company-operated location in February, 2005 and the closing due to a fire of a company-operated location in July, 2005.

Restaurant occupancy and other, which include utilities, insurance, maintenance, rent and other such costs of the company-operated restaurants, decreased by \$437,400 (14.3%) for the year ended December 31, 2005 versus the prior year's comparable period. These costs for the year increased as a percentage of company-operated restaurant revenues from 18.3% in 2004 to 17.8% in 2005. The decreases were attributable to the closings of two company-operated locations in 2005.

Subleased restaurant expenses include net costs associated with subleasing former company operations and maintenance of vacant premises. These expenses increased by \$170,000 versus the prior year's comparable period. The increases were largely attributable to additional expenses incurred on repair and maintenance of the facilities, and uncollectible rents during 2005, and the increase of subleased properties in 2005.

Cost of franchise operations direct support expense decreased \$20,000 (1.4%) to \$1.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 from \$1.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2004.

Unallocated corporate expenses consist of certain expenses not allocated to any business segment. These expenses include legal, accounting, stockholder relations, personnel not directly related to a segment, information systems, and other headquarter's activities. These expenses increased by \$72,000 (2.8%) for the year ended December 31, 2005 versus the prior year's comparable period.

Depreciation and amortization for 2005 were comparable to 2004.

Closed restaurants expense of \$350,279 in 2005 included impairment of \$128,000 associated with the end of a subleased property due to a buyout of the lease and impairments related to the closing of a company-operated restaurant of \$222,000 in February, 2005. No such impairments were experienced in 2004.

Impairment and other charges of \$319,830 in 2005 included impairments associated with a subleased property consisting of a write down of assets deemed non-recoverable of \$236,330 and \$83,500 of related rent payments deemed non-collectible as of December 31, 2005. No such charges were recorded in 2004.

Gain on settlement of insurance claims of \$1,166,683 in 2005 included a gain of \$220,351 attributable to insurance proceeds received on the Lawrenceville, Georgia casualty and a gain of \$946,332 attributable to insurance proceeds received on the Waldorf, Maryland casualty. No such items were recorded in 2004.

Other income (expense) decreased from (\$253,000) in 2004 to (\$199,500) in 2005. Interest expense decreased \$93,000 (24.9%) comparing 2005 to 2004. The decrease is due to a lower average principal outstanding balance. Equity in the losses of a joint venture were \$21,618 in 2005, with no such loss in 2004.

Income tax expense is directly affected by levels of pretax income. Western's effective tax rate was 44.5% and 38.6% for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The increase in the effective tax rate in 2005 was due to a revision in the estimated state income tax rate and the expiration of certain state net operating loss carryforwards.

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### Liquidity and Capital Resources

September 30, 2007

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

As of September 30, 2007, Western had \$606,000 of cash and cash equivalents as compared to \$2.34 million as of December 31, 2006. The decrease is largely attributable to purchases of marketable securities.

#### Investment of Available Capital

Western's cash flows have exceeded its working capital, financing and capital investment needs, and management expects that Western's cash flows will continue to exceed its operating cash needs for the foreseeable future. Western regularly evaluates how best to use available capital to increase stockholder value. Western may pursue investments in the form of acquisitions, joint ventures and partnerships where Western believes attractive returns can be obtained. Further, Western may determine under certain market conditions that available capital is best utilized to fund investments, for itself and/or through its subsidiaries, including Western Acquisitions, that Western believes offer attractive return opportunities, whether or not related to Western's ongoing business activities.

As discussed in Note 3 to Western's Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements, Western's Board of Directors has delegated authority to direct investment of Western's surplus cash to its Chairman, Sardar Biglari, subject to Board reporting requirements and various limitations that have been or may be from time to time adopted by the Board of Directors. Western is using, and may in the future use, a portion of its available capital to invest in other securities, for itself and through its subsidiaries, including Western Acquisitions. These investments may include significant and highly concentrated direct investments with respect to the equity securities of public companies. Any such investments will involve risks, and stockholders should recognize that Western's balance sheet may change depending on the extent of excess funds and the timing, magnitude and performance of such investments. Furthermore, such investments could be subject to volatility that may affect both the recorded value of the investments as well as Western's periodic earnings. See "Risk Factors."

#### Operating Activities and Cash Flows

Western generated approximately \$1.9 million and \$1.4 million in operating cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Western's primary source of operating cash flows is the operating profits generated from Western operations and franchise operations.

#### Investing Activities

During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, Western spent \$33,000 on capital expenditures compared to \$480,000 spent during the equivalent period in the prior year. Capital expenditures for 2006 included amounts attributable to the remodel of the company-operated store in Northern Virginia. The balance of the capital expenditures was for necessary replacement of equipment and leasehold improvements in the other company-operated locations. Also included in investing activities for 2007 is a \$14.1 million investment in marketable securities, cash and cash equivalents held by broker of \$3.1 million offset by \$12.1 million from proceeds from sale of marketable securities.

#### Financing Activities

Western made payments of long-term debt of \$121,000 and \$1.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Also, during the nine months ended September 30, 2007, Western received \$85,000 from the exercise of stock options and \$1.5 million in capital contributions from minority interest holders in Western Acquisitions, L.P.

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### Liquidity

Western's primary sources of liquidity are cash generated from operations and, if needed, borrowings under its existing line of credit. Western continually reviews available financing alternatives. In addition, Western may consider, on an opportunistic basis, strategic decisions to create value and improve operational performance. Western's debt agreements contain certain minimum financial covenant requirements. As of September 30, 2007, Western was in compliance with all debt covenants.

December 31, 2006

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

As of December 31, 2006, Western had \$2.3 million of cash and cash equivalents as compared to \$1.7 million and \$2.1 million as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The increase in cash and cash equivalents was largely attributable to proceeds from a rights offering during the fourth quarter of 2006 of \$4.2 million at December 31, 2006, offset by a purchase of an investment in a marketable security of \$4.5 million during the third and fourth quarters of 2006 and payments of long-term debt during all three years presented.

### Investment of Available Capital

Western's cash flows have exceeded working capital, financing and capital investment requirements. Western's management expects that Western's cash flows will continue to exceed its operating cash needs for the foreseeable future. Western regularly evaluates how best to use available capital to increase stockholder value. Western may pursue investments in the form of acquisitions, joint ventures and partnerships where Western believes attractive returns can be obtained. Further, Western may determine under certain market conditions that available capital is best utilized to fund investments that Western believes offer attractive return opportunities, whether or not related to Western's ongoing business activities.

As previously disclosed, Western's Board of Directors has delegated authority to direct investment of Western's surplus cash to its Chairman, Sardar Biglari, subject to Board reporting requirements and various limitations that have been or may be from time to time adopted by the Board of Directors. Western is using, and may in the future use, a portion of its available capital to invest in other securities. These investments may include significant and highly concentrated direct investments with respect to the equity securities of public companies. Any such investments will involve risks, and stockholders should recognize that Western's balance sheet may change depending on the extent of excess funds and the timing, magnitude and performance of such investments. Furthermore, such investments could be subject to volatility that may affect both the recorded value of the investments as well as Western's periodic earnings. See "Risk Factors."

### Operating Activities and Cash Flows

Western generated approximately \$1.8 million, \$1.1 million, and \$2.4 million in operating cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Western's primary source of operating cash flows is the operating profits generated from Western's operations and franchise operations.

### Investing Activities

During the year ended December 31, 2006, Western spent \$492,000 on capital expenditures compared to \$313,000 and \$322,000 during the equivalent period in the year ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 respectively. Capital expenditures for 2006 of \$425,000 included the remodel of two company-operated stores in Northern Virginia. A

total of \$803,000 has been spent on these two remodels since 2005. Also included in investing activities for 2006 is \$4.5 million purchase of investment in marketable security. Offsetting uses of cash for investing activities were proceeds from fire casualties of \$785,000 and \$695,000 for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Also included in investing activities for 2006 are proceeds of \$300,000 from the sale of land in Lawrenceville, Georgia.

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## Financing Activities

Western made payments of long-term debt of \$1.5 million, \$1.2 million and \$541,000 for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Also during 2006, financing activities included cash received from a rights offering of \$4.2 million, offset by costs of the rights offering of \$123,000 and cash received from exercise of stock options of \$28,000.

## Liquidity

Western's primary sources of liquidity are cash generated from operations and, if needed, borrowings under its existing line of credit. Western continually reviews available financing alternatives. In addition, Western may consider, on an opportunistic basis, strategic decisions to create value and improve operational performance.

Total capital expenditures for 2007 are presently not expected to exceed \$100,000, and will be primarily used for necessary replacement of certain restaurant equipment.

Western believes that cash flows generated by operations will be adequate to fund its operations and required debt repayments for at least the next twelve months.

## Investment in Unconsolidated Joint Venture

Western is a partner in a 50/50 joint venture with a franchisee, for a new restaurant in Harrisonburg, Virginia. During October 2005, the joint venture entered into a loan agreement for \$3.05 million and Western guaranteed 50% of the loan obligation. Western estimates the fair value of the guarantee to be approximately \$30,000 and recorded the amount in other long-term liabilities and in investments in unconsolidated joint venture on the accompanying balance sheet at September 30, 2007. The term of the guarantee extends through July 1, 2026 and Western would be required to perform under the guarantee should the joint venture not be able to meet its scheduled principal and interest payments. Pursuant to the joint venture agreement, a cash contribution of \$300,000 from each 50/50 partner was also made at the closing of this financing. Western is accounting for the investment using the equity method and Western's share of the net income (loss) of the joint venture of \$52,749 and \$118,424 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2007 and (\$29,629) and (\$67,857) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, is included in equity in joint venture. At September 30, 2007, Western has a receivable due from the joint venture of \$69,418 for start-up costs paid by Western on behalf of the joint venture. The balance due from the joint venture was \$139,418 at December 31, 2006. The restaurant opened for business on December 14, 2006.

## Financial Data

The following is selected financial information for the joint venture at September 30, 2007:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2007 (unaudited)	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007 (unaudited)
Statement of Operations Data:		
Total revenues	\$ 1,218,248	\$ 3,805,241
Cost of food	508,431	1,634,851
Payroll expense	351,358	1,144,755
Marketing and smallware expense	11,297	28,851
General and administrative	129,222	422,755



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Interest	56,238	168,110
Depreciation and amortization	50,229	150,550
Net income	105,500	236,849
Balance Sheet Data:		
Cash	\$	272,087
Prepaid insurance		8,086
Inventory		9,437
Land, leasehold improvements (net), and construction in progress		3,799,988
Loan costs, net		12,327
Total assets		4,118,032
Loan payable		3,183,059
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		243,930
Members' equity		471,808

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## Contractual Obligations and Commitments

The table below sets forth a summary of contractual obligations that will impact future liquidity as of September 30, 2007:

Contractual Obligations	Payment due by period						Totals
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Thereafter	
Long-term debt	\$ 42,315	118,783	109,803	121,385	134,189	200,875	727,350
Operating leases, net (1)	196,648	705,339	634,425	623,880	367,611	1,571,165	4,099,068
Interest expense (2)	17,933	62,834	52,041	40,459	27,655	14,603	215,525
Tax obligations (3)	140,412	—	—	—	—	—	140,412
Totals	\$ 397,308	886,956	796,269	785,724	529,455	1,786,643	5,182,355

(1) Operating lease commitments are presented net of sublease rentals. Gross operating lease commitments for the periods above aggregate to approximately \$4.6 million, offset by sublease rentals for the same periods of approximately \$95,000.

(2) Reflects future interest payments through scheduled maturity dates based upon average borrowing rates, outstanding debt balances and scheduled principal payments on long-term debt.

(3) Reflect recognized liabilities for uncertain tax positions under the provision FIN 48. (See Note 5 to Western's Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.)

## Bank Line of Credit

At December 25, 2006, a \$700,000 secured line of credit from a commercial bank payable expired. There were no amounts outstanding under the line of credit at expiration. On March 15, 2007, Western obtained a new \$2 million line of credit, payable on demand, subject to annual renewal by the bank with an automatic renewal at March 15, 2008, interest rate of prime minus 0.05% and collateralized by accounts receivable and the assignment of franchise royalty contracts. As of the date of this prospectus, there was \$2 million outstanding under the line.

## Operating Leases

Operating lease commitments are presented net of sublease rentals. Gross operating lease commitments for the periods above aggregate to approximately \$4.6 million, offset by sublease rentals for the same periods of approximately \$95,000.

FFCA Acquisition Corporation, an entity related to Franchise Finance Corporation of America, now known as General Electric Franchise Finance Corporation "FFCA" is or was the owner of 43 former Quincy's restaurant locations "Former Quincy's Units". Western Sizzlin Stores of Virginia, Inc. ("WSSVA") executed certain Master Leases ("the Leases") dated as of January 1, 2001, covering the Former Quincy's Units. However, pursuant to Paragraph 47 of the Leases, the Leases never became effective as FFCA did not execute and/or deliver the Leases.

In 2001 and 2002, several Former Quincy's Units were properly turned back to FFCA. Certain franchisees who continued to operate Former Quincy's Units owned by FFCA remitted all rental payments directly to FFCA, and FFCA accepted these payments. Based on these developments, and the lack of any binding Master Lease Agreement with FFCA, on May 15, 2003, Western sent a letter to the Lessor, providing notice of its termination of any tenancies at-will on any remaining Former Quincy's units effective May 31, 2003. In accordance with Western's position, Western has returned to FFCA every invoice for rent expense, or tax statement, received after May 15, 2003, with a

cover letter explaining that Western is not responsible for any such amounts. FFCA has not disputed Western's position.

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### Revenue Recognition

Revenue at company-operated restaurants is recognized as customers pay for products at the time of sale. Franchise operations revenue consists of royalties and franchise fees. Royalties are recognized in the month earned at estimated realizable amounts. Franchise fees are recognized when the related services have been performed and do not include significant contingencies. Other revenues consist of sales of seasonings and marinades to franchisees and are recognized when the products are shipped to the franchisee.

### Critical Accounting Policies

Western's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is based on the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes that have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of these consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 1 to Western's audited consolidated financial statements provides a summary of Western's significant accounting policies. The following are areas requiring significant judgments and estimates due to uncertainties as of the reporting date: trade accounts and notes receivables and the allowance for doubtful accounts, classification of marketable security, determination of useful lives and the evaluation of any impairment of long-lived assets (including franchise royalty contracts, goodwill and property and equipment), and commitments and contingencies.

Application of the critical accounting policies discussed below requires significant judgments by management, often as a result of the need to make estimates of matters that are inherently uncertain. If actual results were to differ materially from the estimates made, the reported results could be materially affected. Western is not currently aware of any reasonably likely events or circumstance that would result in materially different results. Western's senior management has reviewed the critical accounting policies and estimates and the Management's Discussion and Analysis regarding them with the Audit and Finance Committee of the Board of Directors.

### Trade Accounts and Notes Receivable and the Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Western collects royalties, and in some cases rent, from franchisees. Western views trade accounts and notes receivable and the related allowance for doubtful accounts as a critical accounting estimate since the allowance for doubtful accounts is based on judgments and estimates concerning the likelihood that individual franchisees will pay the amounts included as receivables from them. In determining the amount of allowance for doubtful accounts to be recorded for individual franchisees, Western considers the age of the receivable, the financial stability of the franchisee, discussions that may have occurred with the franchisee and Western's judgment as to the overall collectibility of the receivable from the franchisee. In addition, Western establishes an allowance for all other receivables for which no specific allowances are deemed necessary. If average sales or the financial health of franchisees were to deteriorate, Western might have to increase the allowance for doubtful accounts.

### Investments

Western classifies its marketable equity securities as available-for-sale, which are reported at fair value. Unrealized holding gains and losses, net of the related income tax effect, on available-for-sale securities are excluded from income and are reported as other comprehensive income in stockholders' equity. Realized gains and losses from securities classified as available-for-sale are included in income and are determined using the specific identification method for ascertaining the cost of securities sold. All investments are marked-to-market based on quoted market

prices and recorded at their fair value. Investments in derivative securities are classified as trading securities, with both realized and unrealized gains and losses on those derivative instruments included in the statement of income.

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### Long-lived Assets, Franchise Royalty Contracts and Goodwill

Western views the determination of the carrying value of long-lived assets, franchise royalty contracts and goodwill as critical accounting estimates since Western must evaluate the estimated economic useful life in order to properly depreciate or amortize its long-lived assets and franchise royalty contracts and because it must consider if the value of any of its long-lived assets have been impaired, requiring adjustments to the carrying value. Goodwill is not subject to amortization but is subject to at least an annual impairment test to determine if the carrying amount exceeds its fair value.

Economic useful life is the duration of time the asset is expected to be productively employed, which may be less than its physical life. The estimated economic useful life of an asset is monitored to determine if it continues to be appropriate in light of changes in business circumstances.

Western must also consider similar issues when determining whether or not an asset has been impaired to the extent that it must recognize a loss on such impairment, including goodwill impairment. In 2005, Western recorded closed restaurants expense of \$350,279, due to a buyout of a lease and impairment charges of \$319,830 associated with subleased properties. In 2006, there were no such expenses (see Notes 12 and 13 to Western's Audited Consolidated Financial Statements).

### Commitments and Contingencies

Western views accounting for contingencies as a critical accounting estimate since loss contingencies arising from claims, assessments, litigation, fines and penalties and other sources require judgment as to any probable liabilities incurred. Actual results could differ from the expected results determined based on such estimates.

### Income Taxes

In July 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation Number 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109, ("FIN 48"). FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attributes for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken in a tax return. Western must determine whether it is "more-likely-than-not" that a tax position will be sustained upon examination, including resolution of any related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. Once it is determined that a position meets the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold, the position is measured to determine the amount of benefit to recognize in the financial statements. FIN 48 applies to all tax positions related to income taxes subject to FASB Statement No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. The requirements of FIN 48 were adopted during the first quarter of 2007.

For additional information regarding the adoption of FIN 48, see Note 5 to Western's Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.

### Impact of Inflation

The impact of inflation on the costs of food and beverage products, labor and real estate can affect Western's operations. Over the past few years, inflation has had a lesser impact on Western's operations due to the lower rates of inflation in the nation's economy and economic conditions in Western's market areas.

Western believes that it has historically been able to pass on increased costs through certain selected menu price increases and has offset increased costs by increased productivity and purchasing efficiencies, but there can be no assurance that it will be able to do so in the future. Western anticipates that the average cost of restaurant real estate

leases and construction cost could increase in the future which could affect its ability to expand. In addition, mandated health care or additional increases in the federal or state minimum wages could significantly increase Western's costs of doing business.

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Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements" ("SFAS No. 157"). SFAS No. 157 clarifies the principle that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing an asset or liability and establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the information used to develop those assumptions. SFAS No. 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years, with early adoption permitted. Western has not yet determined the impact, if any, that the implementation of SFAS No. 157 will have on its results of operations or financial condition.

In September 2006, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108 "Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements" ("SAB No. 108"). SAB No. 108 provides interpretive guidance on how the effects of the carryover or reversal of prior year misstatements should be considered in quantifying a current year misstatement. The SEC staff believes that registrants should quantify errors using both a balance sheet and an income statement approach and evaluate whether either approach results in a misstatement that, when all relevant quantitative and qualitative factors are considered, is material and therefore must be quantified. SAB No. 108 is effective for Western's fiscal year ended December 31, 2006. The effect of the application of SAB No. 108 did not impact Western's results of operations or financial condition.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159 "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities-Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 ("SFAS 159"), which is effective January 1, 2008. This Standard permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. The objective is to improve financial reporting by providing entities with the opportunity to mitigate volatility in reported earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently without having to apply complex hedge accounting provisions. This Statement is expected to expand the use of fair value measurement, which is consistent with the Board's long-term measurement objectives for accounting for financial instruments. Western is currently evaluating the effect, if any, that the adoption of SFAS 159 will have on its consolidated financial statements on the adoption date of January 1, 2008.

In March 2006, the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force issued Issue 06-3 ("EITF 06-3"), How Sales Taxes Collected From Customers and Remitted to Governmental Authorities Should Be Presented in the Income Statement. This standard requires that a company disclose its accounting policy (i.e., gross or net presentation) regarding presentation of taxes within the scope of EITF 06-3. If taxes are significant and reported on a gross basis, a company should disclose the amount of such taxes for each period for which an income statement is presented. The guidance is effective for Western beginning January 1, 2007. Western presents revenues net of sales taxes in its consolidated statements of income.

Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

As of September 30, 2007, Western's financial instruments are not exposed to significant market risk due to foreign currency exchange risk or commodity price risk. However, Western is exposed to market risk related to changes in market prices of marketable securities and to interest rates related to debt obligations. Western's marketable securities are currently concentrated in a few investments. A change in market prices also exposes Western to market risk related to the investments in marketable securities. As of September 30, 2007, Western held \$9,149,740 in available-for-sale marketable securities. A hypothetical 10% decline in the market value would result in \$915,000 of unrealized losses and would not affect cash flows unless the security was disposed.



The table below provides information about debt obligations that are sensitive to changes in interest rates. The table presents principal cash flows and related weighted average interest rates by expected maturity dates.

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Debt obligations at September 30, 2007 (dollars in thousands):

	EXPECTED MATURITY DATE							Total	Estimated Fair Value
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Thereafter			
Long-term debt maturities	\$ 42	119	110	121	134	201	727	770	
Average Interest Rate	9.96%	10.03%	10.07%	10.07%	10.07%	10.07%	10.00%		

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ITEX MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND  
ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following is derived from "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in ITEX's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2007 and ITEX's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended January 31, 2008 and represents ITEX's discussion and analysis of its historical financial condition and results of operations.

ITEX's management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is provided as a supplement to the accompanying consolidated financial statements of ITEX and notes. It helps provide information ITEX believes is relevant to an assessment and understanding of its results of operations and financial condition.

OVERVIEW

ITEX, The Membership Trading Community<sup>SM</sup>, is a leading exchange for cashless business transactions across North America (the "Marketplace"). ITEX services its member businesses through its independent licensed brokers, area directors and franchise network (individually, "Broker" and together, the "Broker Network") in the United States and Canada. ITEX's business services and payment systems enable approximately 24 thousand member businesses (its "members") to trade goods and services valued at more than \$270 million without exchanging cash. These products and services are instead exchanged for ITEX dollars which can only be redeemed in the Marketplace ("ITEX dollars"). ITEX administers the Marketplace and acts as a third-party record-keeper for its members' transactions. ITEX generates revenue by charging members percentage-based transaction fees, association fees, and other fees assessed in United States dollars and Canadian dollars where applicable (collectively and as reported on ITEX's financial statements, "USD" or "Cash").

For each calendar year, ITEX divides its operations into 13 four-week billing and commission cycles always ending on a Thursday ("operating cycle"). For financial statement purposes, ITEX's fiscal year is from August 1 to July 31 ("year", "2008" for August 1, 2007 to July 31, 2008, "2007" for August 1, 2006 to July 31, 2007, "2006" for August 1, 2005 to July 31, 2006, etc.). ITEX's fiscal second quarter is from November 1 to January 31 ("second quarter"). ITEX reports its results as of the last day of each calendar month ("accounting cycle").

Each operating cycle ITEX generally charges its members association fees of \$20 USD (\$260 USD annually) and \$10 ITEX dollars (\$130 ITEX dollars annually). ITEX also charges transaction fees in USD from both the buyer and seller computed as a percentage of the ITEX dollar value of the transaction.

ITEX's revenue for the second quarter of 2008 increased \$510,000 or 14% from \$3,665,000 to \$4,175,000 compared to the same quarter in 2007. Income from operations for the quarter ended January 31, 2008 decreased \$46,000 or 9% from \$528,000 to \$482,000 compared to the same quarter in 2007.

ITEX's Marketplace revenues decreased 2% from \$3,506,000 to \$3,451,000 for the fourth quarter ended July 31, 2007 compared to 2006. For the year ended July 31, 2007 compared to 2006, ITEX's Marketplace revenues decreased 3% from \$14,646,000 to \$14,171,000.

ITEX is seeking to continue to increase its revenue by:

- Engaging certain advertising and promotions firms to actively promote its Marketplace.
  - Adding industry experienced members to its sales team.
  - Minimizing the barriers to join the Marketplace.

- Increasing the benefits to members participating in the Marketplace.
- Improving and enhancing its internet applications.
- Adding new franchisees.
- Managing corporate-owned offices.

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## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (in thousands except per share amounts unless otherwise indicated)

Three and Six Months Ended January 31, 2008 and 2007

## Condensed Results

	Three Months Ended January 31,		Six Months Ended January 31,	
	2008 (unaudited)	2007	2008 (unaudited)	2007
Revenue	\$ 4,175	\$ 3,665	\$ 8,028	\$ 7,455
Costs and expenses	3,693	3,137	7,274	6,632
Income from operations	482	528	754	823
Net interest	6	22	5	16
Gain on sales of offices, net	-	-	-	70
Income before income taxes	488	550	759	909
Income tax expense	175	215	290	337
Net income	\$ 313	\$ 335	\$ 469	\$ 572
Net income per common share:				
Basic	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.03
Diluted	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.03
Average common and equivalent shares:				
Basic	17,567	17,885	17,618	17,863
Diluted	17,754	18,264	17,817	18,255

Revenue for the quarter ended January 31, 2008 increased by \$510 or 14% to \$4,175 from \$3,665 for the comparable 2007 quarter. This increase in revenue in the quarter ended January 31, 2008 compared to prior year period includes \$352 in revenue generated from ITEX's acquisition of Intagio assets, \$119 in organic growth from existing operations, and \$39 in ITEX dollar revenue. Revenue for the quarters ended January 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, included new franchise fees of \$20.

Revenue for the six month period ended January 31, 2008 increased by \$573 or 8% to \$8,028 from \$7,455 for the comparable 2007 six month period. In the first quarter of 2007, ITEX generated \$357 in revenue ("conversion revenue") by charging approximately twelve hundred former BXI members, who had positive ITEX dollar account balances, one-time sales transaction fees on their balances in order for them to adopt, for all future transactions, ITEX's standard ITEX fee plan where ITEX assesses transaction fees on both purchases and sales. The former standard BXI fee plan only assessed transaction fees on purchases. There was no conversion revenue in the first quarter of 2008. Without the conversion revenue, revenue would have been \$7,098 in the six month period ended January 31, 2007, and ITEX's revenue from existing operations for the six month period ended January 31, 2008 would have reflected an increase of \$930 or 13%. This increase in revenue in the six month period ended January 31, 2008 compared to prior year period includes \$639 in revenue generated from ITEX's acquisition of Intagio assets, \$211 in organic growth from existing operations, \$60 in ITEX dollar revenue and \$20 from the sale of a new franchise in Washington state.

Income from operations decreased \$46 or 9% to \$482 for the quarter ended January 31, 2008 from \$528 for the comparable 2007 quarter. Contributing \$26 or 5% of the decrease were legal fees and other expenses required to address the unsolicited third-party tender offer to acquire ITEX's outstanding common shares. The remaining decrease in income from operations of \$20 or 4% was primarily due to increases in amortization of Intagio acquisition related intangibles of \$74, bad debt expense of \$47, other legal fees of \$17, outside services of \$13, and personnel expenses of \$23 net of decreases in related contractor services. These increases were offset by an increase of \$185 in Marketplace revenue net of corresponding costs of Marketplace revenue.

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Income from operations decreased \$69 or 8% to \$754 for the six month period ended January 31, 2008 from \$823 for the comparable 2007 six month period. The comparative decrease was primarily due to increases in amortization of intangibles of \$133, bad debt expense of \$40, professional fees of \$39, outside services of \$37, rents of \$31, net of utilities, legal fees of \$24, foreign exchange translation losses of \$20, and supplies of \$15. These increases were offset by an increase of \$312 in Marketplace revenue net of corresponding costs of Marketplace revenue.

Income before income taxes decreased \$62 or 11% to \$488 for the quarter ended January 31, 2008 from \$550 for the comparable 2007 quarter. This was due to a decrease in operating income of \$46 in the second quarter of 2008 and a decrease in net interest income of \$16 due to lower cash balances as a result of 2008 acquisitions.

Net income decreased \$22 or 7% to \$313 for the quarter ended January 31, 2008 from \$335 for the comparable 2007 quarter. Earnings per share for the same quarters remained constant at \$0.02 per share.

For more than four years, ITEX has sustained its profitability while acquiring a significant competitor (BXI), acquiring select assets of a second competitor (Intagio), focusing its business model on cashless transaction processing and the support of its franchise network, and eliminating non-essential services. ITEX believes it is providing excellent support to its Brokers in the Marketplace as demonstrated by the positive feedback it received in a Broker survey conducted in the third quarter of 2007. Presently, ITEX continues to be profitable and to generate cash from operating activities.

### Growing by acquisition

On February 1, 2008, ITEX acquired from ATX The Barter Company (“ATX”) certain assets of a commercial trade exchange network including a membership list of approximately four hundred member businesses in the Cleveland, Ohio region.

On August 1, 2007, ITEX acquired from The Intagio Group, Inc., certain assets of a commercial trade exchange network (“Intagio assets”) including a membership list of approximately two thousand member businesses and nine former Intagio employees who managed the activity of the two thousand member businesses. These new member businesses are located primarily in six regions (“Intagio regions”) in the United States, four of which were previously not served by existing Brokers.

ITEX’s post-acquisition actions have contributed to the success of the Intagio acquisition. After the acquisition of the Intagio membership list, ITEX sold three of the six newly acquired regions to two existing franchisees in two separate transactions. ITEX subsequently terminated four of the nine former Intagio employees and added four full-time equivalents in the Intagio regions.

ITEX has retained three Intagio regions to operate as corporate-owned offices (“prototype offices”). In its prototype offices, ITEX intends to implement certain commission structures, test new ancillary charges and pursue other strategies in order to increase revenue and better serve members. If successful in increasing revenue and income from operations in these regions, ITEX intends to use the prototype offices as a model for its Brokers. ITEX believes it has successfully managed its prototype offices so far. Revenue from ITEX’s prototype offices was \$256 and \$462 in the three and six month periods ended January 31, 2008. ITEX’s income from operations benefitted from contributions from prototype offices, excluding amortization of the acquired intangible assets, of \$84 and \$122 for the three and six month periods ended January 31, 2008.

Revenue from the Intagio acquisition, including the three prototype offices ITEX retained and the two offices it sold, was \$352 and \$639 in the three and six month periods ended January 31, 2008. ITEX’s income from operations benefitted from contributions from the Intagio acquisition, including its prototype offices but excluding amortization

of the acquired intangible assets, of \$120 and \$189 for the three and six month periods ended January 31, 2008.

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## Growing organically

In the twelve month period ended January 31, 2008, ITEX has undertaken the following revenue-generating efforts:

- To attract new franchisees ITEX upgraded and expanded the franchise portion of its website, www.itex.com. ITEX identified target markets, provided added detail about its company and business model, and allowed potential franchisees to calculate sample financial forecasts.
- In order to utilize the bargaining power of its now 24 thousand Marketplace member businesses and their estimated 100 thousand employees, ITEX announced its Executive Privileges Program to its Brokers on March 30, 2007. Subsequently, ITEX added partnerships with several nationally recognized businesses. ITEX's relationships differ from partner to partner. ITEX's primary focus is to provide added benefits to its Marketplace member businesses to help them be successful.
- ITEX changed the overall appearance of its website, www.itex.com. Its upgraded website has a more casual, community approach conveying to its members the businesses that comprise the Marketplace and the benefits that come with their participation. To add to the community feel, ITEX has expanded the member business profile section of its website to allow business owners to provide personal pictures and tell the Marketplace more about themselves. ITEX believes that this enhanced personalized information will encourage other Marketplace businesses to conduct transactions with that business in its trading community.

## Revenue, Costs and Expenses

The following table sets forth ITEX's selected consolidated financial information for the three month periods ended January 31, 2008 and 2007 with amounts expressed as a percentage of total revenues:

	Three Months Ended January 31,				Six Months Ended January 31,			
	2008		2007		2008		2007	
	(unaudited)							
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Revenue:								
Marketplace revenue	\$ 4,136	99%	\$ 3,665	100%	\$ 7,968	99%	\$ 7,455	100%
ITEX dollar revenue	39	1%	-	0%	60	1%	-	0%
	4,175	100%	3,665	100%	8,028	100%	7,455	100%
Costs and expenses:								
Cost of Marketplace revenue	2,756	66%	2,470	67%	5,254	65%	5,053	68%
Salaries, wages and employee benefits	413	10%	369	10%	785	10%	760	10%
Selling, general and administrative	374	9%	224	6%	947	12%	674	9%
Depreciation and amortization	150	4%	74	2%	288	4%	145	2%
	3,693	88%	3,137	86%	7,274	91%	6,632	89%

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Income from operations	482	12%	528	14%	754	9%	823	11%
Other income, net	6	0%	22	1%	5	0%	86	1%
Income before income taxes	488	12%	550	15%	759	9%	909	12%
Income tax expense	175	4%	215	6%	290	4%	337	5%
Net income	\$ 313	7%	\$ 335	9%	\$ 469	6%	\$ 572	8%

Marketplace revenue

Marketplace revenue consists of transaction fees, association fees and other fees net of revenue adjustments. The following are the components of Marketplace revenue that are included in the consolidated statements of income:

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	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended January	
	January 31, 2008 (unaudited)	2007	2008 (unaudited)	31, 2007 (unaudited)
<b>Broker offices :</b>				
Association fees	\$ 1,045	\$ 1,001	\$ 2,082	\$ 1,993
Transaction fees	2,786	2,530	5,249	5,352
Other fees	50	134	176	110
<b>Prototype offices :</b>				
Association fees	66	-	138	-
Transaction fees	181	-	313	-
Other fees	8	-	10	-
	\$ 4,136	\$ 3,665	\$ 7,968	\$ 7,455

Marketplace revenue for the quarter ended January 31, 2008 increased by \$471 or 13% to \$4,136 from \$3,665 during the same quarter in the prior year. Comparable association fee revenue increased by \$44 or 4% and comparable transaction fee revenue increased by \$256 or 10%. This increase in total Marketplace revenue in the quarter ended January 31, 2008 compared to prior year period includes \$352 in revenue generated from ITEX's acquisition of Intagio assets (which includes \$255 from ITEX's ongoing prototype offices) and \$119 in organic growth from existing operations.

Marketplace revenue for the six month period ended January 31, 2008 increased by \$513 or 7% to \$7,968 from \$7,455 during the period in the prior year. Comparable association fee revenue increased by \$89 or 4%. While, comparable transaction fee revenue decreased by \$103 or 2%, transaction fees in the first quarter of 2007 included \$357 in conversion revenue. Excluding the conversion revenue, total Marketplace revenue in the six month period ended January 31, 2008 compared to prior year period would have reflected an increase of \$870. This increase includes \$639 in revenue generated from ITEX's acquisition of Intagio assets (which includes \$461 from ITEX's ongoing prototype offices) and \$211 in organic growth from existing operations and \$20 from the sale of a new franchise in Washington state.

**ITEX Dollar Revenue**

ITEX takes extensive measures to maintain the integrity of its role in the Marketplace economy, and to protect against the misuse or misappropriation of ITEX dollars. For example:

- Employees, approved on a case by case basis by management, may only participate in the Marketplace with certain controls such as having a fee paying account and maintaining a positive ITEX dollar balance in their account.
  - All ITEX dollar purchases for corporate purposes are approved by senior management.
- ITEX does not purchase inventory from members for the purpose of resale, nor does ITEX participate as a seller in the Marketplace to generate transaction volume.
  - ITEX does not sell or purchase ITEX dollars for USD.

As described below in Accounting for ITEX Dollar Activities, primarily, ITEX receives ITEX dollars from members' transaction fees, association fees, and other member fees. ITEX expends ITEX dollars by revenue sharing association fees and transaction fees with its Broker Network, and for general Marketplace costs. ITEX dollars are only usable in its Marketplace.

Historically, ITEX has not reported ITEX dollar activity in its financial statements because it concluded that its ITEX dollars do not have readily determinable fair values. However, as described above in “Growing by acquisition”, beginning in the first quarter of 2008, ITEX began generating ITEX dollars from its prototype offices. Since ITEX operates the prototype offices with its own employees, it does not expend any portion of the ITEX dollars earned back as commissions as it does with its Brokers.

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Beginning in the first quarter of 2008, ITEX spent a more than de minimus amount of ITEX dollars in the Marketplace for its corporate needs. In doing so, it received certain products or services at prices comparable to what it would have expended had it paid in USD. ITEX recorded \$39 and \$0 as ITEX dollar revenue for the three month periods ended January 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The corresponding ITEX dollar expenses in the second quarter of 2008 were for legal, printing, outside services and miscellaneous expenses. ITEX may increase ITEX dollar expenses for its corporate purposes in future periods.

## Cost of Marketplace Revenue

Cost of Marketplace revenue consists of commissions paid to Brokers, salaries and employee benefits of ITEX's prototype offices and expenses directly correlated to Marketplace revenue. The following are the components of cost of Marketplace revenue that are included in the consolidated statements of income:

	Three Months Ended January 31,				Six Months Ended January 31,			
	2008	% of Market- place Revenue (unaudited)	2007	% of Market- place Revenue	2008	% of Market- place Revenue (unaudited)	2007	% of Market- place Revenue
Association fee commissions	\$ 433	10%	\$ 439	12%	\$ 859	11%	\$ 840	11%
Transaction fee commissions	2,109	51%	1,901	52%	3,949	50%	3,981	53%
Prototype office salaries, wages, employee benefits, and independent contractor expenses	138	3%	-	0%	273	3%	-	0%
Other Marketplace expenses	76	2%	130	4%	173	2%	232	3%
	\$ 2,756	67%	\$ 2,470	67%	\$ 5,254	66%	\$ 5,053	68%

Cost of Marketplace revenue increased by \$286 or 12% to \$2,756 from \$2,470 for the quarters ended January 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The increase cost of marketplace revenue, primarily composed of Broker commissions, approximately correlates to the 13% increase in Marketplace revenue.

Cost of Marketplace revenue increased by \$201 or 4% to \$5,254 from \$5,053 for the six month periods ended January 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The increase approximately correlates to the 7% increase in Marketplace revenue.

The following shows the commissions and prototype office salaries, wages and employee benefits separately as a percent of their related revenue:

	Three Months Ended January 31,				Six Months Ended January 31,			
	2008	% of Related Revenue (unaudited)	2007	% of Related Revenue	2008	% of Related Revenue (unaudited)	2007	% of Related Revenue
	\$ 433	41%	\$ 439	44%	\$ 859	41%	\$ 840	42%

Association fee commissions								
Transaction fee commissions	2,109	76%	1,901	75%	3,949	75%	3,981	74%
Prototype office salaries, wages and employee benefits	138	54%	-	0%	273	59%	-	0%

#### Corporate Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits

Salaries, wages and employee benefits include expenses for corporate employee salaries and wages, payroll taxes, 401(k), payroll related insurance, medical and dental benefits and other personnel related items. As discussed above in “ITEX Dollar Revenue”, certain ITEX dollar expenses are also included. Comparative results are as follows:

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	Three Months Ended January 31,				Six Months Ended January 31,			
	2008 (unaudited)	% of Total Revenue	2007	% of Total Revenue	2008 (unaudited)	% of Total Revenue	2007	% of Total Revenue
Salaries, wages and employee benefits	\$ 413	10%	\$ 369	10%	\$ 785	10%	\$ 760	10%

Salaries, wages and employee benefits expense increased by \$44 or 12% to \$413 for the quarter ended January 31, 2008 from \$369 for the comparable 2007 quarter. This was primarily caused by an increase of two full-time equivalents.

Salaries, wages and employee benefits expense increased by \$25 or 3% to \$785 for the quarter ended January 31, 2008 from \$760 for the comparable 2007 six month period. This was a result of adding two full-time equivalent employees, normal employee turnover and certain cost of living rate increases.

## Selling, General and Administrative

Selling, general and administrative expenses include consulting, legal and professional services, as well as expenses for rent and utilities, marketing, insurance, bad debts, sales tax and other taxes, and other expenses. As discussed above in "ITEX Dollar Revenue", certain ITEX dollar expenses are also included. Comparative results are as follows:

	Three Months Ended January 31,				Six Months Ended January 31,			
	2008 (unaudited)	% of Total Revenue	2007	% of Total Revenue	2008 (unaudited)	% of Total Revenue	2007	% of Total Revenue
Selling, general and administrative	\$ 373	9%	\$ 224	6%	\$ 946	12%	\$ 674	9%

Selling, general and administrative increased by \$149 or 67% to \$374 for the quarter ended January 31, 2008 from \$224 for the comparable 2007 quarter. Contributing \$26 or 12% of the increase were legal fees and other expenses required to address the unsolicited tender offer to attempt to acquire ITEX's outstanding common shares. The remaining increase in selling, general and administrative of \$124 or 55% was primarily due to increases in bad debts expense of \$47, ITEX dollar expenses of \$39, other legal fees of \$17, and outside services of \$13.

Selling, general and administrative increased by \$272 or 40% to \$947 for the six month period ended January 31, 2008 from \$674 for the comparable 2007 six month period. The increase was primarily due to increases in ITEX dollar expenses of \$60, bad debts expense of \$40, professional fees of \$39, outside services of \$37, rents of \$31, net of utilities, legal fees of \$24, foreign exchange losses of \$20, and supplies of \$15.

## Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expenses include depreciation on ITEX's fixed assets and amortization of its intangibles. Comparative results are as follows:

Three Months Ended January 31,		Six Months Ended January 31,	
2008	2007	2008	2007

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	% of Total Revenue (unaudited)		% of Total Revenue		% of Total Revenue (unaudited)		% of Total Revenue					
Depreciation and amortization	\$	151	4%	\$	74	2%	\$	289	4%	\$	145	2%

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Depreciation and amortization increased by \$77 or 104% to \$150 for the quarter ended January 31, 2008 from \$74 for the comparable 2007 quarter. Depreciation and amortization increased by \$144 or 99% to \$289 for the six month period ended January 31, 2008 from \$145 for the comparable 2007 six month period. Increases in both the three and six month periods ended January 31, 2008 occurred primarily as a result of amortization of intangible assets acquired with the Intagio acquisition on August 1, 2007. Amortization on those intangible assets was \$74 and \$133 in the three and six month periods ended January 31, 2008.

## Other Income

Comparative results are as follows:

	Three Months Ended January 31,				Six Months Ended January 31,			
	2008	% of Total Revenue (unaudited)	2007	% of Total Revenue	2008	% of Total Revenue (unaudited)	2007	% of Total Revenue
Interest income	\$ 25	1%	\$ 22	1%	\$ 47	1%	\$ 44	1%
Interest expense	(19)	0%	-	0%	(42)	-1%	(28)	0%
Gain on sale of offices, net	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	70	1%
	\$ 6	0%	\$ 22	1%	\$ 5	0%	\$ 86	1%

Other income decreased by \$16 or 73% to \$6 for the quarter ended January 31, 2008 from \$22 for the comparable 2007 quarter. Other income decreased by \$81 or 94% to \$5 for the six month period ended January 31, 2008 from \$86 for the comparable 2007 six month period. Decreases in both the three and six month periods ended January 31, 2008 occurred primarily as a result interest expense on long-term debt due to Intagio.

## Income Taxes

Comparative results are as follows:

	Three Months Ended January 31,				Six Months Ended January 31,			
	2008	% of Total Revenue (unaudited)	2007	% of Total Revenue	2008	% of Total Revenue (unaudited)	2007	% of Total Revenue
Income before income taxes	\$ 488	12%	\$ 550	15%	\$ 759	9%	\$ 909	12%
Federal income tax rate	34%		34%		34%		34%	
Federal tax expense	166	4%	187	5%	258	3%	309	4%
State tax expense	12	0%	28	1%	35	0%	28	0%
Permanent differences	3	0%	-	0%	3	0%	-	0%
Other	(6)	0%	-	0%	(6)	0%	-	0%
	\$ 175	4%	\$ 215	6%	\$ 290	4%	\$ 337	5%

On August 1, 2007, ITEX adopted the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 (“FIN 48”). ITEX did not have any significant unrecognized tax benefits and there was no material effect on its results of operations, cash flows or financial condition as a result of implementing FIN 48.

ITEX files income tax returns in the United States federal jurisdiction and various state jurisdictions. The tax years that remain subject to examination are 2003 through 2006. ITEX does not believe there will be any material changes in its unrecognized tax positions over the next twelve months.

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It is ITEX's policy to recognize interest and penalties accrued on any unrecognized tax benefits as a component of income tax expense. As of January 31, 2008, accrued expenses on ITEX's consolidated balance sheet included \$32 for interest and penalties associated with unrecognized tax benefits. ITEX included \$3 and \$15, respectively, in state tax expense in the three and six month periods ended January 31, 2008.

## Years Ended July 31, 2007 and 2006

## Condensed Results

	Quarter Ended July 31,		Year Ended July 31,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Marketplace revenue	\$ 3,451	\$ 3,506	\$ 14,171	\$ 14,646
Costs and expenses	3,192	3,120	12,666	13,305
Income from operations	259	386	1,505	1,341
Other income – net	44	16	156	117
Income before income taxes	303	402	1,661	1,458
Income tax benefit	(3,369)	(2,334)	(2,843)	(1,975)
Net income	\$ 3,672	\$ 2,736	\$ 4,504	\$ 3,433
Net income per common share				
Basic	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.19
Diluted	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.18

Marketplace revenue for year ended July 31, 2007, decreased by 3% to \$14,171 from \$14,646 during the prior year. ITEX attributes this decrease primarily to the consolidation of broker offices after the acquisition of BXI (See Note 12 – “Business Combinations” included in ITEX’s “Notes to Audited Consolidated Financial Statements”), the reduction of members who had accounts in both the ITEX and BXI marketplaces (“overlapping members”) and the sale of selected assets of one former franchise office. Since August 1, 2006, thirteen ITEX and former BXI offices consolidated. The number of overlapping members declined from 695 on August 1, 2006 to 159 on July 31, 2007. Overlapping members pay association fees and transaction fees on both their ITEX and former BXI account. Consolidation of an overlapping member’s accounts from two to one account resulted in the net loss of an account that ITEX previously had assessed association and transaction fees. Additionally, in the first quarter of 2007, ITEX sold selected assets of a former broker office. This office generated \$35 and \$170 in the fourth quarter of 2006 and the year ended July 31, 2006, respectively. In 2007, this office generated \$22 in the first quarter and \$0 in the remaining quarters of 2007.

Income before income taxes for the year ended July 31, 2007 was \$1,661, an increase of \$203 or 14% from income before income taxes in 2006 of \$1,458. ITEX attributes this increase primarily to conversion of former BXI commission plans to ITEX’s commission plans. During 2006 and continuing into 2007, ITEX converted some Brokers to lower Association fee commission structures. This resulted in costs of Marketplace revenue, primarily composed of commissions, as a percent of Marketplace revenue of 68% in 2007 as compared to 70% in 2006.

Net income for the fourth quarter of 2007 included income before income taxes of \$303 compared to \$402 for the fourth quarter of 2006. This decrease of \$99 is primarily due to legal fees and outside services to support revenue generating ideas during the quarter.

Basic income per common share for the year ending July 31, 2007 and 2006 was \$0.25 and \$0.19, respectively, while diluted earnings per common share was \$0.25 and \$0.18 for 2007 and 2006, respectively. In both years, income per common share was positively and significantly affected by income tax benefits resulting from reassessments of

valuation allowances on available operating loss carryforwards for tax purposes.

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## Selected Quarterly Financial Results

Year ended July 31, 2007	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Total
Marketplace revenue	3,790	3,665	3,265	3,451	14,171
Income from operations	295	528	423	259	1,505
Net cash flows from operating activities	944	423	577	113	2,057
Total stockholders' equity	8,229	8,376	8,659	12,330	

  

Year ended July 31, 2006	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Total
Marketplace revenue	3,714	4,007	3,419	3,506	14,646
Income from operations	275	315	365	386	1,341
Net cash flows from operating activities	865	485	440	46	1,836
Total stockholders' equity	5,157	5,399	5,485	7,968	

Over the past four fiscal years, ITEX has sustained its profitability and net cash flows from operating activities by focusing its business model on cashless transaction processing and the support of its Broker Network. Additionally, ITEX acquired a significant competitor, sold all of its corporate-owned offices, eliminated non-essential services, and paid off all long-term debt. ITEX continues to provide excellent support to its Brokers in the Marketplace as demonstrated by positive feedback it received in a Broker survey conducted in the third quarter of 2007. As of July 31, 2007, except for payables from routine operations, ITEX was free of debt, maintaining its profitability, increasing its stockholders' equity, and generating positive cash flows from operating activities. In the past four fiscal years, ITEX has grown its revenues by approximately 34% primarily by acquisitions. However, ITEX's biggest challenge is to organically grow its revenues. For over a year, ITEX has encouraged its Brokers to focus on two tasks: increase member registrations and increase cash fee generating transaction volume. At ITEX's annual convention in May 2006 and then again in May 2007, ITEX discussed how it could help Brokers free up their time so they could concentrate on these two major tasks. Since then, ITEX has implemented the following changes.

In the second quarter of 2007, to attract new franchisees ITEX upgraded and expanded the franchise portion of its website, [www.itex.com](http://www.itex.com). ITEX identified target markets, provided added detail about its company and business model, and allowed potential franchisees to calculate sample financial forecasts. Expanding its Broker Network by attracting new franchisees is one of its strategies to increase revenues.

During the second and third quarters of 2007, ITEX retained outside technology and marketing firms to work on separate projects as part of a multi-faceted strategy to approach its potential revenue growth from different angles. One strategy considers the success of attracting new members and retaining existing members by utilizing ITEX's substantial Marketplace business member base to negotiate group discounts and benefits from nationally-recognized businesses. A second strategy considers increasing cash-based transaction volume by targeting certain high demand business segments that existing members have requested to participate in ITEX's Marketplace. A third strategy is aligning with business associations to refer and endorse ITEX's Marketplace in return for a finder's fee.

In order to utilize the bargaining power of its Marketplace member businesses and their estimated 100 thousand employees, ITEX announced its Executive Privileges Program ("EPP") to its Brokers on March 30,

2007. Subsequently, ITEX added partnerships with nationally recognized businesses. ITEX's relationships differ from partner to partner and its primary focus is to provide added benefits to its Marketplace member businesses. ITEX anticipates that these benefits will assist Brokers in retaining existing members and attracting new members. Financially, ITEX earns a small fee on transactions with some partners while it pays a small fee on transactions with other partners. Overall, ITEX does not expect the EPP to have a material direct effect on its financial statements. Instead, ITEX anticipates that the program will have a long-term positive effect on its operations by expanding its Marketplace member base which should result in increased revenues.

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As part of ITEX's strategy to target certain high demand business segments, ITEX changed the look and feel of its website, www.itex.com. ITEX's new website has a more casual, community approach conveying to its members the variety of businesses that comprise the Marketplace and the benefits that come with their participation. To add to the community feel, ITEX expanded the member business profile section of its website to allow business owners to provide personal pictures and tell the Marketplace more about themselves. ITEX believes that seeing the photograph of a business owner and sharing selected personal information will differentiate them from other businesses, encouraging other member businesses to conduct transactions with them in the Marketplace. In the fourth quarter, ITEX further promoted the community feel in the Marketplace by adding other capabilities to the profile section of its website. ITEX anticipates the overall community feel will be more attractive to its 22 thousand member businesses.

Additionally, ITEX is developing specific microsites as auxiliary supplements to its main website. These microsites will target specific high demand business segments such as restaurants, hospitality and professional services. In conjunction with their release, ITEX intends to encourage its Brokers to focus their new member registration efforts on the businesses in their region fitting ITEX's targeted business segments. ITEX hopes that those businesses, previously unfamiliar with ITEX, will be attracted to the Marketplace as a result of viewing its microsites specifically tailored to their business segments and the unique needs they may have. As with the EPP, ITEX does not believe this strategy will have a direct impact on its financial statements but expects it will have the long-term benefit of expanding the Marketplace membership base, increasing transactions and, subsequently, revenues.

Subsequent to July 31, 2007, ITEX acquired certain assets of a commercial trade exchange network from Intagio (refer to "Overview" included in "ITEX Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations") including a membership list of approximately two thousand member businesses which increased ITEX's Marketplace to approximately 24 thousand member businesses. These new member businesses are located predominantly in six regions in the United States, four of which were previously not served by existing Brokers. After this acquisition, ITEX sold three of the new regions to two existing Brokers in two separate transactions. The remaining three new regions, Cleveland, Chicago and San Francisco will be corporate owned and managed by ITEX's own employees. ITEX intends to implement certain commission structures, test new ancillary charges and pursue other strategies in order to increase revenues in these regions. If successful in increasing revenues, ITEX intends to use the three corporate regions as a model for its Brokers.

## Revenue, Costs and Expenses

The following table summarizes ITEX's selected consolidated financial information for the years ended July 31, 2007 and 2006, with amounts expressed as a percentage of total revenues:

	Quarters Ended July 31,		2006		Years Ended July 31,		2006	
	2007		2006		2007		2006	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Revenue:								
Marketplace revenue	\$ 3,451	100%	\$ 3,506	100%	\$ 14,171	100%	\$ 14,646	100%
Costs and expenses:								
Cost of Marketplace revenue	2,337	68%	2,388	68%	9,660	68%	10,299	70%
Salaries, wages and employee benefits	350	10%	366	10%	1,448	10%	1,298	9%
Selling, general and administrative	427	12%	296	8%	1,257	9%	1,433	10%
	78	2%	70	2%	301	2%	275	2%

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Depreciation and amortization	3,192	92%	3,120	89%	12,666	89%	13,305	91%
Income from operations	259	8%	386	11%	1,505	11%	1,341	9%
Other income, net	44	1%	16	0%	156	1%	117	1%
Income before income taxes	303	9%	402	11%	1,661	12%	1,458	10%
Income tax benefit	(3,369)	-98%	(2,334)	-67%	(2,843)	-20%	(1,975)	-13%
Net income	\$ 3,672	106%	\$ 2,736	78%	\$ 4,504	32%	\$ 3,433	23%

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## Marketplace revenue

Marketplace revenue consists of transaction fees, association fees and other fees net of revenue adjustments. The following are the components of Marketplace revenue that are included in the consolidated statements of income:

	Fourth Quarter Ended July 31,			Year Ended July 31,				% of Total Revenue
	2007	% of Total Revenue	2006	2007	% of Total Revenue	2006		
Transaction fees	\$ 2,399	70%	\$ 2,494	71%	\$ 10,020	71%	\$ 10,570	72%
Association fees	1,005	29%	945	27%	3,960	28%	3,686	25%
Other marketplace fees	47	1%	67	2%	191	1%	390	3%
	\$ 3,451	100%	\$ 3,506	100%	\$ 14,171	100%	\$ 14,646	100%

Marketplace revenue decreased by \$55 or 2% for the fourth quarter ended July 31, 2007 compared to 2006 and decreased by \$475 or 3% for the year ended July 31, 2007 compared to 2006. ITEX attributes this decrease primarily to the consolidation of broker offices after the acquisition of BXI, the reduction of members who had accounts in both the ITEX and BXI marketplaces (“overlapping members”) and the sale of selected assets of one former franchise office. Since August 1, 2006, thirteen ITEX and former BXI offices consolidated. The number of overlapping members declined from 695 on August 1, 2006 to 159 on July 31, 2007. Overlapping members pay association fees and transaction fees on both their ITEX and former BXI account. Consolidation of an overlapping member’s accounts from two to one account resulted in the net loss of an account that ITEX previously had assessed association and transaction fees. Additionally, in the first quarter of 2007, ITEX sold selected assets of a former broker office. This office generated \$35 and \$170 in the fourth quarter of 2006 and the year ended July 31, 2006, respectively. In 2007, this office generated \$22 in the first quarter and \$0 in the remainder of 2007. ITEX’s plans to increase revenue during 2007 are discussed in the previous section under “Condensed Results.”

## Cost of Marketplace revenue

Cost of Marketplace revenue consists of commissions paid to Brokers and expenses directly attributable to Brokers and the Marketplace. The following are the components of cost of Marketplace revenue that are included in the consolidated statements of income:

	Fourth Quarter Ended July 31,			Year Ended July 31,				% of Total Revenue
	2007	% of Total Revenue	2006	2007	% of Total Revenue	2006		
Transaction fee commissions	\$ 1,832	53%	\$ 1,868	53%	\$ 7,579	53%	\$ 8,068	55%
Association fee commissions	424	12%	467	13%	1,688	12%	2,018	14%
Other Marketplace expenses	81	2%	53	2%	393	3%	213	1%
	\$ 2,337	68%	\$ 2,388	68%	\$ 9,660	68%	\$ 10,299	70%

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Cost of Marketplace revenue decreased by \$51 or 2% to \$2,337 from \$2,388 for the fourth quarter of 2007 and 2006, respectively and decreased by \$639 or 6% to \$9,660 from \$10,299 for the year ended July 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. These decreases primarily relate to conversions of former BXI brokers to lower ITEX association fee commission structures.

The following shows the commissions separately as a percent of their related revenue:

	Fourth Quarter Ended July 31,		% of		Year Ended July 31,		% of	
	2007	% of Related Revenue	2006	% of Related Revenue	2007	% of Related Revenue	2006	% of Related Revenue
Transaction fee commissions	\$ 1,832	76%	\$ 1,868	75%	\$ 7,579	76%	\$ 8,068	76%
Association fee commissions	424	42%	467	49%	1,688	43%	2,018	55%

## Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits

Salaries, wages and employee benefits include expenses for employee salaries and wages, payroll taxes, 401(k), payroll related insurance, medical and dental benefits, temporary services and other personnel related items. Comparative results are as follows:

	Fourth Quarter Ended July 31,		% of		Year Ended July 31,		% of	
	2007	% of Total Revenue	2006	% of Total Revenue	2007	% of Total Revenue	2006	% of Total Revenue
Salaries, wages and employee benefits	\$ 350	10%	\$ 366	10%	\$ 1,448	10%	\$ 1,298	9%

Salaries, wages and employee benefits for the fourth quarter of 2007 decreased by \$16 or 4% to \$350 from \$366 as compared with the same quarter in 2006. This decrease was primarily due to a reduction of \$22 in outside temporary services. In the fourth quarter of 2006, ITEX had a temporary employee covering for a full time employee who was on maternity leave.

Salaries, wages and employee benefits for 2007 increased by \$150 or 12% to \$1,448 from \$1,298 as compared with 2006. This increase was primarily due to an increase of \$93 in stock based compensation as a result of stock grants to key employees. Additionally, salaries and wages increased by \$51 due to certain promotions and general cost of living adjustments.

## Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses include consulting, legal and professional services, as well as expenses for rent and utilities, marketing, insurance, bad debts, sales tax and other taxes, and other costs. Comparative results are as follows:

	Fourth Quarter Ended July 31,		% of		Year Ended July 31,		% of	
	2007	% of Total Revenue	2006	% of Total Revenue	2007	% of Total Revenue	2006	% of Total Revenue

Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$	427	12%	\$	296	8%	\$	1,257	9%	\$	1,433	10%
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Selling, general and administrative increased by \$131 or 44% to \$427 from \$296 for the fourth quarter of 2007 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2006. This increase was primarily due to a \$103 increase in legal expenses related to certain pending litigation. Additionally, ITEX increased outside services by \$41 to support various revenue generating efforts.

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Selling, general and administrative decreased by \$176 or 12% to \$1,257 from \$1,433 for 2007 as compared to 2006. Primary contributors to this decrease include: \$120 for bad debts expense, \$113 for discretionary Broker related expenses and \$73 for professional services. These decreases were partially offset by an increase of \$99 for legal expenses, \$60 for outside services and \$49 for rent and utilities in ITEX's new executive office space.

## Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expenses include depreciation on ITEX's fixed assets and amortization of its membership list. Comparative results are as follows:

	Fourth Quarter Ended July 31,			Year Ended July 31,			
	2007	% of Total Revenue	2006	2007	% of Total Revenue	2006	% of Total Revenue
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 78	2%	\$ 70	\$ 301	2%	\$ 275	2%

Depreciation and amortization increased by \$8 or 11% to \$78 from \$70 for the fourth quarter of 2007 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2006. Amortization of ITEX's membership list was \$62 for the fourth quarter of both 2007 and 2006. The increase was due to added depreciation on fixed assets purchased during 2007.

Depreciation and amortization increased by \$26 or 9% to \$301 from \$275 for 2007 as compared to 2006. Amortization of ITEX's membership list was \$249 in 2007 and 2006. The increase was due to added depreciation on fixed assets purchased during 2007.

## Other Income

Other income includes interest received on notes receivable and promissory notes, certain one-time gains and offsetting interest expense on notes payable, primarily ITEX's \$1.3 million promissory note from U.S. Bank obtained on July 29, 2005. Comparative results are as follows:

	Fourth Quarter Ended July 31,		Year Ended July 31,				
	2007	% of Total Revenue	2006	2007	% of Total Revenue	2006	% of Total Revenue
Other Income	\$ 44	1%	\$ 16	\$ 156	1%	\$ 117	1%

Other income for the fourth quarter of 2007 increased by \$28 or 175% to \$44 as compared to \$16 for the same quarter in 2006. The increase is partly caused by a \$10 gain on a sale of an investment with a book value of \$0. Also, the fourth quarter of 2006 included interest expense of \$18 as compared with \$0 in the fourth quarter of 2007.

Other income for 2007 increased by \$39 or 33% to \$156 as compared to \$117 for the same period in 2006. The increase is primarily caused by a net interest increase of \$60 offset by net decreases of \$30 on various one-time non-operational transactions.

## Recoverability of Deferred Tax Assets

Deferred tax assets on ITEX's balance sheet primarily include Federal and State net operating loss carryforwards (collectively "NOLs") which are expected to result in future tax benefits. Realization of these NOLs assumes that ITEX will be able to generate sufficient future taxable income to realize these assets. Deferred tax assets also include

temporary differences between the financial reporting basis and the income tax basis of ITEX's assets and liabilities at enacted tax rates expected to be in effect when such assets or liabilities are realized or settled. In 2007 and 2006, respectively, ITEX utilized \$2,262 and \$1,436 of its available NOLs. As of July 31, 2007, ITEX has approximately \$19,362 of NOLs available to offset future taxable income.

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ITEX periodically assesses the realizability of its available NOLs to determine whether it believes it will generate enough future taxable income to utilize some portion or all of the available NOLs. During the fourth quarter ended July 31, 2007, ITEX performed an assessment of its available NOLs because of an additional year of increased profitability and its anticipated purchase of an additional membership list which was completed subsequent to July 31, 2007 on August 1, 2007. In that assessment, ITEX concluded that it was more likely than not that additional NOLs would result in realizable deferred tax assets. Accordingly, ITEX removed its valuation allowance on available NOLs and increased deferred tax assets by \$3,499 to \$7,349 as of July 31, 2007. As of July 31, 2007, ITEX has no valuation allowance on available Federal NOLs.

ITEX acquired BXI by merging BXI into ITEX's wholly-owned subsidiary, BXI Acquisition Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation. The transaction was structured as a taxable reverse triangular merger, a merger treated for tax purposes as a taxable stock purchase. The tax impact on ITEX as of the date of acquisition includes the limited use (annual limit of approximately \$172) of BXI's NOLs of approximately \$2,163 and tax deductible goodwill of \$2,594 with annual tax basis amortization of \$275, subject to restrictions imposed by applicable tax law. For ITEX's current estimate of the deferred tax benefits to be utilized in future periods beyond 2007 attributable to the utilization of this NOL, refer to Note 10, "Income Taxes" included in ITEX's "Notes to Audited Consolidated Financial Statements."

## FINANCIAL CONDITION; LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES (in thousands)

January 31, 2008

ITEX presents its Consolidated Balance Sheets and Statements of Cash Flows in United States dollars and excludes any ITEX dollar activity. Its total assets were \$15,879 and \$14,304 at January 31, 2008 and July 31, 2007, respectively, representing an increase of \$1,575 or 11%. This increase resulted primarily from an increase of \$1,353 in goodwill, \$1,090 in intangible assets, and \$313 in notes receivable from corporate office sales resulting from the acquisition of Intagio assets, net of subsequent sales. These increases were substantially offset by a decrease of \$662 in cash and cash equivalents because ITEX used \$2,000 as partial payment to Intagio in the Intagio acquisition, and a decrease of \$290 in accounts receivable.

Accounts receivable balances, net of allowances of \$644 and \$265, were \$823 and \$1,113 as of January 31, 2008 and July 31, 2007, respectively. Comparative results are as follows:

	January 31, 2008 (Unaudited)	% of Gross Accounts Receivable	July 31, 2007	% of Gross Accounts Receivable
Gross accounts receivable	\$ 1,467	100%	\$ 1,378	100%
Less: allowance	644	44%	265	19%
Net accounts receivable	\$ 823	56%	\$ 1,113	81%

Gross accounts receivable increased by \$89 or 6% due primarily to the acquired Intagio assets while net accounts receivable decreased by \$290 or 26% because of an increase in the accounts receivable allowance of \$379. As of January 31, 2008, ITEX's accounts receivable balances were older as compared with the balances at July 31, 2007. ITEX attributes this primarily to extending the time allowed to collect receivables from former Intagio members, who were delinquent in paying cash fees owed prior to ITEX's acquisition, before ITEX writes them off. ITEX expects to write-off most of the delinquent receivables in the third quarter of 2008.

ITEX's total current liabilities were \$2,810 and \$1,955 at January 31, 2008 and July 31, 2007, respectively, representing an increase of \$855 or 44%. The increase is due primarily to the current portion of a new note payable of \$568 to Intagio as part of the Intagio asset acquisition.



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ITEX's stockholders' equity increased \$424 or 3% to \$12,754 at January 31, 2008, compared to \$12,330 at July 31, 2007. For more than four years, its stockholders' equity has increased each and every quarter. On average, its stockholders' equity over this period has increased 20% per quarter. On average, ITEX's market capitalization over this same period has increased 10% per quarter.

ITEX's principal sources of liquidity are its cash flows from operations and cash and cash equivalents. Its cash flows from operations were \$1,018 and \$1,785 for the three and six month periods ended January 31, 2008. Its cash and cash equivalent balance as of January 31, 2008 totaled \$1,091. Additionally, ITEX has a revolving credit agreement to establish a \$1,000 line of credit facility from its primary banking institution, US Bank ("line of credit"). ITEX has no outstanding balance on its line of credit as of January 31, 2008. ITEX's cash and cash equivalent balances, outstanding balances on its line of credit, and working capital balances for recent periods are as follows:

	January 31, 2008 (unaudited)	October 31, 2007	July 31, 2007	January 31, 2007
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,018	\$ 254	\$ 1,753	\$ 1,045
Outstanding balance on ITEX's line of credit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Working capital	\$ 232	\$ (332)	\$ 1,981	\$ 912

On August 1, 2007, ITEX acquired from The Intagio Group, Inc. certain assets of a commercial trade exchange network including a membership list of approximately two thousand member businesses. ITEX used \$2,000 of its cash and cash equivalents as part of the acquisition price.

Changes in cash and cash equivalents for the three and six month periods ended January 31, 2008 and 2007 were as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended January 31, 2008 (unaudited)		Six Months Ended January 31, 2008 (unaudited)	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Cash provided by operating activities	\$ 1,018	\$ 423	\$ 1,785	\$ 1,367
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(45)	(42)	(2,017)	409
Cash used by financing activities	(136)	(296)	(430)	(1,045)
Increase (decrease) in cash	\$ 837	\$ 85	\$ (662)	\$ 731

ITEX has financed its ongoing operations over the last several years primarily with cash provided by its operating activities.

ITEX's business model has proven to be successful in generating free cash flow from operating activities. This positive cash flow enabled it, in large part, to complete the acquisition of the Intagio assets. ITEX feels that its cash flows from operating activities will remain adequate to fund ongoing operating requirements including repayment of debt incurred in the Intagio acquisition.

As part of ITEX's contemplated future expansion activities it may continue to seek to acquire certain competitors or companies that have a subscription and/or transaction-based business-to-business model. While ITEX is able to generate cash from its operating activities, it does not expect that it would be adequate for the types of acquisitions it would consider. If ITEX does pursue an appropriate acquisition, it may seek to finance a portion of the acquisition cost.



Inflation has not had a significant impact on ITEX's business. Inflation affecting the U.S. dollar is not expected to have a material effect on ITEX's operations in the foreseeable future.

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## Operating Activities

ITEX presents its Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows using the indirect method as outlined and permitted by SFAS No. 95, Statement of Cash Flows. Under this method, ITEX calculates cash provided by operations net of scheduled commission payments and payments for operating expenses, the timing of which is discretionary. For the quarter ended January 31, 2008, ITEX's operating activities provided \$1,018 compared to \$423 provided from the same quarter in the prior year, an increase of \$595 or 141%. For the six month period ended January 31, 2008, its operating activities provided \$1,785 compared to \$1,367 provided from the same period in the prior year, an increase of \$418 or 31%. The total cash ITEX received exclusively from its members, net only of credit card returns, electronic fund transfer returns, and return checks is as follows:

	Three Months Ended January 31,				Six Months Ended January 31,			
	2008	% of Total Cash (unaudited)	2007	% of Total Cash	2008	% of Total Cash (unaudited)	2007	% of Total Cash
Credit cards, net	\$ 2,310	57%	\$ 1,899	51%	\$ 4,929	61%	\$ 4,245	56%
Electronic fund transfers, net	1,233	30%	1,288	34%	2,149	26%	2,238	30%
Checks and cash, net	550	13%	554	15%	1,056	13%	1,077	14%
Cash received from Marketplace members, net	\$ 4,093	100%	\$ 3,741	100%	\$ 8,134	100%	\$ 7,560	100%

Cash received from Marketplace members, net, increased by \$352 or 9.4% in the quarter ended January 31, 2008 as compared to the same quarter in the prior year. Cash received from Marketplace members, net, increased by \$573 or 7.6% in the six month period ended January 31, 2008 as compared to the same period in the prior year. In both the quarter and