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The Trustees of Great Northern Iron Ore Properties (GNI) report the following interim financial information:

Three Months ended June 30:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Revenues	\$3,610,580	\$3,638,137
Net Income	2,776,424	2,974,490
Basic & Diluted Earnings per Share	1.85	1.98

Six Months ended June 30:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Revenues	\$8,902,337	\$6,057,934
Net Income	7,207,301	4,711,832
Basic & Diluted Earnings per Share	4.80	3.14

GNI, St. Paul, Minnesota, owns mineral and nonmineral lands on the Mesabi Iron Range of Minnesota. Income is mainly derived from royalties on iron ore minerals (principally taconite) mined from these properties which are under lease to major steel producers.

/s/ Joseph S. Micallef

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