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(Mark One)

Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended November 1, 2002

or

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the Transition Period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Commission file number 000-25225

CBRL GROUP, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as  
Specified in Its Charter)

Tennessee

62-1749513

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(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation or Organization)

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(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

Hartmann Drive, P. O. Box 787  
Lebanon, Tennessee 37088-0787

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

615-444-5533

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes    X        No  
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49,766,950 Shares of Common Stock  
Outstanding as of November 29, 2002

PART I

Item 1. Financial Statements

CBRL GROUP, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET  
(In thousands, except share data)  
(Unaudited)

	November 1, 2002	August 2, 2002*
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ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,941	\$ 15,074
Receivables	8,644	8,161
Inventories	135,237	124,693
Prepaid expenses	15,257	12,022
Deferred income taxes	11,632	11,632

Total current assets	185,711	171,582
Property and equipment - net	998,806	984,817
Goodwill - net	92,882	92,882
Other assets	15,956	14,550
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Total assets	\$1,293,355	\$1,263,831
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 68,570	\$ 73,806
Accrued expenses	170,583	159,276
Current maturities of long-term debt and other long-term obligations	87	87
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Total current liabilities	239,240	233,169
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Long-term debt	210,777	194,476
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Other long-term obligations	53,115	53,192
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Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock - 100,000,000 shares of \$.01 par value authorized, no shares issued	--	--
Common stock - 400,000,000 shares of \$.01 par value authorized, at November 1, 2002, 49,622,460 shares issued and outstanding and at August 2, 2002, 50,272,459 shares issued and outstanding	496	503
Retained earnings	789,727	782,491
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Total shareholders' equity	790,223	782,994
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Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$1,293,355	\$1,263,831
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See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

(\*) This condensed consolidated balance sheet has been derived from the audited consolidated balance sheet as of August 2, 2002.

CBRL GROUP, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME  
(In thousands, except per share data)  
(Unaudited)

	Quarter Ended	
	November 1, 2002	November 2, 2001
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Net sales	\$527,259	\$496,136
Franchise fees and royalties	280	220
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Total revenue	527,539	496,356
Cost of goods sold	165,965	163,200
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Gross profit	361,574	333,156
Labor & other related expenses	199,267	186,895
Other store operating expenses	90,580	83,171
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Store operating income	71,727	63,090
General and administrative	33,904	30,734
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Operating income	37,823	32,356

Interest expense	2,261	1,753
Interest income	73	--
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Income before income taxes	35,635	30,603
Provision for income taxes	12,650	10,956
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Net income	\$ 22,985	\$ 19,647
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Net income per share:		
Basic	\$ .46	\$ .36
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Diluted	\$ .45	\$ .35
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Weighted average shares:		
Basic	50,060	54,936
	=====	=====
Diluted	51,319	56,182
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See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

CBRL GROUP, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
(In thousands)  
(Unaudited)

	Quarter Ended	
	November 1, 2002 ----	November 2, 2001 ----
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 22,985	\$ 19,647
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	16,191	14,760
Loss on disposition of property and equipment	103	33
Accretion on zero-coupon notes	1,302	--
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Inventories	(10,544)	(14,005)
Accounts payable	(5,236)	(2,593)
Other current assets and other current liabilities	7,589	(6,676)
Other assets and other long-term liabilities	(1,993)	121
	30,397	11,287
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Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property and equipment	(30,891)	(22,785)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	1,136	346
	(29,755)	(22,439)
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Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	142,500	145,000
Principal payments under long-term debt and other long-term obligations	(127,519)	(135,025)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	1,599	11,476
Purchases and retirement of common stock	(17,355)	(9,596)
	(775)	11,855
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Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(133)	703
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	15,074	11,807
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Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 14,941	\$ 12,510
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Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the three months for:		
Interest	\$ 415	\$ 2,354
Income taxes	345	13,535

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(In thousands)

1. Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

The condensed consolidated balance sheet as of November 1, 2002 and the related condensed consolidated statements of income and cash flows for the quarters ended November 1, 2002 and November 2, 2001, have been prepared by CBRL Group, Inc. (the "Company") without audit; in the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal and recurring items) for a fair presentation of such condensed consolidated financial statements have been made.

These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 2, 2002.

Deloitte & Touche LLP, the Company's independent accountants, have performed a limited review of the financial information included herein. Their report on such review accompanies this filing.

2. Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes for the quarter ended November 1, 2002 has been computed based on management's estimate of the tax rate for the entire fiscal year of 35.5%. The variation between the statutory tax rate and the effective tax rate is due primarily to employer tax credits for FICA taxes paid on employee tip income. The Company's effective tax rates for the quarter ended November 2, 2001 and for the entire fiscal year of 2002 were 35.8% and 35.6%, respectively.

3. Seasonality

The sales and profits of the Company are affected significantly by seasonal travel and vacation patterns because of its interstate highway locations. Historically, the Company's greatest sales and profits have occurred during the period of June through August. Early December through the last part of February, excluding the Christmas holidays, has historically been the period of lowest sales and profits although retail revenues historically have been seasonally higher between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Therefore, the results of operations for the quarter ended November 1, 2002 cannot be considered indicative of the operating results for the full fiscal year.

4. Inventories

Inventories were comprised of the following at:

	November 1, 2002	August 2, 2002
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Retail	\$101,811	\$ 93,066
Restaurant	17,585	16,799
Supplies	15,841	14,828
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Total	\$135,237	\$124,693
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5. Net Income Per Share and Weighted Average Shares

Basic net income per share is computed by dividing income available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the reporting period. Diluted net income per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities, options or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock. The Company's zero-coupon convertible senior notes (see Note 4 to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's 2002 Annual Report filed on Form 10-K on October 25, 2002 for a description of these notes) represent potential

dilutive shares at the balance sheet date. The effect of the assumed conversion of the zero-coupon convertible senior notes has been excluded from the calculation of diluted net income per share for the quarter ended November 1, 2002, because none of the conditions that permit conversion had been satisfied during the respective reporting period. Outstanding stock options issued by the Company represent the only dilutive effect reflected in diluted weighted average shares.

## 6. Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income is defined as the change in equity of a business enterprise during a period from transactions and other events and circumstances from non-owner sources. There is no difference between comprehensive income and net income as reported by the Company for all periods shown.

## 7. Segment Reporting

The Company manages its business on the basis of one reportable operating segment. All of the Company's operations are located within the United States. The following data are presented in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 131 for all periods presented.

### Quarter Ended

	November 1, 2002	November 2, 2001
Net sales:		
Restaurant	\$423,742	\$395,737
Retail	103,517	100,399
Total net sales	\$527,259	\$496,136

## 8. Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

Effective August 3, 2002, the Company adopted SFAS No. 143, "Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations". SFAS No. 143 requires entities to record obligations associated with the retirement of a tangible long-lived asset as a liability upon incurring those obligations, with the amount of the liability initially measured at fair value. Upon initially recognizing a liability for an asset retirement obligation ("ARO"), an entity must capitalize the cost by recognizing an increase in the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset. Over time, the entity amortizes the liability to its present value each period, and the entity depreciates the capitalized cost over the useful life of the related asset. Upon settlement of the liability, an entity either settles the obligation for its recorded amount or incurs a gain or loss upon settlement. Upon adoption, an entity will use a cumulative-effect approach to recognize transition amounts for existing ARO liabilities, asset retirement costs, and accumulated depreciation. All transition amounts are to be measured using current information known as of the adoption date, including current assumptions and current interest rates. The adoption of SFAS No. 143 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated results of operations or financial position.

Effective August 3, 2002, the Company adopted SFAS No. 144 "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets". This statement supersedes SFAS No. 121, "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed Of" and the accounting and reporting provisions of Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 30 "Reporting the Results of Operations-Reporting the Effects of Disposal of a Segment of a Business, and Extraordinary, Unusual and Infrequently Occurring Events and Transactions". SFAS No. 144 retains the fundamental provisions of SFAS No. 121 but eliminates the requirement to allocate goodwill to long-lived assets to be tested for impairment. This statement also requires discontinued operations to be carried at the lower of cost or fair value less costs to sell and broadens the presentation of discontinued operations to include a component of an entity rather than a segment of a business. The adoption of SFAS No. 144 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated results of operations or financial position.

Effective August 3, the Company adopted SFAS No. 145, "Rescission of Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Statements No. 4, 44, 64, Amendment of FASB Statement No. 13, and Technical Corrections". This statement rescinds FASB Statement No. 4, "Reporting Gains and Losses from Extinguishment of Debt", and an amendment of that Statement, FASB Statement No. 64, "Extinguishments of Debt Made to Satisfy Sinking-Fund Requirements". This statement also rescinds FASB Statement No. 44, "Accounting for Intangible Assets of Motor Carriers". This statement amends FASB Statement No. 13, "Accounting for Leases", to eliminate an inconsistency between the required accounting for sale-leaseback transactions and the required accounting for certain lease modifications that have economic effects that are similar to sale-leaseback transactions. This statement also amends other existing authoritative pronouncements to make various technical corrections, clarify meanings, or describe their applicability under changed conditions. The adoption of SFAS No. 145 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated results of operations or financial position.

In June 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 146, "Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities". This statement nullifies Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") Issue No. 94-3, "Liability Recognition for Certain Employee Termination Benefits and Other Costs to Exit an Activity (including Certain Costs Incurred in a Restructuring)". SFAS No. 146 addresses significant issues regarding the recognition, measurement, and reporting of costs that are associated with exit and disposal activities, including restructuring activities that are currently accounted for pursuant to the guidance in EITF No. 94-3. The scope of SFAS No. 146 also includes (1) costs related to terminating a contract that is not a capital lease and (2) termination benefits that employees who are involuntarily terminated receive under the terms of a one-time benefit arrangement that is not an ongoing benefit arrangement or an individual deferred-compensation contract. SFAS No. 146 is effective January 1, 2003. The Company does not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated results of operations or financial position.

#### 9. Impairment of Long-lived Assets

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The Company evaluates long-lived assets and certain identifiable intangibles to be held and used in the business for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. An impairment is determined by comparing estimated undiscounted future operating cash flows to the carrying amounts of assets on a store by store basis. If an impairment exists, the amount of impairment is measured as the sum of the estimated discounted future operating cash flows of such asset and the expected proceeds upon sale of the asset less its carrying amount. Assets held for sale, if any, are reported at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell. The Company had no impairment loss recorded for the quarters ended November 1, 2002 and November 2, 2001.

#### 10. Litigation

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In Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended August 2, 2002 contained in the Company's Annual Report filed on Form 10-K on October 25, 2002 (which is incorporated herein by this reference), the Company reported that its Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. subsidiary ("Cracker Barrel") is a defendant in four pending lawsuits, one of which has been provisionally certified as a collective action. The Company believes it has substantial defenses in each of these actions and is defending each of them vigorously. The Company recorded a provision of \$3,500 in the consolidated financial statements in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001 with respect to one of these lawsuits based on offers of judgment to those plaintiffs. None of those offers of judgment was accepted.

As previously reported (see Note 9 to the Company's Annual Report for the fiscal year ended August 2, 2002 filed on Form 10-K on October 25, 2002) concerning the NAACP/Thomas public accommodations case, on October 1, 2002, a Federal District Court issued its ruling, based on the law and the facts, and on the failure of plaintiffs to comply with the Court's time deadline, granting Cracker Barrel's Rule 23 (c) Motion for Denial of Class Certification. Accordingly, there are now 42 individual public accommodation plaintiffs, against whom the Company believes that its subsidiary has substantial defenses. The Company has announced previously that the Housing and Civil Enforcement Section of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice (the "Section") has begun an investigation with respect to the public accommodation allegations. The Company continues a dialogue with the Section that, if unsuccessful, could lead to the Section filing suit under Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 seeking injunctive relief against the Company's subsidiary regarding its public accommodation compliance. The Section may not seek or



obtain monetary relief for alleged public accommodations non-compliance. At this time, whether the Section will intervene in the public accommodations case, the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome, and the amount of ultimate liability, if any, with respect to these claims cannot be determined. Accordingly, no provision for any potential liability has been made in the consolidated financial statements of the Company. In the event of an unfavorable outcome in any of the four lawsuits or the Section investigation discussed in this item, the Company's consolidated results of operations or financial position could be materially and adversely affected.

In addition to the litigation described in the preceding paragraphs, the Company and its subsidiaries are parties to other legal proceedings incidental to their business. In the opinion of management, based upon information currently available, the ultimate liability with respect to these other actions will not materially affect the Company's consolidated results of operations or financial position.

#### 11. Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities

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The Company is exposed to market risk, such as changes in interest rates and commodity prices. To manage the volatility relating to these exposures, the Company nets the exposures on a consolidated basis to take advantage of natural offsets. For the residual portion, the Company may enter into various derivative financial instruments pursuant to the Company's policies in areas such as counterparty exposure and hedging practices. The Company would review these derivative financial instruments on a specific exposure basis to support hedge accounting. The Company currently has no derivative financial instruments designated as hedges. The changes in fair value of these hedging instruments would be offset in part or in whole by the corresponding changes in the fair value or cash flows of the underlying exposures being hedged. The Company does not hold or use derivative financial instruments for trading purposes. The Company's historical practice has been not to enter into derivative financial instruments.

The Company's policy has been to manage financing cost using a mix of fixed and variable rate debt. The Company has accomplished this objective through the use of sale-leaseback transactions, real estate operating leases and/or zero-coupon convertible debt. In a sale-leaseback transaction, the Company finances its operating facilities by selling them to a third party and then leasing them back under a long-term operating lease at fixed terms. Other real estate operating leases are transactions in which the Company obtains use of a site location by agreeing to a future schedule of lease payments. The Company's zero-coupon convertible debt is fixed-rate, long-term debt. See Notes 4 and 11 to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's 2002 Annual Report filed on Form 10-K on October 25, 2002 for a further description of this zero-coupon convertible debt and the Company's sale-leaseback transaction, respectively. The Company has borrowed under its revolving credit facility at short-term interest rates, which typically can be fixed only for periods of six months or less.

Many of the food products purchased by the Company are affected by commodity pricing and are, therefore, subject to price volatility caused by weather, production problems, delivery difficulties and other factors which are outside the control of the Company and which are generally unpredictable. Changes in commodity prices would affect the Company and its competitors generally and often simultaneously. In many cases, the Company believes it will be able to pass through any increased commodity costs by adjusting its menu pricing. From time to time, competitive circumstances may limit menu price flexibility, and in those circumstances increases in commodity prices can result in lower margins for the Company. Some of the Company's purchase contracts are used to hedge commodity prices and may contain features that could be classified as derivative financial instruments under SFAS Nos. 133, 137 and 138. However, these features that could be classified as derivative financial instruments are exempt from hedge accounting based on the normal purchases exemption. The Company presently believes that any changes in commodity pricing which cannot be adjusted for by changes in menu pricing or other product delivery strategies would not be material.

#### 12. Subsequent Event

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On November 27, 2002, the Company announced that its Board of Directors had declared a two cents per share cash dividend on the Company's outstanding common stock payable on January 2, 2003 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on December 13, 2002.

#### 13. Reclassifications

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Certain reclassifications have been made in the fiscal 2002 financial statements to conform to the classifications used in fiscal 2003. Total revenues in the first quarter of the prior year reflect a reclassification of \$1,143 of net return fees for the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store(R) Book-on-Audio program to net sales from other store operating expenses, where the Company historically had reported the fees as a miscellaneous income credit to other store operating expenses. This reclassification had no effect on net income. The

amounts of this reclassification for the second, third and fourth quarters of fiscal 2002, are \$1,097, \$1,077 and \$1,575, respectively. Additionally, the balance sheet at August 2, 2002 and the cash flow statement for the first three months of the prior year reflect certain other reclassifications. These certain other reclassifications caused a net increase of \$94 to total current assets, total assets, total current liabilities and total liabilities at August 2, 2002. These certain other reclassifications had no net effect on net cash provided by operating activities or the net increase in cash and cash equivalents for the quarter ended November 2, 2001.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

All dollar amounts reported or discussed in Part I, Item 2 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are shown in thousands, except dollar amounts per share. The following discussion and analysis provides information which management believes is relevant to an assessment and understanding of the Company's consolidated results of operations and financial condition. The discussion should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto. Except for specific historical information, many of the matters discussed in this Form 10-Q may express or imply projections of revenues or expenditures, statements of plans and objectives or future operations or statements of future economic performance. These, and similar statements are forward-looking statements concerning matters that involve risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual performance of the Company to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these statements. All forward-looking information is provided by the Company pursuant to the safe harbor established under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and should be evaluated in the context of these factors. Forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "assumptions", "target", "guidance", "plans", "projection", "may", "will", "would", "expect", "intend", "estimate", "anticipate", "believe", "potential" or "continue" (or the negative or other derivatives of each of these terms) or similar terminology. Factors which will affect actual results include, but are not limited to: adverse general economic conditions including uncertain consumer confidence effects on sales, especially during the Company's important Christmas retail-selling season; weather conditions and customer travel activity and retail buying trends; practical or psychological effects of terrorist acts or military or government responses; the actual results of pending or threatened litigation or governmental investigations and the costs and effects of negative publicity associated with these activities; changes in generally accepted accounting principles or changes in capital market conditions that could affect valuations of restaurant companies in general or the Company's goodwill in particular; commodity, workers' compensation, group health and utility price changes; the effects of plans intended to improve operational execution and performance; the effects of increased competition at Company locations on sales and on labor recruiting, cost, and retention; the ability of and cost to the Company to recruit, train, and retain qualified restaurant hourly and management employees; the ability of the Company to identify successful new lines of retail merchandise; the availability and cost of acceptable sites for development; the acceptance of the Company's concepts as the Company continues to expand into new markets and geographic regions; changes in interest rates affecting the Company's financing costs; increases in construction costs; changes in or implementation of additional governmental or regulatory rules, regulations and interpretations affecting accounting, tax, wage and hour matters, health and safety, pensions and insurance; other undeterminable areas of government or regulatory actions or regulations; and other factors described from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, press releases, and other communications.

## Results of Operations

The following table highlights operating results by percentage relationships to total revenue for the quarter ended November 1, 2002 as compared to the same period a year ago:

	Quarter Ended	
	November 1, 2002	November 2, 2001
Net sales	99.9%	100.0%
Franchise fees and royalties	0.1	--
Total revenue	100.0	100.0
Cost of goods sold	31.5	32.9
Gross profit	68.5	67.1
Labor & other related expenses	37.8	37.7
Other store operating expenses	17.1	16.7
Store operating income	13.6	12.7
General and administrative	6.4	6.2
Operating income	7.2	6.5
Interest expense	0.4	0.3
Interest income	--	--
Income before income taxes	6.8	6.2
Provision for income taxes	2.4	2.2
Net income	4.4%	4.0%

## Average Comparable Store Sales Analysis

	Quarter Ended	
	November 1, 2002	November 2, 2001
Cracker Barrel (430 stores)		
Net sales:		
Restaurant	\$ 786.2	\$ 774.4
Retail	223.4	225.7
Total net sales	\$1,009.6	\$1,000.1
Logan's (71 restaurants)	\$ 719.7	\$ 720.2

## Total Revenue

Total revenue for the first quarter of fiscal 2003 increased 6.3% compared to last year's first quarter. At the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store ("Cracker Barrel") concept, comparable store restaurant sales increased 1.5% and comparable store retail sales decreased 1.0%, resulting in a combined comparable store sales (total net sales) increase of 1.0%. The comparable store restaurant sales increase consisted of a 1.5% average check increase for the quarter (on a 0.8% menu increase) and flat guest traffic. The comparable store retail sales decrease is believed primarily to reflect the effect of the weak economic environment on consumer sentiment. At the Logan's Roadhouse(R) ("Logan's") concept, comparable restaurant sales decreased 0.1%, which consisted of a 0.9% average check increase (on a 1.1% menu increase) and a 1.0% guest traffic decrease. Sales from new Cracker Barrel and Logan's stores primarily accounted for the balance of the total revenue increase in the first quarter.

## Cost of Goods Sold

Cost of goods sold as a percentage of total revenue for the first quarter of fiscal 2003 decreased to 31.5% from 32.9% in the first quarter of last year. This decrease was due primarily to lower commodity costs for beef, bacon, butter, orange juice and certain other pork products versus the prior year, higher menu pricing, higher initial mark-ons of retail merchandise, a lower mix of retail sales as a percent of total revenues (retail has a higher cost of goods sold than restaurant) and improvements in Cracker Barrel store-level execution.

## Labor and Other Related Expenses

Labor and other related expenses include all direct and indirect labor and related costs incurred in store operations. Labor and other related expenses as a percentage of total revenue increased to 37.8% in the first quarter this year from 37.7% last year. This increase was due primarily to increases in restaurant and retail manager wages, increased workers' compensation costs and higher retail hourly labor and pre-opening labor, which reflected differences in the new unit opening schedules from last year. These increases were offset partially by higher menu pricing, decreased payouts under unit-level bonus programs and lower restaurant hourly labor at Cracker Barrel due to improved labor productivity and flat hourly wage inflation versus the prior year, which resulted from management efforts to control wage increases, new hire wages, and overtime, as well as generally lower competitive wage increase pressure.

## Other Store Operating Expenses

Other store operating expenses include all unit-level operating costs, the major components of which are operating supplies, repairs and maintenance, advertising expenses, utilities, rent, depreciation, general insurance, credit card fees and pre-opening expenses other than labor-related. Other store operating expenses as a percentage of total revenue increased to 17.1% in the first quarter of fiscal 2003 from 16.7% in the first quarter of last year. This increase was due primarily to higher credit card fees, maintenance, pre-opening and general insurance costs versus the prior year. This increase was offset partially by higher menu pricing and lower utility costs versus the prior year.

## General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses as a percentage of total revenue increased to 6.4% in the first quarter of fiscal 2003 from 6.2% in the first quarter of last year. This increase was due primarily to higher professional fees versus the prior year, bonus accruals reflective of performance improvements and higher costs for store manager conferences versus a year ago offset partially by higher menu pricing.

## Interest Expense

Interest expense increased to \$2,261 in the first quarter of fiscal 2003 from \$1,753 in the first quarter of last year. The increase resulted primarily from higher average outstanding debt during the first quarter as compared to last year and was offset partially by lower average interest rates as compared to last year.

## Interest Income

Interest income increased to \$73 in the first quarter of fiscal 2003 from \$0 in the first quarter of last year. The increase was due primarily to higher average funds available for investment during the first quarter as compared to last year.

## Provision for Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes as a percent of pre-tax income decreased to 35.5% in the first quarter of fiscal 2003 from 35.8% during the same period a year ago and from 35.6% for the entire fiscal year of 2002. The variation between the statutory tax rate and the effective tax rate is due primarily to employer tax credits for FICA taxes paid on employee tip income.

## Critical Accounting Policies

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The Company prepares its consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period (see Note 2 to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's 2002 Annual Report filed on Form 10-K on October 25, 2002). Actual results could differ from those estimates. Critical accounting policies are those that management believes are both most important to the portrayal of the Company's financial condition and operating results, and require management's most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Judgments and uncertainties affecting the application of those policies may result in materially different amounts being reported under different conditions or using different assumptions. The Company considers the following policies to be most critical in understanding the judgments that are involved in preparing its consolidated financial statements.

## Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and Provision for Asset Dispositions

The Company assesses the impairment of long-lived assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets is measured by comparing the carrying value of the asset to the undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If the total future cash flows were less than the carrying amount of the asset, the carrying amount is written down to the estimated fair value, and a loss resulting from value impairment is recognized by a charge to earnings. Judgments and estimates made by the Company related to the expected useful lives of long-lived assets are affected by factors such as changes in economic conditions and changes in operating performance. As the Company assesses the ongoing expected cash flows and carrying amounts of its long-lived assets, these factors could cause the Company to realize a material impairment charge. From time to time the Company has decided to exit from or dispose of certain operating units. Typically, such decisions are made based on

operating performance or strategic considerations and must be made before the actual costs or proceeds of disposition are known, and management must make estimates of these outcomes. Such outcomes could include the sale of a property or leasehold, mitigating costs through a tenant or subtenant, or negotiating a buyout of a remaining lease term. In these instances management evaluates possible outcomes, frequently using outside real estate and legal advice, and records in the financial statements provisions for the effect of such outcomes. The accuracy of such provisions can vary materially from original estimates, and management regularly monitors the adequacy of the provisions until final disposition occurs. The Company also has adopted SFAS 143, under which it must record asset retirement obligations based on estimates of future costs and probabilities that such costs will be incurred for certain of its operating leases. Adoption of SFAS 143 did not have, and is not expected to have, a material impact on the consolidated results of operations or financial position of the Company (see Note 8 - Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for the period ended November 1, 2002 filed herein). In addition, at least annually the Company assesses the recoverability of goodwill and other intangible assets related to its restaurant concepts. The impairment tests require the Company to estimate fair values of its restaurant concepts by making assumptions regarding future cash flows and other factors. This valuation may reflect, among other things, such external factors as capital market valuation for public companies comparable to the operating unit. If these assumptions change in the future, the Company may be required to record material impairment charges for these assets. This annual assessment will be performed in the second fiscal quarter ending January 31, 2003 and in the fiscal second quarter of each year in the future.

#### Insurance Reserves

The Company self-insures a significant portion of expected losses under its workers' compensation, general liability and health insurance programs. The Company has purchased insurance for individual claims that exceed \$250 for workers' compensation and general liability insurance prior to fiscal 2003, but has now increased this amount to \$500. The Company has decided not to purchase such insurance for its primary group health program. The Company records a liability for workers' compensation and general liability for all unresolved claims and for an estimate of incurred but not reported claims at the anticipated cost to the Company based upon an actuarially determined reserve as of the end of the Company's third fiscal quarter and adjusting it by the actuarially determined losses and actual claims payments for the subsequent fiscal quarters until the next annual, actuarial study of its reserve requirements. Those reserves and these losses are determined actuarially from a range of possible outcomes within which no given estimate is more likely than any other estimate. In accordance with SFAS No. 5, the Company records the losses at the low end of that range and discounts them to present value using a risk-free interest rate based on actuarially projected timing of payments. The Company also monitors actual claims development, including incurrence or settlement of individual large claims during the interim period between actuarial studies as another means of estimating the adequacy of its reserves. The Company records a liability for its group health program for all unpaid claims based primarily upon a loss development analysis derived from actual group health claims payment experience provided by the Company's third party administrator. The Company's accounting policies regarding insurance reserves include certain actuarial assumptions and management judgments regarding economic conditions, the frequency and severity of claims and claim development history and settlement practices. Unanticipated changes in these factors may produce materially different amounts of expense that would be reported under these insurance programs.

#### Inventory Shrinkage

Cost of sales includes the cost of retail merchandise sold at the Cracker Barrel stores utilizing the retail inventory accounting method. It includes an estimate of shortages that are adjusted upon physical inventory counts in subsequent periods. This estimate is consistent with Cracker Barrel's historical practice in all fiscal periods shown. Actual shrinkage recorded upon physical inventory counts may produce materially different amounts of shrinkage than estimated by the Company as of the end of its first fiscal quarter on November 1, 2002.



## Tax Provision

The Company must make estimates of certain items that comprise its income tax provision. These estimates include effective state and local income tax rates, employer tax credits for items such as FICA taxes paid on tip income, Work Opportunity and Welfare to Work, as well as estimates related to certain depreciation and capitalization policies. These estimates are made based on the best available information at the time of the provision and historical experience. The Company files its income tax returns many months after its fiscal year end. These returns are subject to audit by various federal and state governments years after the returns are filed and could be subject to differing interpretations of the tax laws. The Company then must assess the likelihood of successful legal proceedings or reach a settlement, either of which could result in material adjustments to the Company's consolidated financial statements and its consolidated financial position. See Note 2 to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements filed herein and Note 7 to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's 2002 Annual Report filed on Form 10-K on October 25, 2002.

## Legal Proceedings

As discussed in Note 10 to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements filed herein and more fully discussed in Note 9 to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's 2002 Annual Report filed on Form 10-K on October 25, 2002, the Company reported that its Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. subsidiary is a defendant in four lawsuits, one of which has been provisionally certified as a collective action, and in one of which a Federal District Court has issued its ruling denying class certification. The Company believes it has substantial defenses in these actions and intends to continue to defend each of them vigorously. Nevertheless, the Company established a reserve of \$3,500 with respect to one of the cases based on offers of judgment to those plaintiffs. None of those offers of judgment was accepted. As a result, the Company recorded an accrual of this amount in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001 in accordance with SFAS No. 5. The Company has announced previously that the Housing and Civil Enforcement Section of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice (the "Section") has begun an investigation, with respect to the public accommodation allegations. The Company continues a dialogue with the Section that, if unsuccessful, could lead to the Section filing suit under Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 seeking injunctive relief against the Company's subsidiary regarding its public accommodations compliance. The Section may not seek or obtain monetary relief for alleged public accommodations non-compliance. At this time, whether the Section will intervene in the public accommodations case, the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome and the amount of ultimate liability, if any, with respect to these claims cannot be determined. Except for that \$3,500 accrual, there currently is no provision for any potential liability with respect to these lawsuits or the Section investigation in the Consolidated Financial Statements. If there were to be an unfavorable outcome in any of these cases, the Company's consolidated results of operations or financial position could be materially and adversely affected.

In addition to the litigation described in the proceeding paragraph, the Company and its subsidiaries are party to other legal proceedings incidental to their business. In the opinion of management, based upon information currently available, the ultimate liability with respect to these other actions will not materially affect the Company's consolidated results of operations or financial position.

## Impact of Recent Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

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In June 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 146, "Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities". This statement nullifies Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") Issue No. 94-3, "Liability Recognition for Certain Employee Termination Benefits and Other Costs to Exit an Activity (including Certain Costs Incurred in a Restructuring)". SFAS No. 146 addresses significant issues regarding the recognition, measurement, and reporting of costs that are associated with exit and disposal activities, including restructuring activities that are currently accounted for pursuant to the guidance in EITF No. 94-3. The scope of SFAS No. 146 also includes (1) costs related to terminating a contract that is not a capital lease and (2) termination benefits that employees who are involuntarily terminated receive under the terms of a one-time benefit arrangement that is not an ongoing benefit arrangement or an individual deferred-compensation contract. SFAS No. 146 is effective January 1, 2003. The Company does not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated results of operations or financial position.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company's operating activities provided net cash of \$30,397 for the quarter ended November 1, 2002 increased from the \$11,287 provided during the same period a year ago. This increase was due primarily to increases in net income and depreciation and amortization and decreases in income tax payments for the quarter ended November 1, 2002 as compared to the same period a year ago. Most of the \$30,397 in net cash from operating activities was provided by net income adjusted for depreciation and amortization. Cash used for increases in inventories, other current assets and other assets and decreases in accounts payable and other long-term liabilities were offset partially by increases in other current liabilities.

Capital expenditures were \$30,891 for the quarter ended November 1, 2002 as compared to \$22,785 during the same period a year ago. This increase was due primarily to an increase in the average number of new locations under construction versus the same period a year ago. Construction of new locations accounted for most of these expenditures. Capitalized interest was \$121 for the quarter ended November 1, 2002 as compared to \$110 for the quarter ended November 2, 2001. This difference was due primarily to an increase in the average number of new locations under construction versus the same period a year ago offset partially by lower borrowing costs as compared to a year ago.

The Company's internally generated cash, along with cash at August 2, 2002, the Company's available revolver and real estate operating lease arrangements, were sufficient to finance all of its growth in the first three months of fiscal 2003.

The Company estimates that its capital expenditures for fiscal 2003 will be approximately \$120,000 to \$125,000, most of which will be related to the construction of new Cracker Barrel stores and new Logan's restaurants. The Company intends to open 23 new Cracker Barrel stores and 12 new Logan's restaurants in fiscal 2003.

Long-term debt outstanding consisted of the following at:

	November 1, 2002	August 2, 2002
Revolving Credit Facility payable on or before December 31, 2003 (rates ranging from 3.05% to 3.07% at November 1, 2002 and 3.06% to 4.75% at August 2, 2002)	\$ 35,000	\$ 20,000
3.0% Zero-Coupon Contingently Convertible Senior Notes payable on or before April 2, 2032	175,777	174,476
Long-term debt	\$210,777	\$194,476
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On September 12, 2002, the Company announced that the Board of Directors had authorized the repurchase of up to 2 million shares of the Company's common stock. The purchases are to be made from time to time in the open market at prevailing market prices. During the first quarter, the Company repurchased 772,000 shares of its common stock for total consideration of \$17,355 or \$22.48 per share. The Company presently expects to complete this share repurchase authorization during fiscal 2003.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2003, the Company received proceeds of \$1,599 from the exercise of stock options on 122,001 shares of its common stock.

Management believes that cash at November 1, 2002, along with cash generated from the Company's operating activities and its available revolving credit facility, as well as financing obtained through real estate operating leases, will be sufficient to finance its continued operations, its remaining share repurchase authorization and its continued expansion plans through fiscal 2004. At November 1, 2002, the Company had \$215,000 available under its revolving credit facility. The Company estimates that it will generate excess cash of approximately \$55,000 to \$60,000 before proceeds from the exercise of stock options and after capital expenditures in fiscal 2003 which it presently intends to apply toward its current share repurchase authorization, future share repurchase authorizations, debt reduction or other purposes. The Company's principal criteria for share repurchases are that they be accretive to earnings per share and that they do not unfavorably affect the Company's investment grade debt rating and target capital structure. The Company's target capital structure includes the estimated effect of off-balance sheet real estate operating leases on its long-term debt and its total capitalization. The Company's target capital structure is approximately 35% for the ratio of lease-adjusted debt to lease-adjusted total capitalization.

#### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Item 7A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 2, 2002, and filed with the Commission on October 25, 2002, is incorporated in this item of this report by this reference.

#### Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Within the 90-day period prior to the filing of this report, an evaluation was carried out under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of its disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rule 13a-14(c) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the design and operation of these disclosure controls and procedures are effective for the purposes set forth in the definition of "disclosure controls and procedures" in Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(c). There have been no significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation.

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of  
CBRL Group, Inc.  
Lebanon, Tennessee

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet of CBRL Group, Inc. and subsidiaries ("the Company") as of November 1, 2002, and the related condensed consolidated statements of income and cash flows for the quarters ended November 1, 2002 and November 2, 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management.

We conducted our review in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures to financial data and of making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to such condensed consolidated financial statements for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have previously audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the consolidated balance sheet of CBRL Group, Inc. and subsidiaries as of August 2, 2002, and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended (not presented herein); and in our report dated September 12, 2002, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as of August 2, 2002 is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Nashville, Tennessee  
December 5, 2002

PART II

Item 1. Legal Proceedings  
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Part I, Item 3 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed October 25, 2002, is incorporated in this Form 10-Q by this reference. See also Note 10 to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements filed in Part I, Item I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, which also is incorporated in this item of this report by this reference.

Item 2. Changes in Securities  
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None.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities  
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None.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders  
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- (a) The Annual Meeting of shareholders was held on November 26, 2002.
- (b) Proxies for the meeting were solicited in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934: there was no solicitation in opposition to management's nominees and all of management's nominees were elected. Each director is elected to serve for a 1-year term.
- (c) The following sets forth the results of voting on each matter at the annual meeting:

Proposal 1 - Election of Directors.

	FOR	WITHHOLD AUTHORITY
James D. Carreker	40,879,096	2,547,623
Robert V. Dale	40,342,556	3,084,163
Dan W. Evins	41,056,158	2,370,561
Robert C. Hilton	40,142,303	3,284,416
Charles E. Jones, Jr.	40,127,902	3,298,817
B. F. "Jack" Lowery	40,135,517	3,291,202
Gordon L. Miller	40,125,816	3,300,903
Martha M. Mitchell	40,155,790	3,270,929
Jimmie D. White	40,131,188	3,295,531
Michael A. Woodhouse	41,061,493	2,365,226

Proposal 2 - To approve the CBRL Group 2002 Omnibus Stock and Option Incentive Compensation Plan.

Votes cast for	23,433,054
Votes cast against	19,775,167
Votes cast to abstain	218,498

Proposal 3 - To approve the selection of Deloitte and Touche LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the 2003 fiscal year.

Votes cast for	39,133,043
Votes cast against	4,197,604
Votes cast to abstain	96,072

Proposal 4 - To consider and take action on a shareholder proposal, requesting that the Board of Directors implement non-discriminatory policies relating to sexual orientation.

The proponent did not attend the meeting and present the shareholder proposal, but the vote on that proposal was as follows:

Votes cast for	18,220,892
Votes cast against	13,124,683
Votes cast to abstain	1,131,460
Broker non-votes	10,949,684

Item 5. Other Information

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None.

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

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(a) The following exhibits are filed pursuant to Item 601 of Regulation S-K

(15) Letter regarding unaudited financial information.

(99) Sarbanes-Oxley Certifications.

(b) The following Current Reports on Form 8-K have been filed or furnished during the quarter for which this report is filed:

September 12, 2002: Form 8-K, Item 5 to report that the Company is responding to questions posed by the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ") in an investigation of its subsidiary Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. The Company also furnished in this same Current Report on Form 8-K under Item 9, Regulation FD Disclosure, its September 12, 2002, press release, with respect to certain 2002 fiscal year-end and 2002 fourth quarter-end financial and other information, recent sales trends, and earnings guidance for the first fiscal quarter and full year of 2003. In addition, the Company reported under Item 9 that its Chief Financial Officer stated the following at a previously disclosed conference call, open to the public, held on September 12, 2002; "We do expect to file the required CEO and CFO certifications under both SEC Order 4-460 and under Sarbanes-Oxley on time. Our due date for filing our Form 10-K is October 31, 2002."

October 4, 2002: Form 8-K, Item 5 to report that the Company had issued a press release announcing that a federal judge in the Northern District of Georgia had denied certification of a class action in a claimed \$100 million racial discrimination in public accommodation lawsuit against Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc., a subsidiary of the Company. (See Note 10 - Litigation and Critical Accounting Policies - Legal Proceedings contained in this Form 10-Q.)

October 7, 2002: Form 8-K, Item 9 to report that the Company had issued a press release announcing that the Company would be presenting at the McDonald Investments Consumer Conference and noted that the Company's presentation at the conference would be available to the public simultaneously over the Internet, and for 14 days thereafter.

October 7, 2002: Form 8-K, Item 5 to report that the Company had issued a press release announcing the election of James D. Carreker to the Company's board of directors and the upcoming retirement of two existing members of the board.

October 17, 2002: Form 8-K, Item 9 to report the issuance of a concurrent press release reporting the Company's fiscal 2003 first quarter-to-date sales trends and to update its earnings guidance for the first quarter of fiscal 2003.

October 25, 2002: Form 8-K, Item 9 to report that the Company's Chief (Principal) Executive Officer and Chief (Principal) Financial Officer had delivered to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with SEC Order No.4-460 statements under oath regarding facts and circumstances related to the Annual Report of the Registrant on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 2, 2002.

October 25, 2002: Form 8-K, Item 9 to report that the Company had issued a press release stating that its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer had filed the required certifications under both SEC Order No.4-460 and under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Michael A. Woodhouse, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of CBRL Group, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and we have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
  - b. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the "Evaluation Date"); and
  - c. Presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
  - a. All significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
6. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this quarterly report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Date: December 5, 2002

By: /s/Michael A. Woodhouse

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Michael A. Woodhouse,  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
as Principal Executive Officer



I, Lawrence E. White, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of CBRL Group, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and we have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
  - b. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the "Evaluation Date"); and
  - c. Presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
  - a. All significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
6. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this quarterly report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Date: December 5, 2002

By: /s/Lawrence E. White

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Lawrence E. White,  
Senior Vice President, Finance and  
Chief Financial Officer as  
Principal Financial Officer

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CBRL GROUP, INC.

Date: 12/5/02  
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By /s/Lawrence E. White

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Lawrence E. White, Senior Vice President, Finance  
and Chief Financial Officer

Date: 12/5/02  
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By /s/Patrick A. Scruggs

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Patrick A. Scruggs, Assistant Treasurer  
and Chief Accounting Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
15	Letter regarding unaudited financial information
99	Sarbanes-Oxley certifications



December 5, 2002

CBRL Group, Inc.  
106 Castle Heights Avenue North  
Lebanon, Tennessee 37088-0787

We have made a review, in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, of the unaudited interim financial information of CBRL Group, Inc. and subsidiaries for the quarters ended November 1, 2002 and November 2, 2001, as indicated in our report dated December 5, 2002; because we did not perform an audit, we expressed no opinion on that information.

We are aware that our report referred to above, which is included in your Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended November 1, 2002, is incorporated by reference in Registration Statement Nos. 2-86602, 33-15775, 33-37567, 33-45482, 333-01465, 333-71384 and 333-81063 on Forms S-8 and Registration Statement Nos. 33-59582, 333-90996-02 and 333-90996-13 on Form S-3.

We also are aware that the aforementioned report, pursuant to Rule 436(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, is not considered a part of the Registration Statement prepared or certified by an accountant or a report prepared or certified by an accountant within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of that Act.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Nashville, Tennessee

WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
REGARDING PERIODIC REPORT CONTAINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Michael A. Woodhouse, chief executive officer and Lawrence E. White, chief financial officer, each certify that:
  - (a) The Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q ("periodic report") of CBRL Group, Inc. (the "issuer"), for the quarter ended November 1, 2002, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date of this certificate, which this statement accompanies, fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and
  - (b) the information contained in that periodic report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the issuer.
2. This statement is provided pursuant to the requirements of Section 906 of the Sarbanes - Oxley Act of 2002, codified as Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 USC.

Date: December 5, 2002

By: /s/ Michael A. Woodhouse  
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Michael A. Woodhouse,  
President and Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Lawrence E. White  
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Lawrence E. White,  
Senior Vice President, Finance and  
Chief Financial Officer