UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 29, 2010

Tree.com, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **001-34063** (Commission File Number) **26-2414818** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

28277

(Zip Code)

11115 Rushmore Drive, Charlotte, NC

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (704) 541-5351

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 29, 2010, Tree.com, Inc. (the "Registrant") announced financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2010. A copy of the related press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On October 29, 2010, the Registrant announced the appointment of Steve Ozonian as the Chief Executive Officer of RealEstate.com, a division of the Registrant. A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Ozonian's appointment is filed as Exhibit 99.2 hereto.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit No.

99.1 Press Release, dated October 29, 2010, with respect to the Registrant's financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2010.

Exhibit Description

99.2 Press Release, dated October 29, 2010, with respect to the appointment of Steve Ozonian as Chief Executive Officer of RealEstate.com.

SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

TREE.COM, INC.

By: <u>/s/ CHRIS</u>TOPHER R. HAYEK

Christopher R. Hayek Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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TREE.COM REPORTS THIRD QUARTER 2010 RESULTS

CHARLOTTE, N.C., October 29, 2010 — Tree.com, Inc. (NASDAQ: TREE) today announced the quarter ended September 30, 2010, Adjusted EBITDA of \$5.5 million, an improvement of \$2.1 million over the prior quarter and a \$9.0 million improvement over the third quarter 2009's loss of \$3.5 million. Tree's third quarter 2010 revenue was \$53.2 million, up from \$45.8 million in the second quarter 2010. Tree reported GAAP net income of \$0.16 per share on net income of \$1.8 million, an improvement over the \$0.07 GAAP loss per share on a net loss of \$0.8 million in the prior quarter, and the \$0.68 GAAP loss per share on a net loss of \$7.4 million in the third quarter 2009.

Doug Lebda, Chairman and CEO of Tree.com stated, "Overall, I am pleased with our performance in the third quarter. We felt the benefit of a drop in interest rates which created an increase in refinance mortgage activity, and our results reflect that. Apart from the financial results, this is an important inflection point in the progress of the company. We are planning to grow our LendingTree Loans business, and with the announced new management and strategy in Real Estate, we are strongly reaffirming our commitment to provide the greatest value to our shareholders."

Tree.com SVP Tamara Kotronis added, "The positive impact we felt in Q3 from lower interest rates definitely contributed to our solid Q3 results with revenue growth in both the Exchanges and LendingTree Loans. In addition, the non-mortgage businesses within the Exchanges continue to gain traction and are accounting for a greater portion of the overall business, and we continue to invest marketing dollars to grow these non-mortgage businesses. All of this helped to offset continued softness in the Real Estate business, and deliver revenue growth, net income and positive Adjusted EBITDA in the quarter. As for guidance, we do expect a normal seasonal downturn in Q4, and as a result expect Adjusted EBITDA in the quarter to be between breakeven and \$2 million".

Tree.com Summary Financial Results

\$s in millions (except per share amounts) Q/Q % Change Y/Y <u>Q3</u>2010 % Change O2 2010 O3 2009 5% Revenue 53.2 45.8 16% 50.7 Cost of Revenue * \$ 14.5 \$ 13.2 10% \$ 18.7 (23)% **Operating Expenses*** 33.2 29.2 14% 35.5 (7)% \$ Adiusted EBITDA ** \$ 55 34 62% (3.5)257% \$ \$ EBITDA ** \$ 4.0 \$ 2.0 100% \$ (4.7)185% Net Income/(Loss) \$ 1.8 \$ (0.8)328% \$ (7.4)125% 329% Net Income/(Loss) Per Share \$ 0.16 \$ (0.07)\$ (0.68)123% **Diluted Net Income/(Loss) Per Share** \$ 0.16 329% \$ (0.68)123% \$ (0.07)

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** See separate reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA and EBITDA to GAAP Net Income/Loss.

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Information Regarding Q3 Results

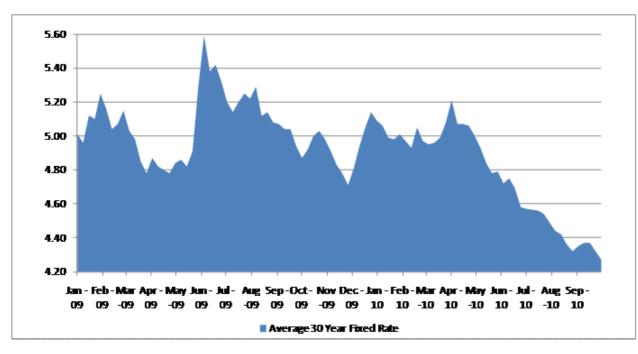
 Third quarter 2010 revenue was up 16% quarter-over-quarter, primarily due to an increase at LendingTree Loans, with 17% more closed loans than the prior quarter. The Exchanges segment revenue grew 6% quarter over quarter primarily due to strong refinance activity brought on by the recent drop in interest rates (see mortgage rate chart below). The Real Estate segment revenue, however, was 32% lower quarter-over-quarter as the number of closed units declined 31% from second quarter levels.

Looking year-over-year, revenue was up 5% over the third quarter 2009. This year-over-year increase in total revenue is due to LendingTree Loans, with 18% more closed loans, partially offset by fewer year-over-year matched loan requests on the Exchanges and fewer closed home sales in the Real Estate segment.

 Third quarter 2010 Adjusted EBITDA improved \$2.1 million over the second quarter, with the revenue improvements, primarily at LendingTree Loans segment, driving the improvement. The Exchanges, Real Estate and Corporate segments each generated lower Adjusted EBITDA versus last quarter. Overall, marketing spend was \$0.7 million higher quarter-over-quarter, due to the production costs of commercial spots that aired in the third quarter. However, marketing expense as a percentage of revenue was down quarter-over-quarter, to 34% from 37% in Q2, driven by low interest rates which in turn lowered cost per lead.

Adjusted EBITDA increased \$9.0 million year-over-year, primarily reflecting the revenue improvements at LendingTree Loans in addition to lower professional fees and employee costs.

Average 30-Year Fixed Mortgage Rate Recent Trends



Source: Freddie Mac: Primary Mortgage Market Survey

Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey consists of the average of 125 lenders' rates who contributed rates to Freddie Mac. The rates are based on 30-year fixed rate mortgage with 20% down and 80% finance over the life of the loan.

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Information Regarding Intersegment Revenue and Marketing

During the third quarter of 2010, the company changed its policy of accounting for inter-segment revenue and inter-segment marketing expense between the LendingTree Loans and Exchanges segments. This change impacts the segment results only, and does not impact the consolidated financial results of Tree.com.

Marketing expense for the Exchanges is primarily the building and maintaining of the company's core brands, using both online and offline spending, and generating leads not only for the Exchanges but for other segments as well. Previously, marketing expense for LendingTree Loans was primarily comprised of inter-segment purchases of leads from the Exchanges. The Exchanges received inter-segment revenue for the sale of these leads, and that revenue and the related marketing expense at LendingTree Loans would then eliminate in consolidation of the total company results.

The company now uses a cost sharing approach for these marketing expenses, whereby LendingTree Loans and the Exchanges now share the marketing expense on a pro rata basis, based on the quantity of leads received by each segment. There is no longer inter-segment revenue or inter-segment marketing expense related to these leads. Management believes that this cost sharing approach more closely aligns the overall goals of the company with the goals of segment management, and will ultimately drive the company to better performance.

Segment reporting results for prior periods reflect the policy change noted above.

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Business Unit Discussion

LENDINGTREE LOANS SEGMENT

LendingTree Loans Segment Results \$s in millions

	Q3 2010		Q2 2010	Q/Q % Change		Q3 2009	Y/Y % Change
Revenue - Direct Lending							
Origination and Sale of Loans	\$ 31.9	\$	24.0	33%	\$	22.5	42%
Other	\$ 2.9	\$	2.6	11%	\$	1.6	80%
Total Revenue - Direct Lending	\$ 34.8	\$	26.6	30%	\$	24.1	44%
Cost of Revenue *	\$ 11.0	\$	9.4	17%	\$	11.7	(5)%
Operating Expenses*	\$ 11.3	\$	10.0	13%	\$	8.6	31%
Adjusted EBITDA **	\$ 12.5	\$	7.2	73%	\$	3.8	228%
EBITDA **	\$ 10.9	\$	7.1	53%	\$	3.8	188%

Operating Income(Loss)	\$ 10.5	\$ 6.7	57%	\$ 3.0	252%
Metrics - Direct Lending					
Purchased loan requests (000s)	69.0	67.1	3%	63.0	9%
Closed - units (000s)	3.3	2.8	17%	2.8	18%
Closed - units (dollars)	\$ 721.9	\$ 610.4	18%	\$ 620.2	16%

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** See separate reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA and EBITDA to Operating Income/(Loss) by Segment.

LendingTree Loans

Third quarter 2010 revenue increased 30% quarter-over-quarter on 17% higher closed units. The quarter again saw unprecedented lows in mortgage interest rates which in turn spurred another surge in refinance loan activity. Third quarter revenue increased 44% from the same period last year on 18% more closed loans and a 12% increase in the revenue generated per loan. Looking at the year-over-year revenue increase, the third quarter 2009 reflected a significant slowdown that followed the previously unprecedented refinance boom experienced earlier that year.

Operating expenses were \$1.3 million higher quarter-over-quarter and \$2.7 million higher year-over-year. The quarter-over-quarter increase was largely driven by higher personnel costs compared to the second quarter. The year-over-year increase in operating expense is due to higher personnel-related costs and higher marketing expense. The year-over-year increase in marketing is related to an 81% increase in refinance lead volume delivered from LendingTree and therefore a higher share of the marketing expense. Also in the third quarter, LendingTree Loans recognized \$1.5 million expense for settlement of various legal and regulatory matters. While this did affect Operating Income and EBITDA in the quarter, it had no effect on Adjusted EBITDA.

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EXCHANGES SEGMENT

Exchanges Segment Results \$s in millions

	(23 2010	Q/Q Q2 2010 % Change		Q3 2009		Y/Y % Change	
Revenue - Exchanges								
Match Fees	\$	12.9	\$	11.7	10%	\$	12.4	3%
Closed Loan Fees	\$	1.7	\$	2.0	(18)%	\$	5.3	(69)%
Inter-segment Revenue	\$	0.1	\$	0.0	188%	\$	0.0	NM
Other	\$	0.6	\$	0.8	(20)%	\$	0.9	(30)%
Total Revenue - Exchanges	\$	15.3	\$	14.5	6%	\$	18.6	(18)%
Cost of Revenue *	\$	1.3	\$	0.9	53%	\$	1.4	(7)%
Operating Expenses*	\$	15.2	\$	13.2	15%	\$	15.6	(3)%
Adjusted EBITDA **	\$	(1.2)	\$	0.4	(418)%	\$	1.6	(176)%
EBITDA **	\$	(0.5)	\$	0.1	(437)%	\$	1.5	(131)%
Operating Income(Loss)	\$	(1.3)	\$	(0.7)	(103)%	\$	0.9	(247)%
Metrics - Exchanges								
Matched requests (000s)		311.1		271.1	15%		340.7	(9)%
Closing - units (000s)		9.2		8.4	10%		12.1	(24)%
Closing - units (dollars)		1,507.7		1,481.2	2%		2,231.6	(32)%

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Exchanges

Exchanges revenue in third quarter 2010 increased 6% quarter-over-quarter and declined 18% year-over-year. Match fee revenue increased both quarter-overquarter and year-over-year. The quarter-over-quarter increase is due to 15% more matched consumer requests, which was fueled by lower interest rates in the quarter and by growing non-mortgage verticals like Insurance and Home Services.

The year-over-year increase in match fees reflect pricing action taken in late 2009, which increased the emphasis on match revenue by increasing match fees and decreasing the average closed loan fee paid by lenders. Consequently, both the quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year decline in closed loan revenue is due primarily to the same pricing action. The year-over-year decline in closed loan revenue is also partially due to 24% fewer closed loan transactions. For the third consecutive quarter, non-mortgage consumer services such as Education, Insurance, Auto and Home Services accounted for more than 50% of our total matched consumer requests.

Operating expenses increased \$2.0 million quarter-over-quarter and decreased \$0.4 million year-over-year. The quarter-over-quarter increase is primarily the result of increased marketing expense related to the production of TV commercial spots that aired in the quarter as well as increased variable spend for the non mortgage verticals. On a year-over-year basis, the lower operating expense was driven by lower marketing, which is the result of more leads being delivered to LendingTree Loans and therefore a greater share of the marketing cost to LendingTree Loans.

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REAL ESTATE SEGMENT

Real Estate Segment Results \$s in millions

	C	Q3 2010		Q2 2010	Q/Q % Change		Q3 2009	Y/Y % Change
Total Revenue - Real Estate	\$	3.2	\$	4.7	(32)%	\$	8.0	(60)%
Cost of Revenue *	\$	2.1	\$	2.8	(25)%	\$	5.1	(59)%
Operating Expenses*	\$	1.6	\$	1.9	(16)%	\$	3.5	(54)%
Adjusted EBITDA **	\$	(0.5)	\$	(0.0)	NM	\$	(0.6)	16%
EBITDA **	\$	(0.7)	\$	(0.4)	(58)%	\$	(0.8)	14%
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Operating Income(Loss)	\$	(1.2)	\$	(1.3)	12%	\$	(1.7)	31%
Metrics - Real Estate								
Closing - units (000s)		0.7		1.0	(31)%		1.4	(51)%
Closing - units (dollars)	\$	137.7	\$	200.0	(31)%	\$	330.4	(58)%
Agents - RealEstate.com, REALTORS®		787		804	(2)%		1,304	(40)%
Markets - RealEstate.com, REALTORS®		20		20	0%		20	0%

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Real Estate

Third quarter 2010 Real Estate revenue declined \$1.5 million, or 32%, quarter-over-quarter on 31% fewer closed units. This is a reflection of an industrywide decline in the number of closed transactions. Real Estate revenue was down \$4.8 million, or 60%, year-over-year, primarily due to continued declines in the number of total real estate transactions, down 51% year-over-year, and lower average home prices, down 15% year-over-year. Additionally, previous quarters' reductions in agent counts were largely curtailed in the third quarter, showing just a 2% decline from second quarter. The third quarter 2010 ended with 40% fewer agents year-over-year.

Adjusted EBITDA declined \$0.5 million quarter-over-quarter and was up \$0.1 million year-over-year. The quarter-over-quarter decline was driven by the lower revenue in the period. Operating Expenses were \$0.3 million lower than the second quarter and \$1.9 million lower than the third quarter 2009. The reductions in operating expense were across marketing, as well as general and administrative, reflecting prior cost cutting initiatives.

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CORPORATE

Unallocated Corporate Costs and Eliminations \$s in millions

	Q	3 2010	Q2 2010	Q/Q % Change				Q3 2009	Y/Y % Change
Inter-segment Revenue - elimination	\$	(0.1)	\$ (0.0)	(188)%	\$	0.0	NM		
Cost of Revenue *	\$	0.0	\$ 0.1	(69)%	\$	0.5	(93)%		
Inter-segment Marketing - elimination	\$	0.0	\$ 0.0	100%	\$	0.0	NM		
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Operating Expenses*	\$	5.2	\$ 4.1	27%	\$	7.8	33%		
Adjusted EBITDA **	\$	(5.3)	\$ (4.2)	(25)%	\$	(8.3)	37%		
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EBITDA **	\$	(5.8)	\$ (4.9)	(20)%	\$	(9.2)	37%		
Operating Income(Loss)	\$	(6.1)	\$ (5.2)	(18)%	\$	(9.6)	36%		

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Corporate

Operating expenses in the corporate segment increased \$1.1 million quarter-over-quarter and decreased \$2.6 million year-over-year. The quarter-over-quarter increase was largely due to higher incentive compensation expense and professional fees in the quarter. The year-over-year decreases in operating expense were primarily driven by lower professional fees and employee costs reflecting prior cost-cutting initiatives.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of September 30, 2010, Tree.com had \$57.3 million in unrestricted cash and cash equivalents, compared to \$62.9 million as of June 30, 2010. During the third quarter under the previously announced \$10 million share repurchase program which began in February, the company repurchased 182,667 shares at an average price of \$6.69 in open market transactions. Through September 30, 2010, the company has repurchased a total of 670,025 shares at an average price of \$6.99 and has approximately \$5.3 million of repurchase authorization remaining.

As of September 30, 2010, LendingTree Loans had two committed lines of credit totaling \$125 million of borrowing capacity, plus an additional \$25 million of uncommitted capacity. Per our recent filings, LendingTree Loans renewed its warehouse line agreement with JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., with a term running through October 29, 2011. As part of the renewal, borrowing capacity of this line of credit was increased from \$75 million to \$100 million. Effective with the renewal, borrowing capacity in the two committed lines is \$150 million, plus \$25 million of uncommitted capacity. Borrowings under these lines of credit are used to fund, and are secured by, consumer residential loans that are held for sale. Loans under these lines of credit are repaid from proceeds from the sales of loans held for sale by LendingTree Loans. The loans held for sale and warehouse lines of credit balances as of September 30, 2010, were \$164.5 million and \$140.1 million, respectively.

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Earlier this quarter, we disclosed that on August 30, 2010, the company completed a share exchange, whereby our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Douglas R. Lebda, exchanged 2,902.33 shares of Series A Redeemable Preferred Stock of LendingTree Holdings Corp. with 534,900 newly-issued shares of Tree.com common stock. Details of the exchange were disclosed in a Form 8-K filed with the Securities Exchange Commission on September 1, 2010.

Conference Call

Tree.com will audio cast its conference call with investors and analysts discussing the company's third quarter financial results and certain other matters described herein on Friday, October 29, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time (ET). This call will include the disclosure of certain information, including forward-looking information, which may be material to an investor's understanding of Tree.com's business. The live audio cast is open to the public at http://investor-relations.tree.com/.

QUARTERLY FINANCIALS

TREE.COM, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Unaudited)

	 Three Ended Sep		r 30,		Nine M Ended Sep	
	 2010	2009 (In theusands, ever		2010 ept per share amounts)		2009
Revenue			(III tilousailus, except	t per sna	re amounts)	
LendingTree Loans	\$ 34,760	\$	24,109	\$	87,147	\$ 94,738
Exchanges and other	15,204		18,610		48,013	52,662
Real Estate	3,213		7,997		11,825	21,549
Total revenue	 53,177		50,716		146,985	 168,949
Cost of revenue						
LendingTree Loans	11,049		11,685		30,752	38,437
Exchanges and other	1,346		1,949		3,654	6,054
Real Estate	2,074		5,056		7,312	13,712
Total cost of revenue (exclusive of depreciation shown						
separately below)	14,469		18,690		41,718	58,203
Gross margin	 38,708		32,026		105,267	 110,746
Operating expenses						
Selling and marketing expense	17,830		17,435		55,035	45,149
General and administrative expense	14,035		17,515		39,263	50,929
Product development	1,013		1,673		2,964	4,842
Litigation settlements and contingencies	1,546		14		1,588	406
Restructuring expense	321		78		3,363	(158)
Amortization of intangibles	519		1,055		2,405	3,636
Depreciation	1,523		1,698		4,539	5,049

Asset impairments	_			_		3,903
Total operating expenses	 36,787		39,468	109,157		113,756
Operating income/(loss)	 1,921		(7,442)	(3,890)		(3,010)
Other income (expense)						
Interest income			9	7		84
Interest expense	(60)		(149)	(393)		(451)
Total other (expense), net	(60)		(140)	(386)		(367)
Income/(loss) before income taxes	 1,861		(7,582)	(4,276)		(3,377)
Income tax (provision) benefit	(42)		182	(850)		(121)
Net income/(loss)	\$ 1,819	\$	(7,400)	\$ (5,126)	\$	(3,498)
Weighted average common shares outstanding	11,023		10,844	10,993		10,413
Weighted average diluted shares outstanding	 11,163	_	10,844	10,993	_	10,413
Net income/(loss) per share available to common shareholders						
Basic	\$ 0.16	\$	(0.68)	\$ (0.47)	\$	(0.34)
Diluted	\$ 0.16	\$	(0.68)	\$ (0.47)	\$	(0.34)

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TREE.COM, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

		<u>ember 30, 2010</u> (unaudited) (In thousands, exc share ar	ept par	<u>ember 31, 2009</u> value and
ASSETS:	<i>.</i>		÷	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	57,294	\$	86,093
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		11,104		12,019
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$511 and \$518, respectively		7,799		6,835
Loans held for sale (\$163,319 and \$92,236 measured at fair value, respectively)		164,460		93,596
Prepaid and other current assets		14,663		10,758
Total current assets		255,320		209,301
Property and equipment, net		12,543		12,257
Goodwill		12,917		12,152
Intangible assets, net		55,221		57,626
Other non-current assets		706		496
Total assets	\$	336,707	\$	291,832
LIABILITIES:				
Warehouse lines of credit	\$	140,112	\$	78,481
Accounts payable, trade		5,810		5,905
Deferred revenue		1,982		1,731
Deferred income taxes		2,033		2,211
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		39,806		54,694
Total current liabilities	-	189,743		143,022
Income taxes payable		94		510
Other long-term liabilities		12,987		12,010
Deferred income taxes		16,581		15,380
Total liabilities		219,405		170,922
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:				
Preferred stock \$.01 par value; authorized 5,000,000 shares; none issued or outstanding				_
Common stock \$.01 par value; authorized 50,000,000 shares; issued 11,881,606 and 10,904,330 shares,				
respectively, and outstanding 11,211,581 and 10,904,330 shares, respectively		119		109
Additional paid-in capital		908,031		901,818
Accumulated deficit		(786,143)		(781,017)
Treasury stock 670,025 and -0- shares, respectively		(4,705)		
Total shareholders' equity		117,302		120,910
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	336,707	\$	291,832

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TREE.COM, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited)

		2010		2009
		(In thou	sands)	
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net loss	\$	(5,126)	\$	(3,498)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:				
Loss on disposal of fixed assets		9		949
Amortization of intangibles		2,405		3,636
Depreciation		4,539		5,049
Intangible impairment		—		3,903
Non-cash compensation expense		2,840		3,060
Non-cash restructuring expense		301		161
Deferred income taxes		1,023		393
Gain on origination and sale of loans		(79,301)		(89,701)
Loss on impaired loans not sold		—		564
Loss on sale of real estate acquired in satisfaction of loans		377		51
Bad debt expense		45		325
Changes in current assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable		(1,010)		(1,208)
Origination of loans		(1,940,925)		(2,232,380)
Proceeds from sales of loans		1,953,564		2,335,100
Principal payments received on loans		1,200		781
Payments to investors for loan repurchases and early payoff obligations		(9,114)		(5,641)
Prepaid and other current assets		(996)		(1,149)
Accounts payable and other current liabilities		(14,931)		3,580
Income taxes payable		(388)		(551)
Deferred revenue		109		(130)
Other, net		4,363		1,154
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities		(81,016)		24,448
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Acquisitions		(50)		(5,726)
Capital expenditures		(4,999)		(2,200)
Other, net		765		3,253
Net cash used in investing activities		(4,284)		(4,673)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Borrowing under warehouse lines of credit		1,374,460		1,964,237
Repayments of warehouse lines of credit		(1,312,829)		(1,973,294)
Issuance of common stock, net of withholding taxes		(575)		3,373
Purchase of treasury stock		(4,705)		
Decrease (increase) in restricted cash		150		(875)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		56,501		(6,559)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents		(28,799)		13,216
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		86,093		73,643
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	57,294	\$	86,859
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TREE.COM, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS - BY SEGMENT

(Unaudited)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2010: (In thousands)										
		lingTree .oans	F	xchanges	Real Estate		Unallocated— Corporate			Total	
Revenue	\$	34,760	\$	15,307	\$	3,213	\$	(103)	\$	53,177	
Cost of revenue (exclusive of depreciation shown											
separately below)		11,049		1,312		2,074		34		14,469	
Gross margin		23,711		13,995		1,139		(137)		38,708	
Operating expenses:											
Selling and marketing expense		4,432		12,944		454		—		17,830	
General and administrative expense		6,714		669		951		5,701		14,035	
Product development		135		804		74		—		1,013	
Litigation settlements and contingencies		1,510				36		_		1,546	
Restructuring expense		(14)		44		288		3		321	
Amortization of intangibles		—		294		212		13		519	
Depreciation		395		559		306		263		1,523	
Total operating expenses		13,172		15,314		2,321		5,980		36,787	
Operating income (loss)		10,539		(1,319)		(1,182)		(6,117)		1,921	
Adjustments to reconcile to EBITDA and Adjusted											
EBITDA:											
Amortization of intangibles		—		294		212		13		519	
Depreciation		395		559		306		263		1,523	
EBITDA		10,934		(466)		(664)		(5,841)		3,963	

Restructuring expense	(14)		44	288	3	321
Non-cash compensation	94		73	28	583	778
Litigation settlements and contingencies	1,510			36		1,546
Post acquisition adjustments	—		(849)	(221)	—	(1,070)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 12,524	\$	(1,198)	\$ (533)	\$ (5,255)	\$ 5,538
Reconciliation to net income in total:						
Operating income per above						\$ 1,921
Other expense, net						(60)
Income before income taxes						 1,861
Income tax provision						(42)
Net income						\$ 1,819
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TREE.COM'S PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL REPORTING

Tree.com reports Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization ("EBITDA"), and adjusted for certain items discussed below ("Adjusted EBITDA"), as supplemental measures to GAAP. These measures are two of the primary metrics by which Tree.com evaluates the performance of its businesses, on which its internal budgets are based and by which management is compensated. Tree.com believes that investors should have access to the same set of tools that it uses in analyzing its results. These non-GAAP measures should be considered in addition to results prepared in accordance with GAAP, but should not be considered a substitute for or superior to GAAP results. Tree.com provides and encourages investors to examine the reconciling adjustments between the GAAP and non-GAAP measure which are discussed below.

Definition of Tree.com's Non-GAAP Measures

Adjusted EBITDA is defined as EBITDA excluding (1) non-cash compensation expense, (2) non-cash intangible asset impairment charges, (3) gain/loss on disposal of assets, (4) restructuring expenses, (5) litigation loss contingencies and settlements, (6) pro forma adjustments for significant acquisitions, and (7) one-time items. Adjusted EBITDA has certain limitations in that it does not take into account the impact to Tree.com's statement of operations of certain expenses, including depreciation, non-cash compensation and acquisition related accounting. Tree.com endeavors to compensate for the limitations of the non-GAAP measure presented by also providing the comparable GAAP measure with equal or greater prominence and descriptions of the reconciling items, including quantifying such items, to derive the non-GAAP measure.

Pro Forma Results

Tree.com will only present EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA on a pro forma basis if it views a particular transaction as significant in size or transformational in nature. For the periods presented in this report, there are no transactions that Tree.com has included on a pro forma basis.

One-Time Items

EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are presented before one-time items, if applicable. These items are truly one-time in nature and non-recurring, infrequent or unusual, and have not occurred in the past two years or are not expected to recur in the next two years, in accordance with SEC rules. For the periods presented in this report, there are no one-time items.

Non-Cash Expenses That Are Excluded From Tree.com's Non-GAAP Measures

Non-cash compensation expense consists principally of expense associated with the grants of restricted stock units and stock options. These expenses are not paid in cash, and Tree.com will include the related shares in its future calculations of fully diluted shares outstanding. Upon vesting of restricted stock units and the exercise of certain stock options, the awards will be settled, at Tree.com's discretion, on a net basis, with Tree.com remitting the required tax withholding amount from its current funds.

Amortization and impairment of intangibles are non-cash expenses relating primarily to acquisitions. At the time of an acquisition, the intangible assets of the acquired company, such as purchase agreements, technology and customer relationships, are valued and amortized over their estimated lives.

Other

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Safe Harbor Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

The matters contained in the discussion above may be considered to be "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Those statements include statements regarding the intent, belief or current expectations or anticipations of the Company and members of our management team. Factors currently known to management that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements include the following: our ability to operate effectively as a separate public entity following our spin-off from IAC in August 2008; additional costs associated with operating as an independent company; volatility in our stock price and trading volume; our ability to obtain financing on acceptable terms; limitations on our ability to enter into transactions due to spin-related restrictions; adverse conditions in the primary and secondary mortgage markets and in the economy; adverse conditions in our industries; adverse conditions in the credit markets and the inability to renew or replace warehouse lines of credit; seasonality in our businesses; potential liabilities to secondary market purchasers; changes in our relationships with network lenders, real estate professionals, credit providers and secondary market purchasers; breaches of our network security or the misappropriation or misuse of personal consumer information; our failure to provide competitive service; our failure to maintain brand recognition; our ability to attract and retain customers in a cost-effective manner; our ability to develop new products and services and enhance existing ones; competition from our network lenders and affiliated real estate professionals; our failure to comply with existing or changing laws, rules or regulations, or to obtain and maintain required licenses; failure of our network lenders or other affiliated parties to comply with regulatory requirements; failure to maintain the integrity of our systems and infrastructure; liabilities as a result of privacy regulations; failure to adequately protect our intellectual property rights or allegations of infringement of intellectual property rights; changes in our management; deficiencies in our disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting; and our ability to successfully implement our strategic initiatives in the Real Estate and LendingTree Loans businesses. These and additional factors to be considered are set forth under "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2009, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2010, and June 30, 2010, and in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We undertake no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect changed assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events or changes to future operating results or expectations.

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Tree.com Appoints Steve Ozonian as CEO of RealEstate.com Industry Leader to Drive New Strategic Direction to Benefit Consumers, Brokers, and Agents

Charlotte, NC (October 29, 2010) — <u>Tree.com</u> (NASDAQ: TREE) today announced the appointment of Steve Ozonian as the Chief Executive Officer of <u>RealEstate.com</u>, a division of Tree.com. In this role, Ozonian will lead the strategy to capitalize on RealEstate.com's best-in-class customer acquisition and processing systems by offering select brokers and agents the opportunity to leverage RealEstate.com's powerful brand, while providing access to unique training programs , internet marketing expertise and transaction processing capabilities.

Ozonian is a recognized expert in the real estate industry, bringing with him 25 years of experience that span both traditional and online real estate markets. Over the course of his career, Ozonian has held leadership positions including Chairman and CEO of Prudential Real Estate, CEO of Realtor.com, and the National Homeownership Executive for Bank of America. As a member of Tree.com's Board of Directors since 2008, Ozonian has played a pivotal role in developing the vision of RealEstate.com and the value that Tree.com and its family of brands bring to consumers.

"Steve has been a tremendous asset to us as a Tree.com Board Member and I'm thrilled he'll be leading our RealEstate.com business," said Doug Lebda, Chairman and CEO of Tree.com. "His diverse experience in all key components of the home ownership process, both online and offline, make him a natural fit to lead the company. His vision for providing brokers and agents with a more economically sustainable real estate model will revolutionize the industry and provide consumers with a superior home buying and selling experience."

The new RealEstate.com model will expand beyond our core company-owned brokerage business by creating a Trademark License Company (TLC). The TLC model will allow brokers in markets across the country to leverage the RealEstate.com brand and take advantage of lower costs and greater flexibility than found in a traditional franchise arrangement. Brokers and agents will have the ability to license the RealEstate.com brand at several different levels, and capitalize on RealEstate.com's best-in-class training, technology, and lead generation in order to improve their customers' experience and personal productivity.

In addition, the new RealEstate.com will leverage its connection with Tree.com and LendingTree.com to enhance the home buying experience by creating deeper relationships between consumers, brokers and agents and lending professionals. The site will serve as a comprehensive portal for consumers to get real estate and mortgage information, view and interact with property listings, and connect with local agents.

"The powerful combination of Tree.com, LendingTree, and RealEstate.com offers a unique and valuable proposition for both consumers and real estate professionals," said Mr. Ozonian. "This new model positions RealEstate.com as an industry trailblazer, providing more flexibility for brokers given current

economic conditions while simultaneously offering a more integrated approach for home buyers and sellers in today's market."

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