# LandAmerica Financial Group has filed for bankruptcy protection... let's see what the history shows!

# LandAmerica Financial Group, Inc.

5600 Cox Road Glen Allen, VA 23060 United States

Filed for Bankruptcy on 11/26/2008
Case #08-35994, filed in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

#### Latest Financial Statements as of 9/30/2008

#### Business Summary

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LandAmerica Financial Group, Inc. (LandAmerica) is a holding company and operates through its subsidiaries. The Company's products and services facilitate the purchase, sale, transfer, and financing of residential and commercial real estate. These products and services are provided to a broad-based customer group, including residential and commercial property buyers and sellers, real estate agents and brokers, developers, attorneys, mortgage brokers and lenders and title insurance agents. The Company conducts business in Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean, Latin America, Europe and Asia. Its principal business operations are organized under three operating segments: Title Operations, Lender Services and Financial Services. In August 2007, LandAmerica announced the acquisition of Chisholm, Nurser & Partners Limited (CNP), a United Kingdom-based independent building and project consultant. In November 2008, the Company filed for bankruptcy protection.

Employees: 11,050 (as of 12/31/2007) Federal Tax Id: 541589611

#### Auditor Information

Last Audit: 12/31/2007 Auditors: Ernst & Young LLP Opinion: <u>Unqualified</u>

Ticker: LFG

#### Agency Credit Ratings

Rating Agency	Long Term Rating	_	Outlook	Short Term Rating	Watch
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#### Third Quarter and Year-to-Date Results

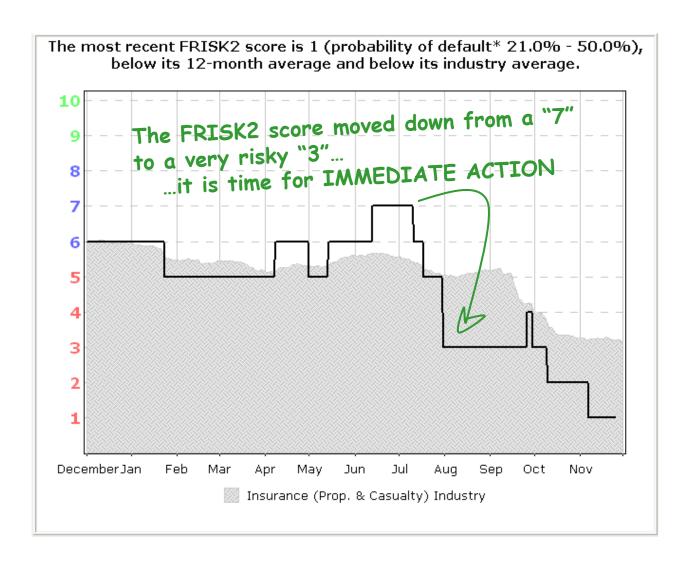
Sales for the 3 months ended 9/30/2008 decreased 30.33% to \$631.80 million from last year's comparable period amount of \$906.80 million. Sales for the 9 months ended 9/30/2008 decreased 29.01% to \$2.03 billion from \$2.86 billion for the same period last year.

Gross profit margin decreased 52.75% for the period to \$221.60 million (35.07% of revenues) from \$469.00 million (51.72% of revenues) for the same period last year. Gross profit margin decreased 41.85% for the year-to-date period to \$916.60 million (45.14% of revenues) from \$1.58 billion (55.11% of revenues) for the comparable 9 month period last year.

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the period decreased 12.09% to \$411.70 million compared with \$468.30 million for the same period last year. Selling, general and administrative expenses for the 9

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Performance Ratios - Sequential Quarters  (Thousands of U.S. Dollars)					
Period Ended	3 mos 9/30/2008	3 mos 6/30/2008	3 mos 3/31/2008	3 mos 12/31/2007	3 mos 9/30/2007
Net sales \$	\$631,800	\$712,400	\$686,400	\$845,400	\$906,800
% change	-11.31%	3.79%	-18.81%	-6.77%	-9.77%
Gross margin \$	\$221,600	\$325,500	\$369,500	\$420,000	\$469,000
% change	-31.92%	-11.91%	-12.02%	-10.45%	-15.53%
% of sales	35.07%	45.69%	53.83%	49.68%	51.72%
SG&A \$	\$411,700	\$370,400	\$381,200	\$462,100	\$468,300
% change	11.15%	-2.83%	-17.51%	-1.32%	-8.77%
% of sales	65.16%	51.99%	55.54%	54.66%	51.64%
Operating margin \$	(\$443,900)	(\$72,300)	(\$40,000)	(\$72,200)	(\$28,400)
% change	-513.97%	-80.75%	44.60%	-154.23%	-342.74%
% of sales	-70.26%	-10.15%	-5.83%	-8.54%	-3.13%
EBITDA \$	(\$415,000)	(\$44,900)	(\$11,700)	(\$41,600)	\$700
% change	-824.28%	-283.76%	71.88%	-6042.86%	-98.33%
% of sales	-65.69%	-6.30%	-1.70%	-4.92%	0.08%
Pre-tax income \$	(\$443,900)	(\$72,300)	(\$40,000)	(\$72,200)	(\$28,400)
% change	-513.97%	-80.75%	44.60%	-154.23%	-342.74%
% of sales	-70.26%	-10.15%	-5.83%	8,54%	-3.13%
Net income (loss) \$	(\$599,600)	(\$50,000)	(\$24,200)	(\$45,900)	(\$20,800)
% change	-1099.20%	-106.61%	47.28%	-120.67%	-363.29%
% of sales	-94.90%	-7.02%	-3.53%	-5.43%	-2.29%
Tax expense \$	\$155,700	(\$22,300)	(\$15,800)	(\$26,300)	(\$7,600)
Effective tax rate	-35.08%	30.84%	39.50%	36.43%	26.76%
Depreciation expense \$	\$15,800	\$15,400	\$16,000	\$11,400	\$16,500
% of sales	2.50%	2.16%	2.33%	1.35%	1.82%
% of capital expenses	329.17%	216.90%	470.59%	122.58%	660.00%
% of PP&E, net (annualized)	55.20%	50.24%	49.52%	32.46%	43.87%
Capital expenditures \$	\$4,800	\$7,100	\$3,400	\$9,300	\$2,500
% change	-32.39%	108.82%	-63.44%	272.00%	-59.68%
% of PP&E, net (annualized)	16.77%	23.16%	10.52%	26.48%	6.65%
Interest coverage ratio	(31.68)	(3.74)	(0.95)	(3.01)	0.06
% change	-746.67%	-293.35%	68.45%	-5526.09%	-98.51%
Free cash flow \$	(\$78,000)	(\$30,000)	(\$78,800)	\$20,900	(\$31,200)
% change	-160.00%	61.93%	-477.03%	166.99%	-145.67%
Source:	10-Q 11/10/2008	10-Q 7/30/2008	10-Q 4/29/2008	10-K 2/28/2008	10-Q 11/10/2008

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The severe downturn in the housing and mortgage markets and the general credit crisis has placed a significant strain on our liquidity and capital resources to the point that it has become increasingly difficult for us to remain an independent public company.

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We conduct all of our operations through our operating subsidiaries and our ability to meet current and future obligations is dependent upon our ability to generate positive cash flows from operations and to upstream funds from our operating subsidiaries to our holding company. ...For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, net cash used in operating activities was \$(73.2) million and \$(171.5) million, respectively.

...The effects of the severe downturn in the housing and mortgage markets also caused us to violate the financial debt covenants of our Note Purchase Agreement and our Credit Agreement as of September 30, 2008. We do not have access to the undrawn \$50.0 million commitment amount remaining under the Credit Agreement as long as an event of default has occurred and is continuing. In addition, based on current projections, we are likely to not be in compliance with the financial covenants of these agreements as of December 31, 2008. The covenant violations, unless waived by the lenders, constitute an event of default under the agreements, giving the lenders the right to declare all principal and accrued interest payable immediately, and exercise other rights and remedies granted under the agreements. A declaration for immediate payment under either of these agreements also would constitute an event of default under our convertible note obligations, enabling the holders of such indebtedness to require the immediate payment of such obligations.

We are currently in discussions with our lenders to obtain waivers and amendments to the Note Purchase Agreement and Credit Agreement. Any agreement reached with our lenders could result in new terms which are less favorable than current terms under our existing agreements and could involve a reduction in availability of funds, an increase in interest rates and shorter maturities, among other things. If we are not successful in securing waivers and amendments, we may need to seek new financing arrangements from other lenders. Such alternative financing arrangements may be unavailable to us or available on terms substantially less favorable than our existing credit facilities.