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**GENERAL MOTORS EARNS \$1.5 BILLION OR \$2.63 PER SHARE IN  
SECOND QUARTER, EXCLUDING SPECIAL ITEMS AND HUGHES**

**REPORTED NET INCOME TOTALS \$1.3 BILLION OR \$2.43 PER SHARE**

**AUTOMOTIVE OPERATIONS GENERATE \$3.5 BILLION IN CASH**

**U.S. MARKET SHARE RISES TO 28.1 PERCENT**

**DETROIT** General Motors Corp. (NYSE: GM, GMH) today reported earnings nearly doubled in the second quarter of 2002 compared with the prior-year period, reflecting improved retail sales performance, increased production in North America, and a continued focus on cost reduction.

GM earned \$1.5 billion, or \$2.63 per diluted share of GM \$1-2/3 par value common stock, in the second quarter of 2002, excluding Hughes and an after-tax charge of \$55 million, or \$0.10 per share, for costs associated with end-of-life vehicle recycling in Europe (see Highlights). That compares with \$766 million, or \$1.37 per share, in the year-ago period, excluding Hughes and a charge of \$133 million, or \$0.23 per share, related to the write-down of Isuzu Motors Ltd. Revenue in the second quarter of 2002 increased to \$46.0 billion from \$44.2 billion in the same period last year.

Including Hughes and the end-of-life vehicle charge, GM's second-quarter-2002 net income totaled \$1.3 billion, or \$2.43 per share, on revenue of \$48.3 billion. That compares with net income of \$477 million, or \$1.03 per share, including Hughes and the Isuzu write-down. Revenue in the second quarter of 2001 totaled \$46.2 billion.

GM financial results described throughout the remainder of this release exclude special items unless otherwise noted (see Highlights).

We are pleased by the strong performance of GM's North American operations in the second-quarter and the solid results at GMAC, said GM Chairman Jack Smith. We are determined to maintain our momentum in the second half of the year.

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The second-quarter results show that our strategy of bringing out great products, being aggressive in the marketplace, and intensely focusing on reducing costs and improving quality is working, said GM President and Chief Executive Officer Rick Wagoner. Because of our improved cost base, we are able to be competitive with our pricing and improve our financial performance at the same time.

GM's automotive operations generated \$3.5 billion of cash flow during the quarter, allowing us to improve net liquidity even as we took additional steps to strengthen the balance sheet, Wagoner added.

GM's net liquidity position improved by \$300 million during the quarter to \$2.6 billion even after taking into account cash contributions of \$3.2 billion during the quarter to fund pensions and other post-retirement benefits. GM previously announced a \$2.2 billion cash contribution to its U.S. hourly pension plan in April. In June, GM made a \$1 billion cash contribution to the long-term Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association (VEBA) Trust.

Cash, marketable securities, and assets of the VEBA trust invested in short-term fixed-income securities, excluding Hughes, increased to \$17.6 billion at June 30, 2002, from \$17.3 billion at March 31, 2002. Debt, excluding Hughes, remained unchanged at \$15.0 billion at the end of the second quarter of 2002.

Earlier this year, GM set a goal of raising \$10 billion in cash in 2002. As of June 30, 2002, GM has nearly achieved this annual objective by generating \$4.8 billion in cash from automotive operations and by executing \$4.6 billion in retail and convertible debt offerings.

**GM AUTOMOTIVE OPERATIONS**

GM's global automotive operations earned \$1.1 billion in the second quarter of 2002, compared with \$410 million in the prior-year period. Global production increased nearly 7 percent in the second quarter, compared with the same period in 2001. Strong performance in North America was partially offset by losses in Europe and Latin America.

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Income at GM North America (GMNA) more than doubled in the second quarter of 2002 to more than \$1.2 billion from \$521 million in the year-ago period. Production volume increased nearly 14 percent.

GM's overall U.S. market share increased to 28.1 percent in the second quarter of 2002, driven by gains in both passenger cars and trucks. That compares with 27.3 percent in the year-ago period. GM's quality of share continued to improve in the second quarter of 2002 with retail share rising to 27.4 percent from 26.7 percent in the year-ago quarter. Trucks as a percentage of total sales increased to 54 percent in the second quarter, up from 52.2 percent in the same period last year.

Wagoner attributed the market share gains to the successful introduction of new products such as the Cadillac CTS, Chevrolet TrailBlazer, GMC Envoy, Saturn VUE, and the Pontiac Vibe, as well as continued strong performance of GM's full-sized trucks and sport utility vehicles.

We continue to introduce a steady stream of new products, which are key to our success in the marketplace, Wagoner said. Right now, extended versions of our popular Chevy TrailBlazer and GMC Envoy are on their way to dealers, along with the all-new HUMMER H2.

Other key products on their way to showrooms later this year and in 2003 include the Saturn ION sedan and coupe, the Chevy SSR, all-new versions of the Saab 9-3 convertible, the Pontiac Grand Prix, the Chevy Malibu, the Cadillac XLR luxury high-performance roadster, the Cadillac SRX crossover vehicle, the Buick Rainier sport utility vehicle, the Opel Vectra Wagon, and new Meriva monocab in Europe and Brazil. In addition, there are enhanced versions of the Chevrolet Cavalier and Pontiac Sunfire, the Saturn L series, and restyled full-size Chevy and GMC pickup and utility models.

In addition to the momentum generated by these new products, GM continues to make important strides in quality and efficiency. In the just-released J.D. Power and Associates 2002 initial quality survey, GM was the best performing domestic automaker, becoming the first U.S.-based manufacturer ever to achieve a top-three ranking.

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GM was also recognized during the quarter for substantial improvements in productivity. According to an independent study by Harbour and Associates, GM outpaced all manufacturers with an overall productivity improvement of 4.5 percent in 2001. GM's Oshawa 1 car plant in Ontario, Canada, was rated the most efficient assembly plant in North America, the first time a GM plant has earned that distinction, and GM plants led in six of 13 assembly plant segments.

Our continued progress in quality and productivity shows our commitment to ongoing improvement in the fundamentals of our business, Wagoner said.

GM Europe (GME) reported a smaller loss in the second quarter of 2002 than the year-ago period, as the continued reduction in structural costs helped to partially offset a nearly 7-percent decline in production volume. GME had a loss of \$115 million in the second quarter of 2002, versus a loss of \$154 million in the prior-year period.

GM Europe's restructuring plan, Project Olympia, is showing results although the European market continues to weaken, Wagoner said. We are moving aggressively to cut costs and better manage capacity utilization. Our joint ventures with Fiat Auto have produced meaningful savings, especially in material costs.

GM Asia-Pacific reported a profit of \$39 million in the second quarter of 2002 compared with a profit of \$12 million a year ago, led by a strong performance from Shanghai GM. GM Latin America/Africa/Mid-East (GMLAAM) reported a loss of \$73 million in the second quarter of 2002 compared with a profit of \$31 million a year ago. Results were negatively affected by unfavorable economic conditions in Brazil, Venezuela and Argentina.

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**GMAC**

General Motors Acceptance Corporation (GMAC) earned \$431 million in the second quarter of 2002, down slightly from the record second-quarter earnings of \$449 million of a year ago. Income from Financing Operations was down slightly as higher credit losses and unfavorable borrowing spreads offset the positive effect of higher retail asset levels. Insurance Operations also reported lower earnings as the absence of capital gains more than offset continued improvements in underwriting results. Earnings from Mortgage Operations were higher, reflecting increased origination volumes in both the residential and commercial mortgage sectors. Overall, GMAC remains on track to achieve near-record earnings in 2002.

**HUGHES**

Hughes lost \$156 million in the second quarter of 2002, unchanged from the loss of \$156 million in the prior-year quarter. Revenue rose 11 percent to \$2.2 billion in the second quarter of 2002 from \$2.0 billion in the year-ago quarter, led by the growing subscriber base of DirecTV. Total DirecTV subscriptions increased approximately 202,000 from the first quarter of 2002 to 10.7 million. Regarding GM's plan to split off Hughes and merge the company with EchoStar Communications Corp., GM recently received a favorable private-letter ruling from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service confirming the transaction would be tax-free to GM and its stockholders for U.S. federal income-tax purposes.

Regulatory reviews with the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Communications Commission are progressing and GM expects to complete the transaction before the end of the year.

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

General Motors expects total U.S. industry vehicle sales for 2002 will be in the mid-to-high 16 million unit range. For 2003, GM expects total U.S. industry sales about the same as 2002, in line with trend volume. GM's forecast for North American production remains unchanged at about 1,245,000 vehicles in the third quarter of 2002 and more than 5.5 million vehicles in calendar year 2002.

General Motors is currently reviewing the appropriate carrying value of its investment in Fiat Auto Holdings, B.V. (FAH). FAH is the sole shareholder of Fiat Auto, S.p.A. GM acquired 20 percent of the common stock of FAH in July 2000 for \$2.4 billion. Following the acquisition, the European automotive market has experienced a continued decrease in sales volume and manufacturers have experienced increased pricing and general competitive pressures. Those market conditions and other factors have led to deterioration in the performance of Fiat Auto S.p.A. GM now believes that it is probable a significant write-down of its investment in FAH will be required in the third quarter of 2002, upon completion of the review.

For the third quarter of 2002, GM estimates its earnings, excluding Hughes and any special items, will be approximately \$0.90 per share, reflecting solid results in North America, partially offset by continued losses in Europe and Latin America.

GM continues to expect calendar-year-2002 earnings will be \$6.00 per share, excluding special items and Hughes. Including Hughes, but excluding special items, GM expects to earn about \$0.80 per share in the third quarter of 2002 and \$5.60 per share for the calendar year.

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*In connection with the proposed transactions, General Motors Corporation ( GM ), HEC Holdings, Inc. ( Hughes Holdings ) and EchoStar Communications Corporation ( EchoStar ) have filed amended preliminary materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ), including a Registration Statement of Hughes Holdings on Form S-4 that contains a consent solicitation statement/information statement/prospectus. These materials are not yet final and will be further amended. Holders of GM \$1-2/3 and GM Class H common stock are urged to read the definitive versions of these materials, as well as any other relevant documents filed or that will be filed with the SEC, as they become available, because these documents contain or will contain important information. The preliminary materials, the definitive versions of these materials and other relevant materials (when they become available), and any other documents filed by GM, Hughes Electronics Corporation ( Hughes ), Hughes Holdings or EchoStar with the SEC may be obtained for free at the SEC's website, www.sec.gov, and GM stockholders will receive information at an appropriate time on how to obtain transaction-related documents for free from GM.*

*GM and its directors and executive officers, Hughes and certain of its officers, and EchoStar and certain of its executive officers may be deemed to be participants in GM's solicitation of consents from the holders of GM \$1-2/3 common stock and GM Class H common stock in connection with the proposed transactions. Information regarding the participants and their interests in the solicitation was filed pursuant to Rule 425 with the SEC by EchoStar on November 1, 2001 and by each of GM and Hughes on November 16, 2001. Investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of the participants by reading the amended preliminary consent solicitation statement/information statement/prospectus filed with the SEC and the definitive consent solicitation statement/information statement/prospectus when it becomes available.*

*This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.*

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**General Motors Corporation**  
**List of Special Items After Tax**  
*(dollars in millions except per share amounts)*

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2002		Year to Date June 30, 2002	
	Net Income	EPS	Net Income	EPS
<b>Reported</b>	<b>\$ 1,292</b>	<b>\$ 2.43</b>	<b>\$ 1,520</b>	<b>\$ 3.02</b>
GME End of Life				
Vehicle Charge (A)	55	0.10	55	0.10
GME Restructuring Charge (B)			407	0.72
Hughes Space Shuttle				
Settlement (C)			(59)	(0.04)
Hughes GECC Contractual				
Dispute (D)			51	0.03
Hughes Loan Guarantee				
Charge (E)			18	0.01
<b>Adjusted</b>	<b>\$ 1,347</b>	<b>\$ 2.53</b>	<b>\$ 1,992</b>	<b>\$ 3.84</b>

- (A) During September 2000, the European Union adopted a directive requiring member states to enact legislation regarding end-of-life vehicles and the responsibility of manufacturers for dismantling and recycling vehicles they have sold. European Union member states were required to transform the concepts detailed in the directive into national law by April 2002. Under the directive, manufacturers are financially responsible for at least a portion of the cost of the take-back of vehicles placed into service after July 2002 and all vehicles placed in service prior to July 2002 that are still in operation in January 2007. The laws to be developed in the individual country legislatures throughout Europe will have a significant impact on the amount ultimately paid by the manufacturers. The after-tax charge of \$55 million relates to those member states that have passed national laws by June 30, 2002.
- (B) The GME Restructuring Charge relates to the previously announced restructuring to improve the competitiveness of GM's automotive operations in Europe.
- (C) The Space Shuttle Settlement relates to the favorable resolution of a lawsuit that was filed against the U.S. government on March 22, 1991, based upon the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) breach of contract to launch ten satellites on the Space Shuttle.
- (D) The GECC Contractual Dispute relates to an expected loss associated with a contractual dispute with General Electric Capital Corporation.
- (E) The Loan Guarantee Charge relates to a loan guarantee for a Hughes Network Systems affiliate in India.

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**General Motors Corporation**  
**List of Special Items After Tax**  
*(dollars in millions except per share amounts)*

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2001		Year to Date June 30, 2001	
	Net Income	EPS	Net Income	EPS
<b>Reported</b>	<b>\$ 477</b>	<b>\$ 1.03</b>	<b>\$ 714</b>	<b>\$ 1.56</b>
Adoption of SFAS 133 (F)			(12)	(0.03)
Isuzu Restructuring (G)	133	0.23	133	0.24
<b>Adjusted</b>	<b>\$ 610</b>	<b>\$ 1.26</b>	<b>\$ 835</b>	<b>\$ 1.77</b>

- (F) The SFAS 133 adjustment represents the net income impact from initially adopting SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivatives and Hedging Activities as follows (*\$Millions*): GMNA \$(14); GME \$2; GMLAAM \$(1); GMAP \$(1); Hughes \$(8); and GMAC \$34.
- (G) The Isuzu restructuring charge includes General Motors' portion of severance payments and asset impairments that were part of the second quarter restructuring of its affiliate Isuzu Motors Ltd.

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**General Motors Corporation**  
**Adjusted Corporate Financial Results**

	Second Quarter		Year to Date	
	2002 (1)	2001(1)	2002 (1)	2001(1)
<b>Total net sales and revenues</b> (\$Mil s) (2)	<b>\$ 48,265</b>	<b>\$ 46,220</b>	<b>\$ 94,558</b>	<b>\$ 88,843</b>
Excluding Hughes	\$ 46,024	\$ 44,217	\$ 90,276	\$ 84,923
<b>Consolidated net income</b> (\$Mil s)	<b>\$ 1,347</b>	<b>\$ 610</b>	<b>\$ 1,992</b>	<b>\$ 835</b>
Excluding Hughes	\$ 1,503	\$ 766	\$ 2,294	\$ 1,087
<b>Net margin from consolidated net income</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Excluding Hughes	3.3%	1.7%	2.5%	1.3%
<b>GM \$1-2/3 par value earnings per share</b>				
Basic EPS	\$ 2.58	\$ 1.29	\$ 3.90	\$ 1.80
Diluted EPS	\$ 2.53	\$ 1.26	\$ 3.84	\$ 1.77
Diluted EPS excluding Hughes	\$ 2.63	\$ 1.37	\$ 4.04	\$ 1.94
<b>GM Class H earnings per share</b>				
Basic EPS	\$ (0.14)	\$ (0.14)	\$ (0.27)	\$ (0.23)
Diluted EPS	\$ (0.14)	\$ (0.14)	\$ (0.27)	\$ (0.23)
<b>Earnings attributable to GM \$1-2/3 par value</b> (\$Mil s)				
Consolidated net income	\$ 1,347	\$ 610	\$ 1,992	\$ 835
Preferred dividends	(23)	(23)	(47)	(51)
Losses attributable to GM Class H	120	120	235	201
<b>Total earnings attributable to GM \$1-2/3 par value</b>	<b>\$ 1,444</b>	<b>\$ 707</b>	<b>\$ 2,180</b>	<b>\$ 985</b>
<b>GM \$1-2/3 par value average shares outstanding</b> (Mil s)				
Basic shares	560	549	560	549
Diluted shares	572	559	568	559
<b>Cash dividends per share of common stocks</b>				
GM \$1-2/3 par value	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
GM Class H				
<b>Book value per share of common stocks at June 30</b>				
GM \$1-2/3 par value	\$ 27.48	\$ 38.85		
GM Class H	\$ 5.50	\$ 7.77		
<b>Total cash at June 30</b>				
Excluding Hughes (\$Bil s) (3)	\$ 17.6	\$ 11.1		
<b>Automotive, Communications Services, and Other Operations</b> (\$Mil s)				
Depreciation	\$ 1,140	\$ 1,137	\$ 2,185	\$ 2,168
Amortization of special tools	622	573	1,214	1,138
Amortization of intangible assets	3	85	12	158
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,765</b>	<b>\$ 1,795</b>	<b>\$ 3,411</b>	<b>\$ 3,464</b>

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**General Motors Corporation**  
**Adjusted Segment Financial Results**

	Second Quarter		Year to Date	
	2002 (1)	2001(1)	2002 (1)	2001(1)
<i>(dollars in millions)</i>				
<b>Total net sales and revenues</b>				
GMNA	\$ 30,208	\$ 28,117	\$ 59,225	\$ 53,223
GME	6,001	6,231	11,585	12,499
GMLAAM	1,306	1,739	2,607	3,134
GMAP	1,129	1,128	2,186	2,138
	<u>38,644</u>	<u>37,215</u>	<u>75,603</u>	<u>70,994</u>
Total GMA	38,644	37,215	75,603	70,994
Hughes	2,241	2,003	4,282	3,920
Other	833	513	1,635	981
	<u>41,718</u>	<u>39,731</u>	<u>81,520</u>	<u>75,895</u>
<b>Total ACO</b>	<b>41,718</b>	<b>39,731</b>	<b>81,520</b>	<b>75,895</b>
GMAC	6,525	6,422	12,928	12,799
Other Financing	22	67	110	149
	<u>6,547</u>	<u>6,489</u>	<u>13,038</u>	<u>12,948</u>
<b>Total FIO</b>	<b>6,547</b>	<b>6,489</b>	<b>13,038</b>	<b>12,948</b>
	<u>48,265</u>	<u>46,220</u>	<u>94,558</u>	<u>88,843</u>
<b>Consolidated net sales and revenues</b>	<b>\$ 48,265</b>	<b>\$ 46,220</b>	<b>\$ 94,558</b>	<b>\$ 88,843</b>
<b>Pre-tax income (loss)</b>				
GMNA	\$ 1,735	\$ 666	\$ 2,626	\$ 882
GME	(159)	(194)	(316)	(347)
GMLAAM	(97)	74	(138)	82
GMAP	(31)	35	(44)	35
	<u>1,448</u>	<u>581</u>	<u>2,128</u>	<u>652</u>
Total GMA	1,448	581	2,128	652
Hughes (4)	(230)	(248)	(444)	(400)
Other	(42)	(113)	(230)	(259)
	<u>1,176</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>1,454</u>	<u>(7)</u>
<b>Total ACO</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>(7)</b>
GMAC	698	714	1,434	1,432
Other Financing	(8)	(9)	(10)	(23)
	<u>690</u>	<u>705</u>	<u>1,424</u>	<u>1,409</u>
<b>Total FIO</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>1,424</b>	<b>1,409</b>
	<u>1,866</u>	<u>925</u>	<u>2,878</u>	<u>1,402</u>
<b>Consolidated pre-tax income</b>	<b>\$ 1,866</b>	<b>\$ 925</b>	<b>\$ 2,878</b>	<b>\$ 1,402</b>
<b>Net income (loss)</b>				
GMNA	\$ 1,248	\$ 521	\$ 1,873	\$ 641
GME	(115)	(154)	(240)	(240)
GMLAAM	(73)	31	(113)	37
GMAP	39	12	46	(8)
	<u>1,248</u>	<u>521</u>	<u>1,873</u>	<u>641</u>

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Total GMA	1,099	410	1,566	430
Hughes (4)(5)	(156)	(156)	(302)	(252)
Other	(28)	(82)	(141)	(201)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Total ACO</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>(23)</b>
GMAC	431	449	870	880
Other Financing	1	(11)	(1)	(22)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Total FIO</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>858</b>
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<b>Consolidated net income</b>	<b>\$ 1,347</b>	<b>\$ 610</b>	<b>\$ 1,992</b>	<b>\$ 835</b>
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**Supplementary Adjusted Segment Financial Results**

	Second Quarter		Year to Date	
	2002 (1)	2001(1)	2002 (1)	2001(1)
<i>(dollars in millions)</i>				
<b>Income tax expense (benefit)</b>				
GMNA	\$ 501	\$ 143	\$ 755	\$ 208
GME	(21)	(36)	(47)	(100)
GMLAAM	(31)	27	(32)	29
GMAP	(9)	21	(9)	19
<b>Total GMA</b>	<b>\$ 440</b>	<b>\$ 155</b>	<b>\$ 667</b>	<b>\$ 156</b>
<b>Equity income (loss) and minority interests</b>				
GMNA	\$ 14	\$ (2)	\$ 2	\$ (33)
GME	23	4	29	7
GMLAAM	(7)	(16)	(7)	(16)
GMAP	61	(2)	81	(24)
<b>Total GMA</b>	<b>\$ 91</b>	<b>\$ (16)</b>	<b>\$ 105</b>	<b>\$ (66)</b>
<b>Effective income tax rate</b>				
GMNA	28.9%	21.5%	28.8%	23.6%
GME	13.2%	18.6%	14.9%	28.8%
GMLAAM	32.0%	36.5%	23.2%	35.4%
GMAP	29.0%	60.0%	20.5%	54.3%
Total ACO	29.0%	31.0%	29.0%	
<b>Net margins</b>				
GMNA	4.1%	1.9%	3.2%	1.2%
GME	(1.9%)	(2.5%)	(2.1%)	(1.9%)
GMLAAM	(5.6%)	1.8%	(4.3%)	1.2%
GMAP	3.5%	1.1%	2.1%	(0.4%)
Total GMA	2.8%	1.1%	2.1%	0.6%
Hughes	(7.0%)	(7.8%)	(7.1%)	(6.4%)
Total ACO	2.2%	0.4%	1.4%	(0.0%)
GMAC	6.6%	7.0%	6.7%	6.9%
Consolidated net income	2.8%	1.3%	2.1%	0.9%

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**General Motors Corporation**  
**Operating Statistics**

	Second Quarter		Year to Date	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
<i>(units in thousands)</i>				
<b>Worldwide Wholesale Sales</b>				
United States Cars	574	550	1,073	1,059
United States Trucks	750	647	1,417	1,218
<b>Total United States</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>1,197</b>	<b>2,490</b>	<b>2,277</b>
Canada, Mexico, and Other	233	186	429	336
<b>Total GMNA</b>	<b>1,557</b>	<b>1,383</b>	<b>2,919</b>	<b>2,613</b>
GME	437	495	861	963
GMLAAM	159	187	314	346
GMAP	86	100	194	239
<b>Total Worldwide</b>	<b>2,239</b>	<b>2,165</b>	<b>4,288</b>	<b>4,161</b>
<b>Vehicle Unit Deliveries</b>				
Chevrolet Cars	213	227	399	459
Chevrolet Trucks	481	466	945	888
Pontiac	151	144	269	281
GMC	137	144	264	269
Buick	107	95	189	182
Oldsmobile	42	60	85	136
Saturn	88	85	146	151
Cadillac	50	41	90	79
Other	15	14	28	26
<b>Total United States</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>1,276</b>	<b>2,415</b>	<b>2,471</b>
Canada, Mexico, and Other	209	186	389	348
<b>Total GMNA</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>1,462</b>	<b>2,804</b>	<b>2,819</b>
GME	443	504	878	1,002
GMLAAM	156	175	309	339
GMAP	138	130	279	250
<b>Total Worldwide</b>	<b>2,230</b>	<b>2,271</b>	<b>4,270</b>	<b>4,410</b>
<b>Market Share</b>				
United States Cars	26.3%	26.2%	25.6%	27.5%
United States Trucks	29.7%	28.5%	30.5%	28.2%
<b>Total United States</b>	<b>28.1%</b>	<b>27.3%</b>	<b>28.2%</b>	<b>27.9%</b>
<b>Total North America</b>	<b>27.7%</b>	<b>27.0%</b>	<b>27.8%</b>	<b>27.5%</b>
Total Europe	8.7%	9.4%	8.7%	9.4%
Latin America (6)	23.6%	22.7%	23.4%	22.0%
Asia and Pacific	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	3.7%
<b>Total Worldwide</b>	<b>15.1%</b>	<b>15.1%</b>	<b>14.7%</b>	<b>14.9%</b>

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<b>U.S. Retail/Fleet Mix</b>					
% Fleet Sales	Cars	29.3%	24.5%	27.4%	28.7%
% Fleet Sales	Trucks	13.7%	15.8%	12.0%	15.0%
Total Vehicles		20.9%	20.0%	18.8%	21.7%
<b>Retail Lease as % of Retail Sales</b>					
Total Smartlease and Smartbuy		15.3%	16.0%		
<b>Days Supply of Inventory at June 30</b>					
United States	Cars	57	57		
United States	Trucks	78	84		
<b>GMNA Capacity Utilization</b>					
(2 shift rated)		89.3%	81.0%	85.1%	75.9%
<b>GMNA Net Price</b>		(1.9%)	(0.8%)		

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**General Motors Corporation  
Operating Statistics**

	Second Quarter		Year to Date	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
<b>GMAC's U.S. Cost of Borrowing</b>	<b>4.30%</b>	<b>5.90%</b>		
<b>Current Debt Spreads Over U.S. Treasuries</b>				
2 Year	165 bp	105 bp		
5 Year	185 bp	150 bp		
10 Year	230 bp	178 bp		
<b>Worldwide Employment at June 30</b> (in 000's)				
United States Hourly	124	130		
United States Salary	40	43		
<b>Total United States</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>173</b>		
Canada, Mexico, and Other	33	34		
<b>GMNA</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>207</b>		
<b>GME</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>76</b>		
<b>GMLAAM</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>		
<b>GMAP</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>		
<b>Hughes</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>		
<b>GMAC</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>		
<b>Other</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>372</b>		
<b>Worldwide Payrolls (\$Mil's)</b>	<b>\$ 5,385</b>	<b>\$ 5,164</b>	<b>\$ 10,418</b>	<b>\$ 10,166</b>

**Footnotes:**

- (1) Adjusted amounts for all periods represent the reported amounts excluding the effects of special items as detailed on pages 9 and 10.
- (2) The reported total net sales and revenues totaled (\$Mil's): Q2 2002 \$48,265, Year-to-Date 2002 \$94,529, Q2 2001 \$46,220, and Year-to-Date 2001 \$88,835.
- (3) Represents total cash for Automotive, Communications Services, and Other Operations, excluding Hughes, which includes cash and marketable securities, as well as \$3.0 billion invested in short-term fixed income securities of the Corporation's Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association Trust.
- (4) The Q2 2001 and Year-to-Date 2001 amounts exclude the effects of purchase accounting adjustments related to General Motors acquisition of Hughes in 1985. This purchase accounting adjustment is not recorded in 2002 because the related goodwill is no longer being amortized effective January 1, 2002 in accordance with SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets.
- (5) Excludes Hughes Series A Preferred Stock dividends paid to General Motors.
- (6) Latin America excludes the Middle East and Africa.



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**GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
(dollars in millions except per share amounts)				
<b>GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES</b>				
Total net sales and revenues	\$ 48,265	\$ 46,220	\$ 94,529	\$ 88,835
Cost of sales and other expenses	38,567	37,181	76,893	71,691
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	6,150	5,855	11,771	11,245
Interest expense	1,767	2,259	3,730	4,470
Total costs and expenses	46,484	45,295	92,394	87,406
Income before income taxes and minority interests	1,781	925	2,135	1,429
Income tax expense	563	304	688	512
Equity income/(loss) and minority interests	74	(144)	73	(203)
<b>Net income</b>	1,292	477	1,520	714
Dividends on preference stocks	(23)	(23)	(47)	(51)
<b>Earnings attributable to common stocks</b>	\$ 1,269	\$ 454	\$ 1,473	\$ 663
<b>Basic earnings (losses) per share attributable to common stocks</b>				
Earnings per share attributable to \$1-2/3 par value	\$ 2.48	\$ 1.05	\$ 3.06	\$ 1.59
Earnings per share attributable to Class H	\$ (0.14)	\$ (0.14)	\$ (0.27)	\$ (0.24)
<b>Earnings (losses) per share attributable to common stocks assuming dilution</b>				
Earnings per share attributable to \$1-2/3 par value	\$ 2.43	\$ 1.03	\$ 3.02	\$ 1.56
Earnings per share attributable to Class H	\$ (0.14)	\$ (0.14)	\$ (0.27)	\$ (0.24)

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME concluded  
(Unaudited)**

	<b>Three Months Ended June 30,</b>		<b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
(dollars in millions)				
<b>AUTOMOTIVE, COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, AND OTHER OPERATIONS</b>				
Total net sales and revenues	\$ 41,718	\$ 39,731	\$ 81,491	\$ 75,895
Cost of sales and other expenses	36,461	35,182	72,672	67,676
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	3,818	4,091	7,508	7,730
<b>Total costs and expenses</b>	<b>40,279</b>	<b>39,273</b>	<b>80,180</b>	<b>75,406</b>
Interest expense	302	151	464	313
Net expense from transactions with Financing and Insurance Operations	46	87	136	218
Income (loss) before income taxes and minority interests	1,091	220	711	(42)
Income tax expense (benefit)	311	68	151	(13)
Equity income/(loss) and minority interests	80	(113)	91	(149)
<b>Net income (loss) Automotive, Communications Services, and Other Operations</b>	<b>\$ 860</b>	<b>\$ 39</b>	<b>\$ 651</b>	<b>\$ (178)</b>
<b>FINANCING AND INSURANCE OPERATIONS</b>				
Total revenues	\$ 6,547	\$ 6,489	\$ 13,038	\$ 12,940
Interest expense	1,465	2,108	3,266	4,157
Depreciation and amortization expense	1,353	1,443	2,714	2,952
Operating and other expenses	2,244	1,729	4,114	3,446
Provision for financing and insurance losses	841	591	1,656	1,132
<b>Total costs and expenses</b>	<b>5,903</b>	<b>5,871</b>	<b>11,750</b>	<b>11,687</b>
Net income from transactions with Automotive, Communications Services, and Other Operations	(46)	(87)	(136)	(218)
Income before income taxes and minority interests	690	705	1,424	1,471
Income tax expense	252	236	537	525
Equity income/(loss) and minority interests	(6)	(31)	(18)	(54)
<b>Net income Financing and Insurance Operations</b>	<b>\$ 432</b>	<b>\$ 438</b>	<b>\$ 869</b>	<b>\$ 892</b>

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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

	June 30, 2002 (Unaudited)	Dec. 31, 2001	June 30, 2001 (Unaudited)
(dollars in millions)			
<b>GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES</b>			
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Automotive, Communications Services, and Other Operations</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,421	\$ 8,432	\$ 8,370
Marketable securities	1,014	790	795
	<u>15,435</u>	<u>9,222</u>	<u>9,165</u>
Total cash and marketable securities	15,435	9,222	9,165
Accounts and notes receivable (less allowances)	5,586	5,406	6,533
Inventories (less allowances)	9,757	10,034	11,072
Equipment on operating leases net	4,390	4,524	5,084
Deferred income taxes and other current assets	8,730	7,877	8,499
	<u>43,898</u>	<u>37,063</u>	<u>40,353</u>
Total current assets	43,898	37,063	40,353
Equity in net assets of nonconsolidated associates	5,115	4,950	4,934
Property net	35,248	34,908	33,922
Intangible assets net	13,763	13,721	7,743
Deferred income taxes	22,138	22,294	15,560
Other assets	16,797	17,274	31,226
	<u>136,959</u>	<u>130,210</u>	<u>133,738</u>
Total Automotive, Communications Services, and Other Operations assets	136,959	130,210	133,738
<b>Financing and Insurance Operations</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3,942	10,123	1,139
Investments in securities	12,575	10,669	10,614
Finance receivables net	106,838	99,813	89,608
Investment in leases and other receivables	35,477	34,618	35,701
Other assets	40,438	36,979	31,281
Net receivable from Automotive, Communications Services, and Other Operations	638	1,557	1,582
	<u>199,908</u>	<u>193,759</u>	<u>169,925</u>
Total Financing and Insurance Operations assets	199,908	193,759	169,925
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 336,867</b>	<b>\$ 323,969</b>	<b>\$ 303,663</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>			
<b>Automotive, Communications Services, and Other Operations</b>			
Accounts payable (principally trade)	\$ 19,459	\$ 18,297	\$ 19,177
Loans payable	1,545	2,402	2,430
Accrued expenses	36,413	34,090	34,512
Net payable to Financing and Insurance Operations	638	1,557	1,582
	<u>58,055</u>	<u>56,346</u>	<u>57,701</u>
Total current liabilities	58,055	56,346	57,701
Long-term debt	16,831	10,726	8,662
Postretirement benefits other than pensions	33,990	34,515	34,109
Pensions	9,410	10,790	3,111
Other liabilities and deferred income taxes	14,506	13,794	14,791
	<u>133,792</u>	<u>126,171</u>	<u>118,374</u>



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Total Automotive, Communications Services, and Other Operations liabilities	132,792	126,171	118,374
<b>Financing and Insurance Operations</b>			
Accounts payable	8,236	7,900	6,348
Debt	158,659	153,186	133,088
Other liabilities and deferred income taxes	15,701	16,259	15,494
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total Financing and Insurance Operations liabilities	182,596	177,345	154,930
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total liabilities	315,388	303,516	273,304
Minority interests	788	746	699
<b>Stockholders equity</b>			
\$1-2/3 par value common stock (issued, 561,337,257; 559,044,427; and 549,606,968 shares)	936	932	916
Class H common stock (issued, 958,024,533; 877,505,382 and 876,465,865 shares)	96	88	88
Capital surplus (principally additional paid-in capital)	21,557	21,519	21,114
Retained earnings	10,376	9,463	10,233
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Subtotal	32,965	32,002	32,351
Accumulated foreign currency translation adjustments	(2,770)	(2,919)	(2,814)
Net unrealized loss on derivatives	(188)	(307)	(187)
Net unrealized gains on securities	268	512	355
Minimum pension liability adjustment	(9,584)	(9,581)	(45)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(12,274)	(12,295)	(2,691)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total stockholders equity	20,691	19,707	29,660
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders equity</b>	<u>\$ 336,867</u>	<u>\$ 323,969</u>	<u>\$ 303,663</u>

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**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30			
	2002		2001	
	Automotive, Comm.Serv. and Other	Financing and Insurance	Automotive, Comm.Serv. and Other	Financing and Insurance
	(dollars in millions)			
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	\$ 5,196	\$ 3,030	\$ 3,455	\$ 1,278
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
Expenditures for property	(3,494)	(46)	(4,220)	(42)
Investments in marketable securities acquisitions	(802)	(20,311)	(773)	(15,691)
Investments in marketable securities liquidations	578	18,455	1,139	14,734
Mortgage servicing rights acquisitions		(634)		(813)
Mortgage servicing rights liquidations		1		18
Finance receivables acquisitions		(122,714)		(107,883)
Finance receivables liquidations		58,793		68,560
Proceeds from sales of finance receivables		57,034		41,156
Operating leases acquisitions	(2,748)	(9,205)	(3,182)	(6,448)
Operating leases liquidations	2,898	7,168	3,576	5,138
Investments in companies, net of cash acquired	(124)	(150)	(612)	(119)
Other	744	(567)	(351)	129
<b>Net cash (used in) investing activities</b>	(2,948)	(12,176)	(4,423)	(1,261)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>				
Net (decrease) increase in loans payable	(857)	970	222	(21,634)
Long-term debt borrowings	9,821	12,306	3,451	28,904
Long-term debt repayments	(3,818)	(11,243)	(2,225)	(7,703)
Repurchases of common and preference stocks	(97)		(264)	
Proceeds from issuing common stocks	69		71	
Proceeds from sales of treasury stocks	19			
Cash dividends paid to stockholders	(607)		(600)	
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>	4,530	2,033	655	(433)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	130	13	(47)	1
Net transactions with Automotive/Financing Operations	(919)	919	(389)	389
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	5,989	(6,181)	(749)	(26)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	8,432	10,123	9,119	1,165
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period</b>	<b>\$ 14,421</b>	<b>\$ 3,942</b>	<b>\$ 8,370</b>	<b>\$ 1,139</b>



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The following charts were discussed with Wall Street analysts and media on Tuesday, July 16, 2002:

**2002 Second Quarter Results**

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**SEC Legend**

In connection with the proposed transactions, General Motors Corporation ( GM ), HEC Holdings, Inc. ( Hughes Holdings ) and EchoStar Communications Corporation ( EchoStar ) have filed amended preliminary materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ), including a Registration Statement of Hughes Holdings on Form S-4 that contains a consent solicitation statement/information statement/prospectus. These materials are not yet final and will be further amended. Holders of GM \$1-2/3 and GM Class H common stock are urged to read the definitive versions of these materials, as well as any other relevant documents filed or that will be filed with the SEC, as they become available, because these documents contain or will contain important information. The preliminary materials, the definitive versions of these materials and other relevant materials (when they become available), and any other documents filed by GM, Hughes Electronics Corporation ( Hughes ), Hughes Holdings or EchoStar with the SEC may be obtained for free at the SEC's website, [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), and GM stockholders will receive information at an appropriate time on how to obtain transaction-related documents for free from GM.

GM and its directors and executive officers, Hughes and certain of its officers, and EchoStar and certain of its executive officers may be deemed to be participants in GM's solicitation of consents from the holders of GM \$1-2/3 common stock and GM Class H common stock in connection with the proposed transactions. Information regarding the participants and their interests in the solicitation was filed pursuant to Rule 425 with the SEC by EchoStar on November 1, 2001 and by each of GM and Hughes on November 16, 2001. Investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of the participants by reading the amended preliminary consent solicitation statement/information statement/prospectus filed with the SEC and the definitive consent solicitation statement/information statement/prospectus when it becomes available.

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