

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FS EQUITY PARTNERS IV LP

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [NYSE: ABG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/15/2007

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below)
 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)

C/O FREEMAN SPOGLI & CO., 11100 SANTA MONICA BLVD, SUITE 1900

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

LOS ANGELES, CA 90025

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common stock, par value \$.01 per share | 05/15/2007 | | S | | 2,206,771 | D | \$ 26.92 <u>(1)</u> |
| | | | | | | | 141,131 ⁽²⁾ <u>(3)</u> |
| Common stock, par value \$.01 per share | 05/15/2007 | | S | | 141,131 | D | \$ 26.92 <u>(1)</u> |
| | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | I | By FS Asbury Inc. ⁽⁴⁾ |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FS EQUITY PARTNERS IV LP C/O FREEMAN SPOGLI & CO. 11100 SANTA MONICA BLVD, SUITE 1900 LOS ANGELES, CA 90025 | | X | | |
| FS CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC C/O FREEMAN SPOGLI & CO. 11100 SANTA MONICA, BLVD., SUITE 1900 LOS ANGELES, CA 20025 | | X | | |

Signatures

Lynne A. Burgess,
Attorney-in-Fact

05/16/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The shares were sold in an underwritten offering to the public at a price of \$26.92 per share.
 - (2) FS Equity Partners IV, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Partnership"), sold these shares with other affiliates and affiliated funds of Freeman Spogli & Co. in the underwritten offering. FS Capital Partners, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (the "General Partner"), is the sole general partner of the Partnership. The General Partner disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the

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Partnership, except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

- (3) John M. Roth is a director of the Issuer. Mr. Roth is a member and director of the General Partner. Mr. Roth disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the General Partner, except to the extent of his indirect pecuniary interests therein.
- (4) FS Asbury Inc., a Delaware corporation ("FS Asbury"), sold these shares with other affiliates and affiliated funds of Freeman Spogli & Co. The Partnership is the sole stockholder of FS Asbury and beneficially owns all of the Issuer's shares held by FS Asbury.

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