

**M & F WORLDWIDE CORP.
REPORTS FIRST QUARTER 2010 RESULTS**

M & F Worldwide Corp. to Hold Conference Call on May 13, 2010

New York, NY – May 5, 2010 — M & F Worldwide Corp. (“M & F Worldwide” or the “Company”) (NYSE: MFW) today reported results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2010. Additionally, M & F Worldwide filed its quarterly report on Form 10-Q with the Securities and Exchange Commission today.

M & F Worldwide will host a conference call to discuss its first quarter 2010 results on May 13, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. (EDT). The conference call will be accessible by dialing (800) 230-1074 in the United States and (612) 234-9960 internationally. For those unable to listen live, a replay of the call will be available by dialing (800) 475-6701 in the United States and (320) 365-3844 internationally; Access Code: 154441. The replay will be available from 11:00 a.m. (EDT) Thursday, May 13, 2010, through 11:59 p.m. (EDT) Thursday, May 27, 2010.

First Quarter 2010 Highlights

- Net revenues of \$457.2 million, down \$7.1 million, or 1.5%, as compared to the first quarter of 2009.
- Operating income of \$88.0 million, up \$19.7 million, or 28.8%, as compared to the first quarter of 2009.
- Net income of \$33.6 million, down \$17.7 million, or 34.5%, as compared to the first quarter of 2009. Net income for the first quarter of 2009 includes the impact of a \$52.6 million (\$32.5 million after tax) gain on early extinguishment of debt.

First Quarter 2010 Performance

Consolidated Results

Consolidated net revenues decreased by \$7.1 million, or 1.5%, to \$457.2 million for the first quarter of 2010 from \$464.3 million for the first quarter of 2009. The decrease was primarily due to volume declines at Harland Clarke and Scantron, partially offset by increased revenues per unit and revenues related to the SubscriberMail and Protocol IMS acquisitions completed in the fourth quarter of 2009 at the Harland Clarke segment and an increase in revenues at the Licorice Products segment.

Operating income increased by \$19.7 million, or 28.8%, to \$88.0 million for the first quarter of 2010 from \$68.3 million for the first quarter of 2009. The increase was primarily due to labor cost reductions resulting from restructuring activities, increased revenues per unit in the Harland Clarke segment, and a \$7.9 million decrease in restructuring costs. These increases were partially offset by volume declines in the Harland Clarke and Scantron segments and increased raw material costs in the Licorice Products segment.

Net income decreased by \$17.7 million, or 34.5%, to \$33.6 million, or \$1.73 per diluted share, for the first quarter of 2010 from \$51.3 million, or \$2.64 per diluted share, for the first quarter of 2009. The decrease in net income was due to a \$52.6 million (\$32.5 million after tax) gain on early extinguishment of debt related to the purchase of \$90.5 million principal amount of the Harland Clarke Holdings’ Senior Notes for aggregate consideration of \$35.1 million in the first quarter of 2009. The decrease in net income was partially offset by improvements in operating income, which increased \$19.7 million (\$12.0 million after tax), and interest expense, which declined \$8.0 million (\$4.9 million after tax) as compared to the first quarter of 2009.

Adjusted EBITDA increased by \$10.2 million, or 8.3%, to \$132.5 million for the first quarter of 2010 from \$122.3 million for the first quarter of 2009. Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure that is defined in the footnotes to this release and reconciled to net income, the most directly comparable GAAP measure, in the accompanying financial tables.

Segment Results

Net revenues for the Harland Clarke segment decreased by \$5.4 million, or 1.7%, to \$309.7 million for the first quarter of 2010 from \$315.1 million for the first quarter of 2009. The decrease was primarily a result of volume declines in check and related products, partially offset by increased revenues per unit and revenues from the 2009 acquisitions. Operating income for the Harland Clarke segment increased by \$14.7 million, or 28.9%, to \$65.6 million for the first quarter of 2010 from \$50.9 million for the first quarter of 2009. The increase in operating income was primarily due to labor cost reductions resulting from restructuring activities,

increased revenues per unit, and a \$5.6 million decrease in restructuring costs, partially offset by volume declines. Operating income for the first quarters of 2010 and 2009 includes restructuring costs of \$1.7 million and \$7.3 million, respectively.

Net revenues for the Harland Financial Solutions segment increased by \$0.1 million, or 0.1%, to \$69.3 million for the first quarter of 2010 from \$69.2 million for the first quarter of 2009. Increases in maintenance revenues and outsourced host processing revenues were substantially offset by decreases in early termination fees and hardware sales. Operating income for the Harland Financial Solutions segment increased by \$4.0 million, or 54.1%, to \$11.4 million for the first quarter of 2010 from \$7.4 million for the first quarter of 2009. The increase in operating income was primarily due to labor cost reductions resulting from restructuring activities and a \$2.2 million decrease in restructuring costs. Operating income for the first quarter of 2010 includes charges of \$0.4 million for compensation expense related to an incentive agreement from an acquisition and \$0.2 million for restructuring costs. Operating income for the first quarter of 2009 includes charges of \$1.0 million for compensation expense related to an incentive agreement from an acquisition and \$2.4 million for restructuring costs.

Net revenues for the Scantron segment decreased by \$3.3 million, or 6.1%, to \$51.1 million for the first quarter of 2010 from \$54.4 million for the first quarter of 2009. The decrease was primarily due to declines in service maintenance, forms and hardware revenues, which the Company believes were negatively affected by the economic downturn. These declines were partially offset by increases in revenues from web-based products and services. Operating income for the Scantron segment increased by \$2.5 million, or 36.8%, to \$9.3 million for the first quarter of 2010 from \$6.8 million for the first quarter of 2009. The increase in operating income was primarily due to a reduction in integration expenses, labor cost reductions resulting from restructuring activities, and a \$1.3 million one-time expense related to a contractual obligation owing to a former employee upon termination of employment that occurred in the first quarter of 2009, which were partially offset by volume declines. Operating income for the first quarters of 2010 and 2009 includes restructuring costs of \$1.3 million and \$1.4 million, respectively.

Net revenues for the Licorice Products segment increased by \$1.5 million, or 5.8%, to \$27.2 million for the first quarter of 2010 from \$25.7 million for the first quarter of 2009. Sales of licorice extract to non-tobacco customers increased by \$1.6 million as a result of an increase in shipment volumes to confectionary customers and the favorable impact of the U.S. dollar translation of Mafco Worldwide's Euro denominated sales due to the weaker dollar in 2010 versus 2009. *Magnasweet* and pure licorice derivative sales increased by \$0.7 million primarily as the result of an increase in shipment volumes of pure licorice derivatives. Sales of licorice extract to the worldwide tobacco industry decreased by \$0.8 million as the result of a decline in shipment volumes due to continued worldwide consumption declines in tobacco products using licorice, a shift in the strategy of worldwide cigarette manufacturers which placed a greater emphasis on product changes and cost reductions and the continued rationalization of inventories by Altria, Inc. which affected order timing. Operating income for the Licorice Products segment decreased by \$1.5 million, or 17.9%, to \$6.9 million for the first quarter of 2010 from \$8.4 million for the first quarter of 2009. The decrease in operating income was primarily due to a change in the mix of products sold resulting in lower revenue per unit and increased raw material costs as a percentage of sales.

About M & F Worldwide

M & F Worldwide has four business segments, which are operated by Harland Clarke, Harland Financial Solutions, Scantron and Mafco Worldwide. Harland Clarke is a provider of checks and related products, direct marketing services and customized business and home office products. Harland Financial Solutions provides technology products and related services to financial institutions. Scantron is a leading provider of data management solutions and related services to educational, healthcare, commercial and governmental entities. Mafco Worldwide produces licorice products for sale to the tobacco, food, pharmaceutical and confectionery industries.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements that reflect management's current assumptions and estimates of future performance and economic conditions, which are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond M & F Worldwide's control. All statements other than statements of historical facts included in this press release, including those regarding M & F Worldwide's strategy, future operations, financial position, estimated revenues, projected costs, projections, prospects, plans and objectives of management, are forward-looking statements. When used in this press release, the words "believes," "anticipates," "plans," "expects," "intends," "estimates" or similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such identifying words. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this press release. Although M & F Worldwide believes that its plans, intentions and expectations reflected in or suggested by the forward-

looking statements made in this press release are reasonable, such plans, intentions or expectations may not be achieved. In addition to factors described in M & F Worldwide's Securities and Exchange Commission filings and others, the following factors may cause M & F Worldwide's actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in this press release include: (1) economic, climatic or political conditions in countries in which Mafco Worldwide sources licorice root; (2) economic, regulatory or political conditions that have an impact on the worldwide tobacco industry or on the consumption of tobacco products in which licorice products are used; (3) the failure of third parties to make full and timely payment to M & F Worldwide for environmental, asbestos, tax and other matters for which M & F Worldwide is entitled to indemnification; (4) unfavorable foreign currency fluctuations; (5) difficult conditions in financial markets, the downturn in and potential worsening of general economic and market conditions and the impact of the credit crisis; (6) M & F Worldwide's substantial indebtedness; (7) covenant restrictions under M & F Worldwide's indebtedness that may limit its ability to operate its business and react to market changes; (8) the maturity of the principal industry in which the Harland Clarke segment operates and trends in the paper check industry, including a faster than anticipated decline in check usage due to increasing use of alternative payment methods, a decline in consumer confidence and/or checking account openings and other factors, and our ability to grow non-check-related product lines; (9) consolidation among or failure of financial institutions, decreased spending by financial institutions on our products and services and other adverse changes among the large clients on which M & F Worldwide depends, resulting in decreased revenues and/or pricing pressure; (10) the ability to retain M & F Worldwide's clients; (11) the ability to retain M & F Worldwide's key employees and management; (12) lower than expected cash flow from operations; (13) significant increases in interest rates; (14) intense competition in all areas of M & F Worldwide's business; (15) interruptions or adverse changes in M & F Worldwide's supplier relationships, technological capacity, intellectual property matters, and applicable laws; (16) decreases to educational budgets as a result of the continued general economic downturn and the resulting impact on Scantron's customers; (17) variations in contemplated brand strategies, business locations, management positions and other business decisions in connection with integrating acquisitions; (18) M & F Worldwide's ability to successfully integrate and manage future acquisitions; (19) M & F Worldwide's ability to implement any or all components of its business strategy or realize all of its expected cost savings or synergies from acquisitions; (20) acquisitions otherwise not being successful from a financial point of view, including, without limitation, due to any difficulties with M & F Worldwide's servicing its debt obligations; and (21) weak economic conditions and declines in the financial performance of our businesses that may result in material impairment charges.

You should read carefully the factors described in M & F Worldwide's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 for a description of risks that could, among other things, cause actual results to differ from these forward looking statements.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In this release, M & F Worldwide presents certain adjusted financial measures that are not calculated according to generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"). These non-GAAP financial measures are designed to complement the GAAP financial information presented in this release because management believes they present information regarding M & F Worldwide that management believes is useful to investors. The non-GAAP financial measures presented should not be considered in isolation from or as a substitute for the comparable GAAP financial measure.

EBITDA represents net income before interest income and expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization (other than amortization related to contract acquisition payments). M & F Worldwide presents EBITDA because it believes it is an important measure of its performance and believes it is frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties in the evaluation of companies in M & F Worldwide's industries.

M & F Worldwide believes EBITDA provides useful information with respect to its ability to meet its future debt service, capital expenditures, working capital requirements and overall operating performance, although EBITDA should not be considered as a measure of liquidity. In addition, M & F Worldwide utilizes EBITDA when interpreting operating trends and results of operations of its business.

M & F Worldwide also uses EBITDA for the following purposes: Mafco Worldwide's and Harland Clarke Holdings' senior credit facilities use EBITDA (with additional adjustments) to measure compliance with financial covenants such as debt incurrence. M & F Worldwide's subsidiaries executive compensation is based on EBITDA (with additional adjustments) performance measured against targets. EBITDA is also widely used by M & F Worldwide and others in its industry to evaluate and value potential acquisition candidates. EBITDA has limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider it in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. See below for a description of these limitations. Because of these limitations, EBITDA should not be considered as a measure of discretionary cash available to M & F Worldwide to invest in the growth of its business.

In addition, in evaluating EBITDA, you should be aware that in the future M & F Worldwide may incur expenses such as those excluded in calculating it. M & F Worldwide's presentation of this measure should not be construed as an inference that its future results will be unaffected by unusual or non-recurring items.

EBITDA has limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider it in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations are:

- it does not reflect M & F Worldwide's cash expenditures and future requirements for capital expenditures or contractual commitments;
- it does not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, M & F Worldwide's working capital needs;
- it does not reflect the significant interest expense or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments on M & F Worldwide's debt;
- although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated and amortized will often have to be replaced in the future, and EBITDA does not reflect any cash requirements for such replacements;
- it is not adjusted for all non-cash income or expense items that are reflected in M & F Worldwide's statements of cash flows; and
- other companies in M & F Worldwide's industries may calculate EBITDA differently from M & F Worldwide, limiting its usefulness as a comparative measure.

Because of these limitations, EBITDA should not be considered as a measure of discretionary cash available to invest in the growth of M & F Worldwide's business or as a measure of cash that will be available to M & F Worldwide to meet its obligations. You should compensate for these limitations by relying primarily on M & F Worldwide's GAAP results and using EBITDA only supplementally.

M & F Worldwide presents Adjusted EBITDA as a supplemental measure of its performance. M & F Worldwide prepares Adjusted EBITDA by adjusting EBITDA to reflect the impact of a number of items it does not consider indicative of M & F Worldwide's ongoing operating performance. Such items include, but are not limited to, gain on early extinguishment of debt, restructuring costs, intangible asset impairment charges, deferred purchase price compensation related to an acquisition and certain acquisition accounting adjustments. You are encouraged to evaluate each adjustment and the reasons M & F Worldwide considers them appropriate for supplemental analysis. As an analytical tool, Adjusted EBITDA is subject to all of the limitations applicable to EBITDA. In addition, in evaluating Adjusted EBITDA, you should be aware that in the future, M & F Worldwide may incur expenses, including cash expenses, similar to the adjustments in this presentation. M & F Worldwide's presentation of Adjusted EBITDA should not be construed as an inference that its future results will be unaffected by unusual or non-recurring items.

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M & F Worldwide Corp. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Income
(in millions, except per share data)

	(unaudited)	
	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2010	2009
Product revenues, net	\$ 382.8	\$ 388.8
Service revenues, net	<u>74.4</u>	<u>75.5</u>
Total net revenues	457.2	464.3
Cost of products sold	226.7	235.2
Cost of services provided	<u>37.7</u>	<u>39.9</u>
Total cost of revenues	<u>264.4</u>	<u>275.1</u>
Gross profit	192.8	189.2
Selling, general and administrative expenses	101.6	109.8
Restructuring costs	<u>3.2</u>	<u>11.1</u>
Operating income	88.0	68.3
Interest income	0.3	0.5
Interest expense	(30.6)	(38.6)
Gain on early extinguishment of debt	-	52.6
Other (expense) income, net	<u>(0.2)</u>	<u>0.9</u>
Income before income taxes	57.5	83.7
Provision for income taxes	<u>23.9</u>	<u>32.4</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 33.6</u>	<u>\$ 51.3</u>
Earnings per common share:		
Basic	<u>\$ 1.74</u>	<u>\$ 2.65</u>
Diluted	<u>\$ 1.73</u>	<u>\$ 2.64</u>
Weighted average number of shares used in per share calculations:		
Basic shares	<u>19.3</u>	<u>19.3</u>
Diluted shares	<u>19.4</u>	<u>19.3</u>

M & F Worldwide Corp. and Subsidiaries
Business Segment Information
(in millions)

	(unaudited)	
	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2010	2009
Net revenues		
Harland Clarke segment	\$ 309.7	\$ 315.1
Harland Financial Solutions segment	69.3	69.2
Scantron segment	51.1	54.4
Licorice Products segment	27.2	25.7
Eliminations	(0.1)	(0.1)
Total net revenues	\$ 457.2	\$ 464.3
Operating income		
Harland Clarke segment	\$ 65.6	\$ 50.9
Harland Financial Solutions segment	11.4	7.4
Scantron segment	9.3	6.8
Licorice Products segment	6.9	8.4
Corporate	(5.2)	(5.2)
Total operating income	\$ 88.0	\$ 68.3

Reconciliation of net income to EBITDA and EBITDA to Adjusted EBITDA (in millions):

	(unaudited) Three Months Ended March 31,	
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Net income	\$ 33.6	\$ 51.3
Interest expense, net	30.3	38.1
Provision for income taxes	23.9	32.4
Depreciation and amortization	<u>40.7</u>	<u>40.8</u>
EBITDA	128.5	162.6
Adjustments:		
Restructuring costs (a)	3.2	11.1
Deferred purchase price compensation (b)	0.4	1.0
Gain on early extinguishment of debt (c)	—	(52.6)
Impact of acquisition accounting adjustments (d)	<u>0.4</u>	<u>0.2</u>
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 132.5</u>	<u>\$ 122.3</u>

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- (a) Reflects restructuring costs, including adjustments, recorded in accordance with GAAP, consisting primarily of severance, post-closure facility expenses and other related expenses.
- (b) Reflects charges accrued under a deferred purchase price agreement required to be recorded as compensation expense in selling, general and administrative expense resulting from an acquisition.
- (c) Reflects gains from the purchase of Harland Clarke Holdings bonds at less than their principal amount.
- (d) Reflects the non-cash fair value deferred revenue adjustments related to acquisition accounting.