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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Form 10-K**

**Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.**

For the year ended December 31, 2009

**Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.**

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File number 000-33103

**ATEL Capital Equipment Fund VIII, LLC**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**California**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**94-3307404**  
(I. R. S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**600 California Street, 6th Floor, San Francisco, California 94108-2733**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (415) 989-8800**

Securities registered pursuant to section 12(b) of the Act: None

Securities registered pursuant to section 12(g) of the Act: Limited Liability Company Units

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Act of 1934. Yes  No

Indicate by a check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer       Accelerated filer       Non-accelerated filer       Smaller reporting company   
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

State the aggregate market value of voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant: Not applicable

State the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was sold, or the average bid and asked price of such common equity, as of a specified date within the past 60 days. (See definition of affiliate in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.) Not applicable

The number of Limited Liability Company Units outstanding as of February 28, 2010 was 13,560,188.

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

None.

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## PART I

### **Item 1. BUSINESS**

#### **General Development of Business**

ATEL Capital Equipment Fund VIII, LLC (the “Company” or the “Fund”) was formed under the laws of the State of California on July 31, 1998. The Company was formed for the purpose of acquiring equipment to engage in equipment leasing, lending and sales activities. The Managing Member of the Company is ATEL Financial Services, LLC (“AFS”), a California limited liability company. The Company may continue until December 31, 2019. Each Member’s personal liability for obligations of the Company generally will be limited to the amount of their respective contributions and rights to undistributed profits and assets of the Company.

The Company conducted a public offering of 15,000,000 Limited Liability Company Units (“Units”), at a price of \$10 per Unit. On January 13, 1999, subscriptions for the minimum number of Units (120,000, representing \$1.2 million) had been received (excluding subscriptions from Pennsylvania investors) and AFS requested that the subscriptions be released to the Company. On that date, the Company commenced operations in its primary business (acquiring equipment to engage in equipment leasing, lending and sales activities). Gross contributions in the amount of \$135.7 million (13,570,188 units) were received as of November 30, 2000, inclusive of \$500 of Initial Member’s capital investment and \$100 of AFS’ capital investment. The offering was terminated on November 30, 2000. As of December 31, 2009, 13,560,188 Units remain issued and outstanding.

The Company’s principal objectives have been to invest in a diversified portfolio of equipment that (i) preserves, protects and returns the Company’s invested capital; (ii) generates regular distributions to the Members of cash from operations and cash from sales or refinancing, with any balance remaining after certain minimum distributions to be used to purchase additional equipment during the reinvestment period (“Reinvestment Period”) (defined as six full years following the year the offering was terminated), which ended December 31, 2006 and (iii) provides additional distributions following the Reinvestment Period and until all equipment has been sold. The Company is governed by its Limited Liability Company Operating Agreement (“Operating Agreement”), as amended.

Pursuant to the Operating Agreement, AFS and/or its affiliates receive compensation and reimbursements for services rendered on behalf of the Company (see Note 6 to the financial statements included in Item 8 of this report). The Company is required to maintain reasonable cash reserves for working capital, the repurchase of Units and contingencies. The repurchase of Units is solely at the discretion of AFS.

The Company has incurred debt to finance the purchase of a portion of its equipment portfolio. The amount of borrowings in connection with any equipment acquisition transaction is determined by, among other things, the credit of the leases, the terms of the lease, the nature of the equipment and the condition of the money market. There is no limit on the amount of debt that may be incurred in connection with any single acquisition of equipment. However the Company may not incur aggregate outstanding indebtedness in excess of 50% of the total cost of all equipment as of the date of the final commitment of the offering proceeds and, thereafter, as of the date of any subsequent indebtedness is incurred. The Company has borrowed amounts within such maximum debt level in order to fund a portion of its equipment acquisitions. All such equipment acquisition debt had been repaid during 2007.

As of December 31, 2009, the Company continues in the liquidation phase of its life cycle as defined in the Operating Agreement.

#### **Narrative Description of Business**

The Company had acquired various types of equipment to lease pursuant to “Operating” leases and “High Payout” leases, whereby “Operating” leases are defined as being leases in which the minimum lease payments during the initial lease term do not recover the full cost of the equipment and “High Payout” leases recover at least 90% of such cost. Guidelines provided by the offering indicated that a majority of the aggregate purchase price of equipment would represent equipment leased under “High Payout” leases upon final investment of the Net Proceeds of the Offering and that no more than 20% of the aggregate purchase price of equipment would be invested in equipment acquired from a single manufacturer.

The Company had purchased equipment under pre-existing leases or for which a lease would be concurrently entered into at the time of the purchase. From inception through December 31, 2009, the Company had purchased and/or capitalized improvements pursuant to lease assets totaling \$248.1 million.

The Company's objective was to lease a minimum of 75% of the equipment acquired with the net proceeds of the offering to lessees that (i) have an average credit rating by Moody's Investors Service of Baa or better, or the credit equivalent as determined by AFS, with the average rating weighted to account for the original equipment cost for each item leased or (ii) are established hospitals with histories of profitability or municipalities. The balance of the original equipment portfolio may include equipment leased to lessees which, although deemed creditworthy by AFS, would not satisfy the general credit rating criteria for the portfolio. In excess of 75% of the equipment acquired with the net proceeds of the offering (based on original purchase cost) was originally leased to lessees with an average credit rating of Baa or better or to such hospitals or municipalities, as described in (ii) above.

During 2009 and 2008, certain lessees generated significant portions (defined as 10% or more) of the Company's operating lease revenues as follows:

<u>Lessee</u>	<u>Type of Equipment</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Lease Revenues</u>	
		<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Exsif Worldwide Inc.	Transportation, other (containers)	38%	32%
Bee Mar, LLC (Formerly Gulfmark Management, Inc.)	Marine vessel	13%	0%
Gulfmark Management, Inc.	Marine vessel	*	12%
Bartlett Grain Company, L.P.	Railcars	15%	15%

\* Less than 10%

These percentages are not expected to be comparable in future periods.

The equipment leasing industry is highly competitive. Equipment manufacturers, corporations, partnerships and others offer users an alternative to the purchase of most types of equipment with payment terms that vary widely depending on the lease term, type of equipment and creditworthiness of the lessee. The ability of the Company to keep the equipment leased and/or operating and the terms of the reinvestments, leases and dispositions of equipment depends on various factors (many of which are not in the control of AFS or the Company), such as raw material costs to manufacture equipment as well as general economic conditions, including the effects of inflation or recession, and fluctuations in supply and demand for various types of equipment resulting from, among other things, technological and economic obsolescence.

AFS sought to limit the amount invested in equipment to any single lessee to not more than 20% of the aggregate purchase price of equipment owned at any time during the Reinvestment Period.

The business of the Company is not seasonal.

The Company has no full time employees. AFS' employees and affiliates provide the services the Company requires to effectively operate. The cost of these services is reimbursed by the Company to AFS and affiliates per the Operating Agreement.

**Equipment Leasing Activities** – The Company had acquired a diversified portfolio of equipment. The equipment had been leased to lessees in various industries. The following tables set forth the types of equipment acquired and/or improved by the Company through December 31, 2009 and the industries to which the assets were leased (dollars in thousands):

<u>Asset Types</u>	<u>Purchase Price Excluding Acquisition Fees</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Acquisitions</u>
Transportation, rail	\$ 60,327	24.32%
Transportation, other	47,259	19.05%
Manufacturing	44,363	17.88%
Aircraft	38,535	15.53%
Gas compressors	13,848	5.58%
Materials handling	11,018	4.44%
Point of sale / office automation	8,678	3.50%
Storage tanks	6,712	2.71%
Marine vessels	5,124	2.07%
Other	12,189	4.92%
	<u>\$ 248,053</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

<u>Industry of Lessee</u>	<u>Purchase Price Excluding Acquisition Fees</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Acquisitions</u>
Transportation, rail	\$ 60,327	24.32%
Transportation, air	38,535	15.53%
Manufacturing, other	35,204	14.19%
Transportation, other	27,918	11.25%
Transportation, containers	21,229	8.56%
Manufacturing, electronics	20,901	8.43%
Retail	18,056	7.28%
Natural gas	13,848	5.58%
Other	12,035	4.86%
	<u>\$ 248,053</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Through December 31, 2009, the Company had disposed of certain leased assets as set forth below (in thousands):

<u>Asset Types</u>	<u>Original Equipment Cost Excluding Acquisition Fees</u>	<u>Sale Price</u>	<u>Excess of Rents Over Expense *</u>
Manufacturing	\$ 46,288	\$19,970	\$ 47,061
Transportation, rail	41,751	31,337	19,126
Aircraft	38,535	8,667	16,856
Transportation, other	27,575	9,705	26,473
Point of sale / office automation	12,162	2,393	1,309
Photo processing equipment	10,782	6,555	9,618
Storage tanks	7,200	7,007	1,478
Materials handling	6,946	2,017	6,648
Gas compressors	2,522	506	2,794
Other	10,514	3,679	12,287
	<u>\$ 204,275</u>	<u>\$91,836</u>	<u>\$143,650</u>

\* Includes only those expenses directly related to the production of the related rents.

Proceeds from sales of lease assets are not expected to be consistent from one period to another. The Company is a finite life equipment leasing fund, which had acquired leasing transactions during the period ended six years after completion of its public offering. On the termination of leases, assets may be re-leased or sold. Sales of assets are not scheduled and are

created by opportunities within the marketplace. The Company sought to acquire and lease a wide variety of assets and to enter into leases on a variety of terms. Some assets will be expected to have little or no value for re-lease or sale upon termination of the initial leases, and the anticipated residual values are a key factor in pricing and terms structured for each lease. The Company's goal is to seek maximum return on its leased assets and will determine when and under what terms to dispose of such assets during the course of its term.

For further information regarding the Company's equipment lease portfolio as of December 31, 2009, see Note 5 to the financial statements, Investments in equipment and leases, net, as set forth in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

Certain of the Company's lessee customers have international operations. In these instances, the Company is aware that certain equipment, primarily rail and transportation, may periodically exit the country. However, these lessee customers are US-based, and it is impractical for the Company to track, on an asset-by-asset, day-by-day basis, where these assets are deployed. For further information regarding the Company's geographic revenues and assets, and major customers, see Notes 2 and 3 to the financial statements as set forth in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

**Item 2. PROPERTIES**

The Company does not own or lease any real property, plant or material physical properties other than the equipment held for lease as set forth in Item 1, Business.

**Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

In the ordinary course of conducting business, there may be certain claims, suits, and complaints filed against the Company. In the opinion of management, the outcome of such matters, if any, will not have a material impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations. No material legal proceedings are currently pending against the Company or against any of its assets.

**Item 4. [RESERVED]**

## PART II

### **Item 5. MARKET FOR COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED SECURITY HOLDER MATTERS AND SMALL BUSINESS ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

#### **Market Information**

There are certain material conditions and restrictions on the transfer of Units imposed by the terms of the Operating Agreement. Consequently, there is no public market for Units and it is not anticipated that a public market for Units will develop. In the absence of a public market for the Units, there is no currently ascertainable fair market value for the Units.

#### **Holders**

As of December 31, 2009, a total of 3,373 investors were Unitholders of record in the Company.

#### **ERISA Valuation**

In order to permit ERISA fiduciaries who hold Units to satisfy their annual reporting requirements, AFS estimated the value per Unit of the Company's assets as of December 31, 2009. AFS calculated the estimated liquidation proceeds that would be realized by the Company, assuming an orderly disposition of all of the Company's assets as of December 31, 2009. The estimates were based on the amount of remaining lease payments on existing Company leases, and the estimated residual values of the equipment held by the Company upon the termination of those leases. This valuation was based solely on AFS's perception of market conditions and the types and amounts of the Company's assets. No independent valuation was sought.

After calculating the aggregate estimated disposition proceeds, AFS then calculated the portion of the aggregate estimated value of the Company assets that would be distributed to Unitholders on liquidation of the Company, and divided the total so distributable by the number of outstanding Units. As of December 31, 2009, the value of the Company's assets, calculated on this basis, was approximately \$1.89 per Unit. The foregoing valuation was performed solely for the ERISA purposes described above. There is no market for the Units, and, accordingly, this value does not represent an estimate of the amount a Unitholder would receive if he were to seek to sell his Units. Furthermore, there can be no assurance as to the amount the Company may actually receive if and when it seeks to liquidate its assets or the amount of lease payments and equipment disposition proceeds it will actually receive over the remaining term of the Company.

#### **Distributions**

The Unitholders of record are entitled to certain distributions as provided under the Operating Agreement. AFS has sole discretion in determining the amount of distributions; provided, however, that AFS will not reinvest in equipment, but will distribute, subject to payment of any obligations of the Company, such available cash from operations and cash from sales or refinancing as may be necessary to cause total distributions to the Members for each year during the Reinvestment Period to equal an amount between \$0.80 and \$1.00 per Unit, which was to be determined by AFS. The Company commenced periodic distributions, based on cash flows from operations, beginning with the month of January 1999.

The monthly distributions were discontinued in 2007 as the Company entered its liquidation phase. Periodic distributions were paid in December 2009 and 2008. The annualized rate for distributions from 2009 and 2008 operations was \$0.13 and \$0.30 per Unit, respectively.

The following table presents summarized per Unit information regarding distributions to Other Members:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Net income per Unit, based on weighted average Units outstanding	\$0.08	\$ 0.38
Return of investment	0.05	(0.08)
Distributions declared per Unit, based on weighted average Other Member Units outstanding	0.13	0.30
Differences due to timing of distributions	—	—
Actual distributions paid per Unit	<u>\$0.13</u>	<u>\$ 0.30</u>

**Item 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA**

A smaller reporting company is not required to present selected financial data in accordance with item 301(c) of Regulation S-K.

**Item 7. MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Statements contained in this Item 7, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” (“MD&A”) and elsewhere in this Form 10-K, which are not historical facts, may be forward-looking statements. Such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. In particular, the economic recession and changes in general economic conditions, including fluctuations in demand for equipment, lease rates, and interest rates, may result in delays in leasing, re-leasing, and disposition of equipment, and reduced returns on invested capital. The Company’s performance is subject to risks relating to lessee defaults and the creditworthiness of its lessees. The Company’s performance is also subject to risks relating to the value of its equipment at the end of its leases, which may be affected by the condition of the equipment, technological obsolescence and the markets for new and used equipment at the end of lease terms. Investors are cautioned not to attribute undue certainty to these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Form 10-K. We undertake no obligation to publicly release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this Form 10-K or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, other than as required by law.

**Overview**

ATEL Capital Equipment Fund VIII, LLC (the “Company”) is a California limited liability company that was formed in July 1998 for the purpose of engaging in the sale of limited liability investment units and acquiring equipment to generate revenues from equipment leasing and sales activities, primarily in the United States.

The Company conducted a public offering of 15,000,000 Limited Liability Company Units (“Units”), at a price of \$10 per Unit. The offering was terminated in November 2000. Total proceeds of the offering were \$135.7 million. During early 2001, the Company completed its initial acquisition stage with the investment of the net proceeds from the public offering of Units. Subsequently, throughout the reinvestment period (“Reinvestment Period”) (defined as six full years following the year the offering was terminated), the Company reinvested cash flow in excess of certain amounts required to be distributed to the Other Members and/or utilized its credit facilities to acquire additional equipment.

The Company may continue until December 31, 2019. However, pursuant to the guidelines of the Operating Agreement, the Company began to liquidate its assets and distribute the proceeds thereof after the end of the Reinvestment Period which ended in December 2006.

As of December 31, 2009, the Company continues in its liquidation phase. Accordingly, assets that mature will be returned to inventory and most likely subsequently sold, which will result in decreasing revenue as earning assets decrease. Periodic distributions are paid at the discretion of the Managing Member.

**Results of Operations**

Cost reimbursements to the Managing Member are based on its costs incurred in performing administrative services for the Company. These costs are allocated to each managed entity based on certain criteria such as total assets, number of investors or contributed capital based upon the type of cost incurred.

The Operating Agreement places an annual limit and a cumulative limit for cost reimbursements to AFS and/or affiliates. Any reimbursable costs incurred by AFS and/or affiliates during the year exceeding the annual and/or cumulative limits cannot be reimbursed in the current year, though such costs may be reimbursable in future years to the extent such amounts may be payable if within the annual and cumulative limits in such future years. As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Company had exceeded such limitations by approximately \$1.6 million and \$1.7 million, respectively (see Note 6 to the financial statements, Related party transactions, as set forth in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data).

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, there were concentrations (defined as greater than 10%) of equipment leased to lessees in certain industries (as a percentage of total equipment cost) as follows:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Transportation, containers	50%	44%
Transportation, rail	33%	38%
Transportation, marine	10%	11%

As previously indicated, certain lessees generated significant portions (defined as 10% or more) of the Company's operating lease revenues during 2009 and 2008 as follows:

Lessee	Type of Equipment	Percentage of Total Lease Revenues	
		2009	2008
Exsif Worldwide Inc.	Transportation, other (containers)	38%	32%
Bee Mar, LLC (Formerly Gulfmark Management, Inc.)	Marine vessel	13%	0%
Gulfmark Management, Inc.	Marine vessel	*	12%
Bartlett Grain Company, L.P.	Railcars	15%	15%

\* Less than 10%

These percentages are not expected to be comparable in future periods due to anticipated changes in the mix of investments and/or lessees as a result of liquidation stage activities.

It has been the Company's objective to maintain a 100% utilization rate for all equipment purchased in any given year. All equipment transactions were acquired subject to binding lease commitments, so equipment utilization remained high throughout the reinvestment stage. Initial lease terms of these leases were generally from 24 to 120 months, and as they expired, the Company attempted to re-lease or sell the equipment; as such, utilization rates may tend to decrease during the liquidation stage of the Company. All of the Company's equipment on lease was acquired in the years 1999 through 2002. The utilization percentage of existing assets under lease was 86% and 97% as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The decline in asset utilization was primarily a result of the economic downturn which began during the second half of 2008. Such downturn effectively reduced lessee needs for continued deployment of expiring lease assets.

#### *2009 versus 2008*

The Company had net income of \$1.3 million and \$5.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The results for 2009 reflect a significant reduction in total revenues partially offset by a decrease in operating expenses when compared to the prior year.

#### *Revenues*

Total revenues for 2009 decreased by \$4.8 million, or 44%, as compared to the prior year primarily as a result of a \$3.5 million decrease in net gains on sales of lease assets and a \$1.3 million reduction in operating lease revenues.

The year over year decrease in net gain on sales of lease assets was primarily due to first quarter 2008 gains of \$3.0 million recognized on the sale of railcars to a major railway customer, coupled with reduced demand for Company assets during 2009 as a result of the economic downtrend. The decline in operating lease revenue was mainly attributable to run-off of the lease portfolio, sales of lease assets and the year over year decline in rental revenues from the Company's marine vessel and other usage-based assets.

#### *Expenses*

Total operating expenses for 2009 decreased by \$674 thousand, or 12%, as compared to the prior year. The net decrease in total operating expenses was primarily due to reductions in depreciation expense, interest expense and professional fees. These decreases were offset, in part, by increases in taxes and franchise fees, vessel maintenance costs and other expense.

The decrease in depreciation expense totaled \$907 thousand and was a result of continued run-off of the Company's lease portfolio and sales of lease assets, consistent with the Fund's liquidation phase. Interest expense declined by \$157 thousand largely due to the termination of the Company's interest rate swap agreements during the first quarter of 2009 and the continued paydown of outstanding non-recourse debt; and professional fees declined by \$70 thousand largely due to a year over year reduction in audit-related fees.

The aforementioned decreases in operating expenses were offset, in part, by increases in taxes and franchise fees, vessel maintenance costs and other expense totaling \$198 thousand, \$160 thousand and \$95 thousand, respectively. The increase in taxes and franchise fees reflects a year over year increase in state franchise and income tax liability and estimated tax

payments; and the increase in vessel maintenance costs reflect costs incurred to prepare a vessel for a new lessee. Other expense increased mostly due to higher property taxes and management fees associated with the marine vessel as well as higher storage, freight and shipping costs related to the Company's railcars.

#### *Other*

The Company recorded other income, net totaling \$12 thousand and \$79 thousand for 2009 and 2008, respectively, related to the change in the fair value of its interest swap contracts. Such interest swap contracts all terminated during the first quarter of 2009.

#### **Capital Resources and Liquidity**

The liquidity of the Company varies, increasing to the extent that cash flows from leases and proceeds of asset sales exceed expenses and decreasing as lease assets are acquired, as distributions are made to the Other Members and to the extent expenses exceed cash flows from leases and proceeds from asset sales.

The primary source of liquidity for the Company is its cash flow from leasing activities. As initial lease terms expire, the Company re-leases or sells the equipment. The future liquidity beyond the contractual minimum rentals will depend on the Company's success in remarketing or selling the equipment as it comes off rental.

The changes in the Company's cash flow for 2009 when compared to prior year are as follows:

- *Operating Activities*

Cash provided by operating activities decreased by \$941 thousand for of the year ended December 31, 2009 as compared to the prior year period. The net decrease in cash was primarily due to a decline in net operating results, as adjusted for non-cash revenue and expense items such as gains on sales of assets and depreciation expense and increased payments made against accounts payable and accrued liabilities. These decreases were offset, in part, by a year over year increase in collection of accounts receivable.

The decrease in net operating results, as adjusted for non-cash items, reduced cash flow by \$1.6 million and was primarily due to the decline in operating lease revenues, higher taxes and franchise fees and increased vessel maintenance costs. Likewise, the year over year change in accounts payable and accrued liabilities reduced cash flow by \$208 thousand. The decrease was primarily a result of higher amounts of administrative costs reimbursable to AFS and vessel related expenses accrued at year-end 2008 versus 2007, which resulted in higher amounts of liabilities paid during 2009 versus the prior year.

Partially offsetting the above decreases in cash flow was a \$762 thousand year over year increase in collection of accounts receivable, which was attributable to the 2009 collection of prior year unpaid receivables related to marine vessel rental revenue.

- *Investing Activities*

Net cash used in investing activities totaled \$58 thousand for 2009 as compared to cash provided by investing activities of \$5.0 million during the prior year, a decrease of \$5.0 million. The net decrease in cash was primarily due to a \$5.0 million year over year decline in proceeds from the sale of lease assets combined with a \$364 thousand increase in capital improvements to operating lease assets.

The reduction in proceeds from sales of lease assets was primarily due to first quarter 2008 proceeds from the sale of approximately 200 railcars to a major railway customer in January 2008, combined with a reduced demand for Company assets during 2009 as a result of the current weak economic environment. The increase in capital improvements to operating lease assets represents refurbishing costs associated with the Company's marine vessel.

- *Financing Activities*

Net cash used in financing activities decreased by \$9.5 million for 2009 as compared to the prior year. The decrease in cash used (increase in cash flow) was primarily due to the payment of two distributions during 2008 compared to one payment made in 2009. The 2008 distributions, totaling \$7.0 million and \$4.4 million, were paid with cash from 2007 and 2008 operations, respectively; and the 2009 distribution, totaling \$1.9 million, was paid with cash from 2009 operations. The distributions were based on cash available net of any short-term payables and reserves as determined by the Managing Member.

In a normal economy, if inflation in the general economy becomes significant, it may affect the Company in as much as the residual (resale) values and rates on re-leases of the Company's leased assets may increase as the costs of similar assets increase. However, the Company's revenues from existing leases would not increase; as such rates are generally fixed for the terms of the leases without adjustment for inflation. In addition, if interest rates increase significantly under such circumstances, the lease rates that the Company can obtain on future leases will be expected to increase as the cost of capital is a significant factor in the pricing of lease financing. Leases already in place, for the most part, would not be affected by changes in interest rates.

The Company currently has available adequate reserves to meet its immediate cash requirements and those of the next twelve months, but in the event those reserves were found to be inadequate, the Company would likely be in a position to borrow against its current portfolio to meet such requirements. AFS envisions no such requirements for operating purposes. For detailed information on the Company's debt obligations, see Notes 7 and 8 to the financial statements as set forth in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

The Company commenced periodic distributions, based on cash flows from operations, beginning with the month of January 1999. See Item 5 and Note 10 to the financial statements, Members' capital, as set forth in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data for additional information regarding distributions.

At December 31, 2009, the Company had no commitments to purchase lease assets. Pursuant to the Operating Agreement, the Company will no longer purchase any new lease assets.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Information regarding recent accounting pronouncements is included in Note 2 to the financial statements, Summary of significant accounting policies, as set forth in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The policies discussed below are considered by management of the Company to be critical to an understanding of the Company's financial statements because their application requires significantly complex or subjective judgments, decisions, or assessments, with financial reporting results relying on estimation about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. Specific risks for these critical accounting policies are described in the following paragraphs. The Company also states these accounting policies in the notes to the financial statements and in relevant sections in this discussion and analysis. For all of these policies, management cautions that future events rarely develop exactly as forecast, and the best estimates routinely require adjustment.

#### *Use of estimates:*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Such estimates relate primarily to the determination of residual values at the end of the lease term and expected future cash flows used for impairment analysis purposes and determination of the allowance for doubtful accounts.

#### *Equipment on operating leases and related revenue recognition:*

Equipment subject to operating leases is stated at cost. Depreciation is being recognized on a straight-line method over the terms of the related leases to the equipment's estimated residual values at the end of the leases. Maintenance costs associated with the Fund's leased assets are expensed as incurred. Major additions and betterments are capitalized.

Operating lease revenue is recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the underlying leases. The initial lease terms vary as to the type of equipment subject to the leases; the needs of the lessees and the terms to be negotiated, but initial leases were generally from 24 to 120 months. The difference between rent received and rental revenue recognized is recorded as unearned operating lease income on the balance sheet.

Operating leases are generally placed in a non-accrual status (i.e., no revenue is recognized) when payments are more than 90 days past due. Additionally, management considers the equipment underlying the lease contracts for impairment and

periodically reviews the credit worthiness of all operating lessees with payments outstanding less than 90 days. Based upon management's judgment, operating lessees may be placed in a non-accrual status. Leases placed on non-accrual status are only returned to an accrual status when the account has been brought current and management believes recovery of the remaining unpaid lease payments is probable.

The Company earns revenues from its marine vessel based on utilization of the vessel. Such contingent rentals and the associated expenses are recorded when earned and/or incurred. From time to time, the Company incurs "drydocking" costs on its vessel. Such drydocking costs are capitalized and added to the equipment cost and depreciated over the period between scheduled drydockings, which generally occur every 24 to 30 months.

*Direct financing leases and related revenue recognition:*

Income from direct financing lease transactions is reported using the financing method of accounting, in which the Company's investment in the leased property is reported as a receivable from the lessee to be recovered through future rentals. The interest income portion of each rental payment is calculated so as to generate a constant rate of return on the net receivable outstanding.

Allowances for losses on direct financing leases are typically established based on historical charge off and collection experience and the collectability of specifically identified lessees and billed and unbilled receivables. Direct financing leases are written-off to the allowance as they are deemed uncollectible.

Direct financing leases are generally placed in a non-accrual status (i.e., no revenue is recognized) when payments are more than 90 days past due. Additionally, management periodically reviews the creditworthiness of all direct finance lessees with payments outstanding less than 90 days. Based upon management's judgment, direct finance lessees with balances less than 90 days delinquent may be placed in a non-accrual status. Leases placed on non-accrual status are only returned to an accrual status when the account has been brought current and management believes recovery of the remaining unpaid lease payments is probable.

*Asset valuation:*

Recorded values of the Company's asset portfolio are periodically reviewed for impairment. An impairment loss is measured and recognized only if the estimated undiscounted future cash flows of the asset are less than their net book value. The estimated undiscounted future cash flows are the sum of the estimated residual value of the asset at the end of the asset's expected holding period and estimates of undiscounted future rents. The residual value assumes, among other things, that the asset is utilized normally in an open, unrestricted and stable market. Short-term fluctuations in the market place are disregarded and it is assumed that there is no necessity either to dispose of a significant number of the assets, if held in quantity, simultaneously or to dispose of the asset quickly. Impairment is measured as the difference between the fair value (as determined by a valuation method using discounted estimated future cash flows, third party appraisals or comparable sales of similar assets as applicable based on asset type) of the assets and its carrying value on the measurement date.

**Item 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

See the Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, Financial Statements and Notes to Financial Statements attached hereto at pages 12 through 28.

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Members  
ATEL Capital Equipment Fund VIII, LLC

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of ATEL Capital Equipment Fund VIII, LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related statements of income, changes in members' capital, and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's Managing Member. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of ATEL Capital Equipment Fund VIII, LLC as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ Moss Adams LLP

San Francisco, California  
March 23, 2010

**ATEL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND VIII, LLC**

**BALANCE SHEETS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

(In Thousands)

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,306	\$ 1,748
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$4 as of December 31, 2009 and \$0 as of December 31, 2008	739	1,225
Prepaid expenses and other assets	9	12
Investments in equipment and leases, net of accumulated depreciation of \$33,664 as of December 31, 2009 and \$35,115 as of December 31, 2008	<u>10,953</u>	<u>12,386</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 14,007</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 15,371</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' CAPITAL</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities:		
Managing Member	\$ 856	\$ 818
Other	491	584
Accrued interest payable	1	3
Non-recourse debt	398	1,154
Interest rate swap contracts	—	12
Unearned operating lease income	<u>170</u>	<u>93</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b><u>1,916</u></b>	<b><u>2,664</u></b>
Commitments and contingencies		
Members' capital:		
Managing Member	—	—
Other Members	<u>12,091</u>	<u>12,707</u>
<b>Total Members' capital</b>	<b><u>12,091</u></b>	<b><u>12,707</u></b>
<b>Total liabilities and Members' capital</b>	<b><u>\$ 14,007</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 15,371</u></b>

See accompanying notes.

**ATEL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND VIII, LLC**

**STATEMENTS OF INCOME**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

(In Thousands Except for Units and Per Unit Data)

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Revenues:		
Leasing activities:		
Operating leases	\$ 6,184	\$ 7,434
Direct financing leases	53	4
Gain on sales of assets	—	3,522
Interest	2	62
Other revenue	4	45
Total revenues	<u>6,243</u>	<u>11,067</u>
Expenses:		
Depreciation of operating lease assets	1,544	2,451
Interest expense	66	223
Asset management fees to Managing Member	255	295
Vessel maintenance	832	672
Railcar maintenance	724	704
Cost reimbursements to Managing Member	679	679
Amortization of initial direct costs	—	3
Professional fees	163	233
Insurance	85	63
Provision (reversal of provision) for doubtful accounts	4	(4)
Taxes on income and franchise fees	256	58
Other	358	263
Total operating expenses	<u>4,966</u>	<u>5,640</u>
Net income from operations	1,277	5,427
Other income, net	12	79
Net income	<u>\$ 1,289</u>	<u>\$ 5,506</u>
Net income:		
Managing Member	\$ 143	\$ 330
Other Members	1,146	5,176
	<u>\$ 1,289</u>	<u>\$ 5,506</u>
Net income per Limited Liability Company Unit (Other Members)	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.38
Weighted average number of Units outstanding	13,560,188	13,560,188

See accompanying notes.

**ATEL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND VIII, LLC**  
**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' CAPITAL**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**  
(In Thousands Except for Units and Per Unit Data)

	<u>Other Members</u>		<u>Managing Member</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Units</u>	<u>Amount</u>		
Balance December 31, 2007	13,560,188	\$ 11,598	\$ —	\$ 11,598
Distributions to Other Members (\$0.30 per Unit)	—	(4,067)	—	(4,067)
Distributions to Managing Member	—	—	(330)	(330)
Net income	—	5,176	330	5,506
Balance December 31, 2008	13,560,188	12,707	—	12,707
Distributions to Other Members (\$0.13 per Unit)	—	(1,762)	—	(1,762)
Distributions to Managing Member	—	—	(143)	(143)
Net income	—	1,146	143	1,289
Balance December 31, 2009	<u>13,560,188</u>	<u>\$ 12,091</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 12,091</u>

See accompanying notes.

**ATEL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND VIII, LLC**

**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

(In Thousands)

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
<b>Operating activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 1,289	\$ 5,506
Adjustment to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Gain on sales of assets	—	(3,522)
Depreciation of operating lease assets	1,544	2,451
Amortization of unearned income on direct financing leases	(53)	(4)
Amortization of initial direct costs	—	3
Change in fair value of interest rate swap contracts	(12)	(79)
Provision (reversal of provision) for doubtful accounts	4	(4)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	482	(280)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	3	3
Accounts payable, Managing Member	38	94
Accounts payable, other	(93)	59
Accrued interest payable	(2)	(3)
Unearned operating lease income	77	(6)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<u>3,277</u>	<u>4,218</u>
<b>Investing activities:</b>		
Proceeds from sales of lease assets	173	5,200
Payments received on direct financing leases	149	97
Purchases of equipment on operating leases	(380)	(16)
Purchases of equipment on direct financing leases	—	(314)
<b>Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities</b>	<u>(58)</u>	<u>4,967</u>
<b>Financing activities:</b>		
Repayments of non-recourse debt	(756)	(778)
Distributions to Other Members	(1,762)	(10,515)
Distributions to Managing Member	(143)	(853)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<u>(2,661)</u>	<u>(12,146)</u>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	558	(2,961)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	1,748	4,709
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<u>\$ 2,306</u>	<u>\$ 1,748</u>
<b>Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:</b>		
Cash paid during the year for taxes	<u>\$ 240</u>	<u>\$ 39</u>
Cash paid during the year for interest	<u>\$ 68</u>	<u>\$ 226</u>

See accompanying notes.

## ATEL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND VIII, LLC

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Organization and Limited Liability Company matters:

ATEL Capital Equipment Fund VIII, LLC (the “Company” or the “Fund”) was formed under the laws of the State of California on July 31, 1998. The Company was formed for the purpose of acquiring equipment to engage in equipment leasing, lending and sales activities. The Managing Member of the Company is ATEL Financial Services, LLC (“AFS”), a California limited liability company. The Company may continue until December 31, 2019. Each Member’s personal liability for obligations of the Company generally will be limited to the amount of their respective contributions and rights to undistributed profits and assets of the Company.

The Company conducted a public offering of 15,000,000 Limited Liability Company Units (“Units”), at a price of \$10 per Unit. On January 13, 1999, subscriptions for the minimum number of Units (120,000, representing \$1.2 million) had been received (excluding subscriptions from Pennsylvania investors) and AFS requested that the subscriptions be released to the Company. On that date, the Company commenced operations in its primary business (acquiring equipment to engage in equipment leasing, lending and sales activities). Gross contributions in the amount of \$135.7 million (13,570,188 units) were received as of November 30, 2000, inclusive of \$500 of Initial Member’s capital investment and \$100 of AFS’ capital investment. The offering was terminated on November 30, 2000. As of December 31, 2009, 13,560,188 Units were issued and outstanding.

The Company’s principal objectives have been to invest in a diversified portfolio of equipment that (i) preserves, protects and returns the Company’s invested capital; (ii) generates regular distributions to the Members of cash from operations and cash from sales or refinancing, with any balance remaining after certain minimum distributions to be used to purchase additional equipment during the reinvestment period (“Reinvestment Period”) (defined as six full years following the year the offering was terminated), which ended December 31, 2006, and (iii) provides additional distributions following the Reinvestment Period and until all equipment has been sold. The Company is governed by its Limited Liability Company Operating Agreement (“Operating Agreement”), as amended.

Pursuant to the Operating Agreement, AFS and/or its affiliates receive compensation and reimbursements for services rendered on behalf of the Company (see Note 6). The Company is required to maintain reasonable cash reserves for working capital, the repurchase of Units and contingencies. The repurchase of Units is solely at the discretion of AFS.

As of December 31, 2009, the Company continues in the liquidation phase of its life cycle as defined in the Operating Agreement.

#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies:

##### *Basis of presentation:*

The accompanying balance sheets as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related statements of income, changes in members’ capital and cash flows for the years then ended, have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on equity or net income.

Footnote and tabular amounts are presented in thousands, except as to Units and per Unit data.

In preparing the accompanying financial statements, the Company has reviewed, as determined necessary by the Managing Member, events that have occurred after December 31, 2009, up until the issuance of the financial statements. No events were noted which would require disclosure in the footnotes to the financial statements.

## ATEL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND VIII, LLC

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

##### *Use of estimates:*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Such estimates relate primarily to the determination of residual values at the end of the lease term and expected future cash flows used for impairment analysis purposes and for determination of the allowance for doubtful accounts.

##### *Cash and cash equivalents:*

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in banks and cash equivalent investments such as U.S. Treasury instruments with original and/or purchased maturities of ninety days or less.

##### *Credit risk:*

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk include cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable. The Company places the majority of its cash deposits and temporary cash investments in U.S. Treasury denominated instruments with the remainder placed in financial institutions where the principal is 100% guaranteed under the Troubled Asset Relief Program Act of 2008 ("TARP") through June 2010, so as to meet ongoing working capital requirements. The concentration of such deposits and temporary cash investments is not deemed to create a significant risk to the Company. Accounts receivable represent amounts due from lessees in various industries related to equipment on operating and direct financing leases.

##### *Accounts receivable:*

Accounts receivable represent the amounts billed under operating and direct financing lease contracts which are currently due to the Company. Allowances for doubtful accounts are typically established based on historical charge off and collection experience and the collectability of specifically identified lessees and invoiced amounts. Accounts receivable deemed uncollectible are charged off to the allowance on a specific identification basis. Amounts recovered that were previously written-off are recorded as other income in the period received.

##### *Equipment on operating leases and related revenue recognition:*

Equipment subject to operating leases is stated at cost. Depreciation is being recognized on a straight-line method over the terms of the related leases to the equipment's estimated residual values at the end of the leases. Maintenance costs associated with the Fund's leased assets are expensed as incurred. Major additions and betterments are capitalized.

Operating lease revenue is recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the underlying leases. The initial lease terms will vary as to the type of equipment subject to the leases, the needs of the lessees and the terms to be negotiated, but initial leases are generally from 24 to 120 months. The difference between rent received and rental revenue recognized is recorded as unearned operating lease income on the balance sheet.

Operating leases are generally placed in a non-accrual status (i.e., no revenue is recognized) when payments are more than 90 days past due. Additionally, management considers the equipment underlying the lease contracts for impairment and periodically reviews the credit worthiness of all operating lessees with payments outstanding less than 90 days. Based upon management's judgment, operating lessees may be placed in a non-accrual status. Leases placed on non-accrual status are only returned to an accrual status when the account has been brought current and management believes recovery of the remaining unpaid lease payments is probable.

The Company earns revenues from its marine vessel based on utilization of the vessel. Such contingent rentals and the associated expenses are recorded when earned and/or incurred. From time to time, the Company incurs "drydocking" costs on its vessel. Such drydocking costs are capitalized and added to the equipment cost and depreciated over the period between scheduled drydockings, which generally occur every 24 to 30 months.

## ATEL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND VIII, LLC

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

##### *Direct financing leases and related revenue recognition:*

Income from direct financing lease transactions is reported using the financing method of accounting, in which the Company's investment in the leased property is reported as a receivable from the lessee to be recovered through future rentals. The interest income portion of each rental payment is calculated so as to generate a constant rate of return on the net receivable outstanding.

Allowances for losses on direct financing leases are typically established based on historical charge off and collection experience and the collectability of specifically identified lessees and billed and unbilled receivables. Direct financing leases are charged off to the allowance as they are deemed uncollectible.

Direct financing leases are generally placed in a non-accrual status (i.e., no revenue is recognized) when payments are more than 90 days past due. Additionally, management periodically reviews the creditworthiness of all direct finance lessees with payments outstanding less than 90 days. Based upon management's judgment, direct finance lessees with balances less than 90 days delinquent may be placed in a non-accrual status. Leases placed on non-accrual status are only returned to an accrual status when the account has been brought current and management believes recovery of the remaining unpaid lease payments is probable.

##### *Initial direct costs:*

In prior years, the Company capitalized initial direct costs ("IDC") associated with the origination and funding of lease assets. IDC included both internal costs (e.g., the costs of employees' activities in connection with successful lease and loan originations) and external broker fees incurred with such originations. Remaining IDC is being amortized on a lease by lease basis based on actual lease term using a straight-line method for operating leases and the effective interest rate method for direct finance leases. Upon disposal of the underlying lease assets, both the initial direct costs and the associated accumulated amortization are relieved. Costs related to leases that were not consummated were not eligible for capitalization as initial direct costs. Such amounts were expensed as acquisition expense.

##### *Asset valuation:*

Recorded values of the Company's asset portfolio are periodically reviewed for impairment. An impairment loss is measured and recognized only if the estimated undiscounted future cash flows of the asset are less than their net book value. The estimated undiscounted future cash flows are the sum of the estimated residual value of the asset at the end of the asset's expected holding period and estimates of undiscounted future rents. The residual value assumes, among other things, that the asset is utilized normally in an open, unrestricted and stable market. Short-term fluctuations in the market place are disregarded and it is assumed that there is no necessity either to dispose of a significant number of the assets, if held in quantity, simultaneously or to dispose of the asset quickly. Impairment is measured as the difference between the fair value (as determined by a valuation method using discounted estimated future cash flows, third party appraisals or comparable sales of similar assets as applicable based on asset type) of the asset and its carrying value on the measurement date.

##### *Segment reporting:*

The Company is not organized by multiple operating segments for the purpose of making operating decisions or assessing performance. Accordingly, the Company operates in one reportable operating segment in the United States.

The Company's principal decision makers are the Managing Member's Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer. The Company believes that its equipment leasing business operates as one reportable segment because: a) the Company measures profit and loss at the equipment portfolio level as a whole; b) the principal decision makers do not review information based on any operating segment other than the equipment leasing transaction portfolio; c) the Company does not maintain discrete financial information on any specific segment other than its equipment financing operations; d) the Company has not chosen to organize its business around different products and services other than equipment lease financing; and e) the Company has not chosen to organize its business around geographic areas.

## ATEL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND VIII, LLC

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

Certain of the Company's lessee customers have international operations. In these instances, the Company is aware that certain equipment, primarily rail and transportation, may periodically exit the country. However, these lessee customers are US-based, and it is impractical for the Company to track, on an asset-by-asset, day-by-day basis, where these assets are deployed.

The primary geographic regions in which the Company sought leasing opportunities were North America and Europe. Currently, 100% of the Company's operating revenues are from customers domiciled in North America.

#### *Unearned operating lease income:*

The Company records prepayments on operating leases as a liability, unearned operating lease income. The liability is recorded when the prepayments are received and recognized as operating lease revenue ratably over the period to which the prepayments relate.

#### *Income taxes:*

The Company is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 701 of the Internal Revenue Code, a partnership is not subject to federal income taxes. Accordingly, the Company has provided current income taxes for only those states, which levy income taxes on partnerships. For the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, the related provision for state income taxes was approximately \$256 thousand and \$58 thousand, respectively. The Company does not have any entity level uncertain tax positions. The Company files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various state jurisdictions and is generally subject to examination by U.S. federal (or state and local) income tax authorities for three years from the filing of a tax return.

The tax bases of the Company's net assets and liabilities vary from the amounts presented in these financial statements at December 31, 2009 and 2008 as follows (in thousands).

	2009	2008
Financial statement basis of net assets	\$ 12,091	\$ 12,707
Tax basis of net assets (unaudited)	9,289	8,624
Difference	<u>\$ 2,802</u>	<u>\$ 4,083</u>

The primary differences between the tax bases of net assets and the amounts recorded in the financial statements are the result of differences in accounting for syndication costs and differences between the depreciation methods used in the financial statements and the Company's tax returns.

The following reconciles the net income reported in these financial statements to the income reported on the Company's federal tax returns (unaudited) for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 (in thousands):

	2009	2008
Net income per financial statements	\$ 1,289	\$ 5,506
Tax adjustments (unaudited):		
Adjustment to depreciation expense	1,226	2,181
Provision for losses and doubtful accounts	4	(38)
Adjustments to revenues / other expenses	(70)	11
Adjustments to gain on sales of assets	(39)	1,679
Other	161	—
Income per federal tax return (unaudited)	<u>\$ 2,571</u>	<u>\$ 9,339</u>

#### *Other income, net:*

Other income, net is comprised of fair value adjustments on interest rate swap contracts.

## ATEL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND VIII, LLC

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

##### *Per unit data:*

Net income and distributions per Unit are based upon the weighted average number of Other Members' Units outstanding during the year.

##### *Recent accounting pronouncements:*

The Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification provides guidance on improving disclosures about fair value measurements. This guidance has new requirements for disclosures related to recurring or nonrecurring fair-value measurements including significant transfers into and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair-value measurements and information on purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements in a rollforward reconciliation of Level 3 fair-value measurements. This guidance is effective for the first reporting period beginning after December 15, 2009, which will be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2010. The Level 3 reconciliation disclosures are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010. The adoption of the guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

The Generally Accepted Accounting Principles Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification identifies the sources of accounting principles and the framework for selecting the principles to be used in the preparation of financial statements of nongovernmental entities that are presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. The guidance is effective for financial statements issued for interim and annual periods ending after September 15, 2009. The Company adopted the guidance for its third quarter 2009 interim reporting period. The adoption of the guidance did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

The Subsequent Events Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification establishes general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. The guidance is effective for interim or annual financial periods ending after June 15, 2009, and shall be applied prospectively. The Company adopted the guidance for its second quarter 2009 interim reporting period. The adoption of the guidance did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

The Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification provides guidance on determining fair value when there is no active market or where the price inputs being used represent distressed sales. The guidance is effective for interim and annual periods ending after June 15, 2009 and has been adopted by the Company for its second quarter 2009 interim reporting period with no impact on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

The Financial Instruments Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification increases the frequency of fair value disclosures for financial instruments within the scope of the Topic from an annual basis to a quarterly basis. The guidance is effective for interim reporting periods ending after June 15, 2009. The Company adopted the guidance for its second quarter 2009 interim reporting period without significant effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

The Derivatives and Hedging Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification requires that objectives for using derivative instruments be disclosed in terms of underlying risk and accounting designation. The fair value of derivative instruments and their gains and losses will need to be presented in tabular format in order to present a more complete picture of the effects of using derivative instruments. The guidance is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008. The Company adopted the provisions of the guidance on January 1, 2009. The adoption did not have a significant effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

The Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification clarifies the definition of fair value for financial reporting, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and requires additional disclosures about the use of fair value measurements. The guidance was to be effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. However, in February 2008, the FASB deferred the effective date of the guidance as it pertains to fair value measurements of nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities until fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008. On January 1, 2008, the Company adopted the provisions of the guidance except as it applies to its investment in equipment and leases, and other nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities. The deferred provisions of the guidance were implemented effective January 1, 2009 without significant effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

**A TEL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND VIII, LLC**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**3. Concentration of credit risk and major customers:**

The Company leases equipment to lessees in diversified industries. Leases are subject to AFS's credit committee review. The leases provide for the return of the equipment to the Company upon default.

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, there were concentrations (defined as greater than 10%) of equipment leased to lessees in certain industries (as a percentage of total equipment cost) as follows:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Transportation, containers	50%	44%
Transportation, rail	33%	38%
Transportation, marine	10%	11%

During 2009 and 2008, certain lessees generated significant portions (defined as 10% or more) of the Company's operating lease revenues as follows:

<u>Lessee</u>	<u>Type of Equipment</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Lease Revenues</u>	
		<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Exsif Worldwide Inc.	Transportation, other (containers)	38%	32%
Bee Mar, LLC (Formerly Gulfmark Management, Inc.)	Marine vessel	13%	0%
Gulfmark Management, Inc.	Marine vessel	*	12%
Bartlett Grain Company, L.P.	Railcars	15%	15%

\* Less than 10%.

**4. Allowance for doubtful accounts:**

Activity in the allowance for doubtful accounts consists of the following (in thousands):

	<u>Allowance for Doubtful Accounts</u>
Balance January 1, 2008	\$ 38
Adjustment to provision	(4)
Charge offs	(34)
Balance December 31, 2008	—
Adjustment to provision	4
Balance December 31, 2009	<u>\$ 4</u>

**5. Investments in equipment and leases, net:**

The Company's investment in leases consists of the following (in thousands):

	<u>Balance December 31, 2008</u>	<u>Reclassifications &amp; Additions / Dispositions</u>	<u>Depreciation/ Amortization Expense or Amortization of Leases</u>	<u>Balance December 31, 2009</u>
Net investment in operating leases	\$ 11,741	\$ (458)	\$ (1,543)	\$ 9,740
Net investment in direct financing leases	443	128	(96)	475
Assets held for sale or lease, net	202	537	(1)	738
Total	<u>\$ 12,386</u>	<u>\$ 207</u>	<u>\$ (1,640)</u>	<u>\$ 10,953</u>

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**5. Investments in equipment and leases, net (continued):**

*Impairment of investments in leases and assets held for sale or lease:*

Management periodically reviews the carrying values of its assets on leases and assets held for lease or sale. Impairment losses are recorded as an adjustment to the net investment in operating leases. No impairment losses were recorded during 2009 and 2008.

Depreciation expense on property subject to operating leases and property held for lease or sale totaled \$1.5 million and \$2.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

All of the property on lease was acquired during the period 1999 through 2002.

*Operating leases:*

Property on operating leases consists of the following (in thousands):

	Balance December 31, 2008	Additions	Reclassifications or Dispositions	Balance December 31, 2009
Containers	\$ 20,846	\$ —	\$ (234)	\$ 20,612
Transportation, rail	18,046	—	(5,086)	12,960
Marine vessel	5,020	380	(1,067)	4,333
Materials handling	940	—	(867)	73
Other	640	—	—	640
	<u>45,492</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>(7,254)</u>	<u>38,618</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(33,751)</u>	<u>(1,543)</u>	<u>6,416</u>	<u>(28,878)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 11,741</u>	<u>\$ (1,163)</u>	<u>\$ (838)</u>	<u>\$ 9,740</u>

The average estimated residual value for assets on operating leases was 11% and 21% of the assets' original cost at December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively.

The Company earns revenues from its marine vessel and certain lease assets based on utilization of such assets. Such contingent rentals (i.e., short-term, operating charter hire payments) and the associated expenses are recorded when earned and/or incurred. The revenues associated with these rentals are included as a component of Operating Lease Revenues, and totaled \$3.2 million and \$3.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Company had no operating leases in non-accrual status.

*Direct financing leases:*

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, investment in direct financing leases primarily consists of manufacturing equipment. The following lists the components of the Company's investment in direct financing leases as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 (in thousands):

	2009	2008
Total minimum lease payments receivable	\$ 712	\$ 435
Estimated residual values of leased equipment (unguaranteed)	<u>54</u>	<u>10</u>
Investment in direct financing leases	766	445
Less unearned income	<u>(291)</u>	<u>(2)</u>
Net investment in direct financing leases	<u>\$ 475</u>	<u>\$ 443</u>

There were no net investments in direct financing leases in nonaccrual status as of December 31, 2009 and 2008.

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**5. Investments in equipment and leases, net (continued):**

At December 31, 2009, the aggregate amount of future lease payments is as follows (in thousands):

	<u>Operating Leases</u>	<u>Direct Financing Leases</u>	<u>Total</u>
Year ending December 31, 2010	\$ 2,981	\$ 225	\$3,206
2011	1,693	239	1,932
2012	722	200	922
2013	409	48	457
2014	243	—	243
Thereafter	613	—	613
	<u>\$ 6,661</u>	<u>\$ 712</u>	<u>\$7,373</u>

The Company utilizes a straight line depreciation method over the term of the equipment lease for equipment on operating leases currently in its portfolio. The useful lives for investment in leases by category are as follows (in years):

<u>Equipment category</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
Transportation, rail	30 - 35
Containers	20 - 30
Marine vessel	20 - 30
Materials handling	7 - 10
Other	7 - 10

**6. Related party transactions:**

The terms of the Operating Agreement provide that AFS and/or affiliates are entitled to receive certain fees for equipment management and resale and for management of the Company.

The Operating Agreement allows for the reimbursement of costs incurred by AFS in providing administrative services to the Company. Administrative services provided include Company accounting, finance/treasury, investor relations, legal counsel and lease and equipment documentation. AFS is not reimbursed for services whereby it is entitled to receive a separate fee as compensation for such services, such as management of equipment.

Each of ATEL Leasing Corporation (“ALC”) and AFS is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ATEL Capital Group and performs services for the Company. Acquisition services, equipment management, lease administration and asset disposition services are performed by ALC; investor relations, communications services and general administrative services are performed by AFS.

Cost reimbursements to the Managing Member are based on its costs incurred in performing administrative services for the Company. These costs are allocated to each managed entity based on certain criteria such as total assets, number of investors or contributed capital based upon the type of cost incurred.

AFS and/or affiliates earned fees, commissions and reimbursements, pursuant to the Operating Agreement as follows during each of the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 (in thousands):

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Asset management fees to Managing Member	\$ 255	\$ 295
Cost reimbursements to Managing Member and/or affiliates	679	679
	<u>\$ 934</u>	<u>\$ 974</u>

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#### 6. Related party transactions (continued):

The Fund's Operating Agreement places an annual and cumulative limit for cost reimbursements to AFS and/or its affiliates. Any reimbursable costs incurred by AFS and/or affiliates during the year exceeding the annual and/or cumulative limits cannot be reimbursed in the current year, though such costs may be reimbursable in future years to the extent such amounts may be payable if within the annual and cumulative limits in such future years. The Fund is a finite life and self liquidating entity, and AFS and its affiliates have no recourse against the Fund for the amount of any unpaid excess reimbursable administrative expenses. The Fund will continue to require administrative services from AFS and its affiliates through the end of its term, and will therefore continue to incur reimbursable administrative expenses in each year. The Fund has determined that payment of any amounts in excess of the annual and cumulative limits is not probable, and the date any portion of such amount may be paid, if ever, is uncertain. When the Fund completes its liquidation stage and terminates, any unpaid amount will expire unpaid, with no claim by AFS or its affiliates against any liquidation proceeds or any party for the unpaid balance. Accordingly, the Company has recorded neither an obligation nor an expense for such contingent reimbursement of the approximate \$1.6 million and \$1.7 million excess reimbursable administrative expenses at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

#### 7. Non-recourse debt:

At December 31, 2009, non-recourse debt consists of a note payable to a financial institution. The note is due in monthly installments. Interest on the note is at a fixed rate of 6.90% per annum. The note is secured by assignments of lease payments and pledges of assets. At December 31, 2009, gross lease rentals totaled approximately \$833 thousand over the remaining lease terms; and the carrying value of the pledged assets is \$461 thousand. The note matures in 2010.

The non-recourse note payable does not contain any material financial covenant. The note is secured by a lien granted by the registrant to the non-recourse lender on (and only on) the discounted lease transaction. The lender has recourse only to the following collateral: the specific leased equipment; the related lease chattel paper; the lease receivables; and proceeds of the foregoing items. The non-recourse obligation is payable solely out of this specific security and the registrant does not guarantee (nor is the registrant otherwise contractually responsible for) the payment of non-recourse note as a general obligation or liability of the registrant. Although the registrant does not have any direct general liability in connection with the non-recourse note apart from the security granted, the registrant is directly and generally liable and responsible for certain representations, warranties, and covenants made to the lender, such as warranties as to genuineness of the transaction parties' signatures, as to the genuineness of the lease chattel paper or the transaction as a whole, or as to the registrant's good title to or perfected interest in the secured collateral, as well as similar representations, warranties and covenants typically provided by non-recourse borrowers and customary in the equipment finance industry, and are viewed by the such industry as being consistent with a non-recourse discount financing obligation. Accordingly, as there are no financial covenants or ratios imposed on the registrant in connection with this non-recourse obligation, the registrant does not believe there are any material covenants that warrant footnote disclosure.

Future minimum payments of non-recourse debt are as follows (in thousands):

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
Year ending December 31, 2010	\$ 398	\$ 8	\$ 406
	<u>\$ 398</u>	<u>\$ 8</u>	<u>\$ 406</u>

#### 8. Receivables funding program:

In 1999, the Company entered into a receivables funding program (the "RF Program") with a receivables financing company that issues commercial paper rated A1 from Standard and Poor's and P1 from Moody's Investors Service. The RF Program provided for borrowing at a variable interest rate and required the Company to enter into interest rate swap agreements with certain counterparties (also rated A1/P1) to mitigate the interest rate risk associated with a variable rate note. The RF Program expired as to new borrowings in January 2002 and was terminated in January 2007 with the interest rate swap agreements remaining in effect through March 2009. The interest rate swap agreements had effectively fixed the variable interest rates on the Company's borrowings. As of March 31, 2009, all such agreements have terminated. At

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#### 8. Receivables funding program (continued):

December 31, 2008, the Company had interest rate swap agreements with a notional principal totaling \$718 thousand, based on the difference between a nominal rate of 7.41% and a variable rate of 0.62% at December 31, 2008. No actual borrowing or lending was involved. The interest paid or received on the swap contracts was accrued as interest rates changed. The interest rate swaps were carried at fair value on the balance sheet with unrealized gain/loss included in the statement of operations in other income or loss.

#### 9. Guarantees:

The Company enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The Company's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. However, the Company has not had prior claims or losses pursuant to these contracts and expects the risk of loss to be remote.

The Managing Member knows of no facts or circumstances that would make the Company's contractual commitments outside standard mutual covenants applicable to commercial transactions between businesses. Accordingly, the Company believes that these indemnification obligations are made in the ordinary course of business as part of standard commercial and industry practice, and that any potential liability under the Company's similar commitments is remote. Should any such indemnification obligation become payable, the Company would separately record and/or disclose such liability in accordance with GAAP.

#### 10. Members' capital:

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, 13,560,188 Units were issued and outstanding. The Company was authorized to issue up to 15,000,000 Units in addition to the Units issued to the initial members (50 Units).

The Company has the right, exercisable at the Managing Member's discretion, but not the obligation, to repurchase Units of a Unit holder who ceases to be a U.S. Citizen, for a price equal to 100% of the holder's capital account. The Company is otherwise permitted, but not required, to repurchase Units upon a holder's request. The repurchase of Fund units is made in accordance with Section 13 of the Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Company. The repurchase would be at the discretion of the Managing Member on terms it determines to be appropriate under given circumstances, in the event that the Managing Member deems such repurchase to be in the best interest of the Company; provided, the Company is never required to repurchase any Units. Upon the repurchase of any Units by the Fund, the tendered Units are cancelled. Units repurchased in prior periods were repurchased at amounts representing the original investment less cumulative distributions made to the unit-holder with respect to the Units. All Units repurchased during a quarter are deemed to be repurchased effective the last day of the preceding quarter, and are not deemed to be outstanding during, or entitled to allocations of net income, net loss or distributions for the quarter in which such repurchase occurs.

As defined in the Operating Agreement, the Company's Net Income, Net Losses, and Distributions are to be allocated 92.5% to the Other Members and 7.5% to AFS. In accordance with the terms of the Operating Agreement, additional allocations of income were made to AFS in 2009 and 2008. The amounts allocated were determined so as to bring AFS's ending capital account balance to zero at the end of the year.

Distributions to the Other Members were as follows (in thousands, except per Unit data):

	2009	2008
Distributions declared	\$ 1,762	\$ 4,067
Weighted average number of Units outstanding	13,560,188	13,560,188
Weighted average distributions per Unit	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.30

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#### **11. Fair value measurements:**

Fair value measurements and disclosures are based on a fair value hierarchy as determined by significant inputs used to measure fair value. The three levels of inputs within the fair value hierarchy are defined as follows:

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. An active market for the asset or liability is a market in which transactions for the asset or liability occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

Level 2 – Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-based valuations in which all significant inputs are observable in the market.

Level 3 – Valuation is modeled using significant inputs that are unobservable in the market. These unobservable inputs reflect the Company's own estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

At December 31, 2009, the Company had no assets or liabilities that require measurement on a recurring or non-recurring basis.

The Company has determined the estimated fair value amounts by using market information and valuation methodologies that it considers appropriate and consistent with the fair value accounting guidance. However, considerable judgment is required to interpret market data to develop the estimates of fair value. Accordingly, the estimates presented herein are not necessarily indicative of the amounts the Company could realize or has realized in a current market exchange. The use of different market assumptions and/or estimation methodologies may have a material effect on the estimated fair value amounts.

The following disclosure of the estimated fair value of financial instruments is made in accordance with the guidance provided by the Financial Instruments Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification. Fair value estimates, methods and assumptions, set forth below for the Company's financial instruments, are made solely to comply with the requirements of the Financial Instruments Topic and should be read in conjunction with the Company's financial statements and related notes.

#### *Cash and cash equivalents*

The recorded amounts of the Company's cash and cash equivalents approximate fair value because of the liquidity and short-term maturity of these instruments.

#### *Non-recourse debt*

The fair value of the Company's non-recourse debt is estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, based upon current market borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements.

#### *Limitations*

The fair value estimates presented herein were based on pertinent information available to the Company as of December 31, 2009 and 2008. Although the Company is not aware of any factors that would significantly affect the estimated fair value amounts, such amounts have not been comprehensively revalued for purposes of these financial statements since those dates and, therefore, current estimates of fair value may differ significantly from the amounts presented herein.

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**11. Fair value measurements (continued):**

The following table presents estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments in accordance with the guidance provided by the Financial Instruments Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification at December 31, 2009 and 2008 (in thousands):

	<u>December 31, 2009</u>		<u>December 31, 2008</u>	
	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Estimated Fair Value</u>	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Estimated Fair Value</u>
Financial assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,306	\$ 2,306	\$ 1,748	\$ 1,748
Financial liabilities:				
Non-recourse debt	398	403	1,154	1,191
Interest rate swap contracts	—	—	12	12

**Item 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES**

None.

**Item 9A(T). CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

**Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures**

The Company's Managing Member's President and Chief Executive Officer, and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer ("Management"), evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e)) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on the evaluation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, Management concluded that as of the end of the period covered by this report, the design and operation of these disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

The Company does not control the financial reporting process, and is solely dependent on the Management of the Managing Member, who is responsible for providing the Company with financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. The Managing Member's disclosure controls and procedures, as it is applicable to the Company, were effective to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

**Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

The Management of the Managing Member is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as that term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f) for the Company, and for performing an assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009. The internal control process of the Managing Member, as it is applicable to the Company, was designed to provide reasonable assurance to Management regarding the preparation and fair presentation of published financial statements, and includes those policies and procedures that:

- (1) Provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, and that the Company's receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorization of the Management of the Managing Member; and
- (2) Provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

All internal control processes, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations. Therefore, even those processes determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to the reliability of financial statement preparation and presentation. Further, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management of the Managing Member assessed the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting, as it is applicable to the Company, as of December 31, 2009. In making this assessment, it used the criteria set forth in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Based on its assessment, Management of the Managing Member concluded that the Managing Member's internal control over financial reporting, as it is applicable to the Company, was effective as of December 31, 2009.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report was not subject to attestation by the Company's independent registered public accounting firm pursuant to temporary rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission that permit the Company to provide only management's report in this annual report.

**Changes in internal control**

There were no changes in the Managing Member's internal control over financial reporting, as it is applicable to the Company, during the quarter ended December 31, 2009 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Managing Member's internal control over financial reporting, as it is applicable to the Company.

### PART III

#### **Item 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, PROMOTERS AND CONTROL PERSONS; COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 16(A) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT**

The registrant is a Limited Liability Company and has no officers or directors.

ATEL Financial Services, LLC (“AFS”) is the Company’s Managing Member or Manager. AFS is controlled by ATEL Capital Group (“ACG” or “ATEL”), a holding company formed to control ATEL and affiliated companies. The outstanding voting capital stock of ACG is owned 100% by Dean L. Cash.

Each of ATEL Leasing Corporation (“ALC”) and AFS is a subsidiary under the control of ACG and performs services for the Company. Acquisition services, equipment management, lease administration and asset disposition services are performed by ALC; investor relations, communications services and general administrative services are performed by AFS.

The officers and directors of ACG and its affiliates are as follows:

Dean L. Cash	President and Chief Executive Officer of ATEL Financial Services, LLC (Managing Member)
Paritosh K. Choksi	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of ATEL Financial Services, LLC (Managing Member)
Vasco H. Morais	Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of ATEL Financial Services, LLC (Managing Member)

Dean L. Cash, age 59, joined ATEL as director of marketing in 1980 and has been a vice president since 1981, executive vice president since 1983 and a director since 1984. He has been President and CEO since April 2001. Prior to joining ATEL, Mr. Cash was a senior marketing representative for Martin Marietta Corporation, data systems division, from 1979 to 1980. From 1977 to 1979, he was employed by General Electric Corporation, where he was an applications specialist in the medical systems division and a marketing representative in the information services division. Mr. Cash was a systems engineer with Electronic Data Systems from 1975 to 1977, and was involved in maintaining and developing software for commercial applications. Mr. Cash received a B.S. degree in psychology and mathematics in 1972 and an M.B.A. degree with a concentration in finance in 1975 from Florida State University. Mr. Cash is an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association.

Paritosh K. Choksi, age 56, joined ATEL in 1999 as a director, senior vice president and its chief financial officer. He became its executive vice president and CFO/COO in April 2001. Prior to joining ATEL, Mr. Choksi was chief financial officer at Wink Communications, Inc. from 1997 to 1999. From 1977 to 1997, Mr. Choksi was with Phoenix American Incorporated, a financial services and management company, where he held various positions during his tenure, and was senior vice president, chief financial officer and director when he left the company. Mr. Choksi was involved in all corporate matters at Phoenix and was responsible for Phoenix’s capital market needs. He also served on the credit committee overseeing all corporate investments, including its venture lease portfolio. Mr. Choksi was a part of the executive management team which caused Phoenix’s portfolio to increase from \$50 million in assets to over \$2 billion. Mr. Choksi is a member of the board of directors of Syntel, Inc. Mr. Choksi received a bachelor of technology degree in mechanical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay; and an M.B.A. degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

Vasco H. Morais, age 51, joined ATEL in 1989 as general counsel to provide legal support in the drafting and reviewing of lease documentation, advising on general corporate law matters, and assisting on securities law issues. From 1986 to 1989, Mr. Morais was employed by the BankAmeriLease Companies, Bank of America’s equipment leasing subsidiaries, providing in-house legal support on the documentation of tax-oriented and non-tax oriented direct and leveraged lease transactions, vendor leasing programs and general corporate matters. Prior to the BankAmeriLease Companies, Mr. Morais was with the Consolidated Capital Companies in the corporate and securities legal department involved in drafting and reviewing contracts, advising on corporate law matters and securities law issues. Mr. Morais received a B.A. degree in 1982 from the University of California in Berkeley, a J.D. degree in 1986 from Golden Gate University Law School and an M.B.A. (Finance) in 1997 from Golden Gate University. Mr. Morais has been an active member of the State Bar of California since 1986.

### **Audit Committee**

The board of directors of the Managing Member acts as the audit committee of the Company. Dean L. Cash and Paritosh K. Choksi are members of the board of directors of the Managing Member and are deemed to be financial experts. They are not independent of the Company.

### **Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance**

Based solely on a review of Forms 3, 4, and 5, the Company is not aware of any failures to file reports of beneficial ownership required to be filed during or for the year ended December 31, 2009.

### **Code of Ethics**

A Code of Ethics that is applicable to the Company, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of its Managing Member, AFS, or persons acting in such capacity on behalf of the Company, is included as Exhibit 14.1 to this report.

### **Item 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

The registrant has no officers or directors.

Set forth hereinafter is a description of the nature of remuneration paid and to be paid to ATEL and its Affiliates. The amount of such remuneration paid in 2009 and 2008 is set forth in Item 8 of this report under the caption "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Notes to Financial Statements - Related party transactions," at Note 6 thereof, which information is hereby incorporated by reference.

### **Asset Management Fee**

The Company pays AFS an Asset Management Fee in an amount equal to 4% of Operating Revenues, which includes Gross Lease Revenues and Cash From Sales or Refinancing. The Asset Management Fee is paid on a monthly basis. The amount of the Asset Management Fee payable in any year is reduced for that year to the extent it would otherwise exceed the Asset Management Fee Limit, as described below. The Asset Management Fee is paid for services rendered by AFS and its affiliates in determining portfolio and investment strategies (i.e., establishing and maintaining the composition of the Equipment portfolio as a whole and the Company's overall debt structure) and generally managing or supervising the management of the Equipment.

AFS supervises performance of among others activities, collection of lease revenues, monitoring compliance by lessees with the lease terms, assuring that Equipment is being used in accordance with all operative contractual arrangements, paying operating expenses and arranging for necessary maintenance and repair of Equipment in the event a lessee fails to do so, monitoring property, sales and use tax compliance and preparation of operating financial data. AFS intends to delegate all or a portion of its duties and the Asset Management Fee to one or more of its affiliates who are in the business of providing such services.

#### *Asset Management Fee Limit:*

The Asset Management Fee is subject to the Asset Management Fee Limit. The Asset Management Fee Limit is calculated each year during the Company's term by calculating the total fees that would be paid to AFS if AFS were to be compensated on the basis of an alternative fee schedule, to include an Equipment Management Fee, Incentive Management Fee, and Equipment Resale/Re-Leasing Fee, plus AFS's Carried Interest, as described below. To the extent that the amount paid to AFS as the Asset Management Fee plus its Carried Interest for any year would exceed the aggregate amount of fees calculated under this alternative fee schedule for the year, the Asset Management Fee and/or Carried Interest for that year is reduced to equal the maximum aggregate fees under the alternative fee schedule.

To the extent any such fees are reduced, the amount of such reduction will be accrued and deferred, and such accrued and deferred compensation would be paid to AFS in a subsequent period, but only if and to the extent that such deferred compensation would be payable within the Asset Management Fee Limit for the subsequent period. Any deferred fees which cannot be paid under the applicable limitations in any subsequent period through the date of liquidation would be forfeited by AFS upon liquidation.

*Alternative Fee Schedule:*

For purposes of the Asset Management Fee Limit, the Company will calculate an alternative schedule of fees, including a hypothetical Equipment Management Fee, Incentive Management Fee, Equipment Resale/Re- Leasing Fee, and Carried Interest as follows:

An Equipment Management Fee will be calculated to equal the lesser of (i) 3.5% of annual Gross Revenues from Operating Leases and 2% of annual Gross Revenues from Full Payout Leases which contain Net Lease Provisions), or (ii) the fees customarily charged by others rendering similar services as an ongoing public activity in the same geographic location and for similar types of equipment. If services with respect to certain Operating Leases are performed by nonaffiliated persons under the active supervision of AFS or its Affiliate, then the amount so calculated shall be 1% of Gross Revenues from such Operating Leases.

An Incentive Management Fee will be calculated to equal 4% of Distributions of Cash from Operations until Holders have received a return of their Original Invested Capital plus a Priority Distribution, and, thereafter, to equal a total of 7.5% of Distributions from all sources, including Sale or Refinancing Proceeds. In subordinating the increase in the Incentive Management Fee to a cumulative return of a Holder's Original Invested Capital plus a Priority Distribution, a Holder would be deemed to have received Distributions of Original Invested Capital only to the extent that Distributions to the Holder exceed the amount of the Priority Distribution.

An Equipment Resale Fee will be calculated in an amount equal to the lesser of (i) 3% of the sale price of the Equipment, or (ii) one-half the normal competitive equipment sale commission charged by unaffiliated parties for resale services. Such fee would apply only after the Holders have received a return of their Original Invested Capital plus a Priority Distribution.

An Equipment Re-Leasing Fee, in connection with the releasing of Equipment to lessees other than previous lessees or their affiliates, will be calculated in an amount equal to the lesser of (i) the competitive rate for comparable services for similar equipment, or (ii) 2% of the gross rental payments derived from the re-lease of such Equipment, payable out of each rental payment received by the Company from such re-lease.

In connection with the releasing of Equipment to lessees other than previous lessees or their Affiliates, the fee would be in an amount equal to the lesser of (i) the competitive rate for comparable services for similar equipment, or (ii) 2% of the gross rental payments derived from the re-lease of such Equipment, payable out of each rental payment received by the Company from such re-lease.

**Managing Member's Interest in Operating Proceeds**

As defined in the Operating Agreement, the Company's Net Income, Net Losses, and Distributions are to be allocated 92.5% to the Members and 7.5% to AFS. In accordance with the terms of the Operating Agreement, additional allocations of income were made to AFS in 2009 and 2008. The amounts allocated were determined to bring AFS's ending capital account balance to zero at the end of each year. See financial statements as set forth in Part II, Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, of this report for amounts allocated to AFS in 2009 and 2008.

**Item 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS**

**Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners**

At December 31, 2009, no investor is known to hold beneficially more than 5% of the issued and outstanding Units.

**Security Ownership of Management**

The parent of AFS is the beneficial owner of Limited Liability Company Units as follows:

(1) Title of Class	(2) Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	(3) Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	(4) Percent of Class
Limited Liability Company Units	ATEL Capital Group 600 California Street, 6th Floor San Francisco, CA 94108	Initial Limited Liability Company Units 25 Units (\$250) (owned by wife)	0.0002%

**Changes in Control**

The Members have the right, by vote of the Members owning more than 50% of the outstanding Limited Liability Company Units, to remove the Managing Member.

AFS may at any time call a meeting of the Members or a vote of the Members without a meeting, on matters on which they are entitled to vote, and shall call such meeting or for vote without a meeting following receipt of a written request therefore of Members holding 10% or more of the total outstanding Limited Liability Company Units.

**Item 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS**

The responses to Item 1 of this report under the caption "Equipment Leasing Activities," Item 8 of this report under the caption "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Notes to Financial Statements - Related party transactions" at Note 6 thereof, and Item 11 of this report under the caption "Executive Compensation," are hereby incorporated by reference.

**Item 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES**

During the most recent two years, the Company incurred audit and other fees with its principal auditors as follows (in thousands):

	2009	2008
Audit fees	\$ 61	\$ 68
Other	1	15
	<u>\$ 62</u>	<u>\$ 83</u>

Audit fees consist of the aggregate fees and expenses billed in connection with the audit of the Company's annual financial statements and the review of the financial statements included in the Company's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q.

Other fees represent costs incurred in connection with various Agreed-Upon Procedures engagements.

The board of directors of the Managing Member acts as the audit committee of the Company. Engagements for audit services, audit related services and tax services are approved in advance by the Chief Financial Officer of the Managing Member acting on behalf of the board of directors of the Managing Member in its role as the audit committee of the Company.

## PART IV

### **Item 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES**

(a) Financial Statements and Schedules

1. Financial Statements

Included in Part II of this report:

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Balance Sheets at December 31, 2009 and 2008

Statements of Income for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

Statements of Changes in Members' Capital for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

Notes to Financial Statements

2. Financial Statement Schedules

All schedules for which provision is made in the applicable accounting regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission are not required under the related instructions or are inapplicable and, therefore, have been omitted.

(b) Exhibits

(3) and (4) Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Operating Agreement, included as exhibit B to the Prospectus filed as exhibit 28.1 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998 (File No. 333-62477), is hereby incorporated herein by reference

(14.1) Code of Ethics

(31.1) Certification of Dean L. Cash pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a)

(31.2) Certification of Paritosh K. Choksi pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a)

(32.1) Certification of Dean L. Cash pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 1350

(32.2) Certification of Paritosh K. Choksi pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 1350

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 23, 2010

ATEL Capital Equipment Fund VIII, LLC  
(Registrant)

By: ATEL Financial Services, LLC,  
Managing Member of Registrant

By: /s/ Dean L. Cash  
Dean L. Cash,  
President and Chief Executive Officer of ATEL Financial Services, LLC (Managing Member)

By: /s/ Paritosh K. Choksi  
Paritosh K. Choksi,  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of ATEL Financial Services, LLC (Managing Member)

By: /s/ Samuel Schussler  
Samuel Schussler,  
Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer of ATEL Financial Services, LLC (Managing Member)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

SIGNATURE	CAPACITIES	DATE
<u>/s/ Dean L. Cash</u> Dean L. Cash	President and Chief Executive Officer of ATEL Financial Services, LLC (Managing Member)	March 23, 2010
<u>/s/ Paritosh K. Choksi</u> Paritosh K. Choksi	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of ATEL Financial Services, LLC (Managing Member)	March 23, 2010
<u>/s/ Samuel Schussler</u> Samuel Schussler	Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer of ATEL Financial Services, LLC (Managing Member)	March 23, 2010

No proxy materials have been or will be sent to security holders. An annual report will be furnished to security holders subsequent to the filing of this report on Form 10-K, and copies thereof will be furnished supplementally to the Commission when forwarded to the security holders.

**ATEL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND VIII, LLC**

**CODE OF ETHICS FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL AND OPERATING OFFICER**

**A. SCOPE**

This Code of Ethics is applicable to ATEL Capital Equipment Fund VIII, LLC (“Fund VIII”), including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial and Operating Officer of its Manager, ATEL Financial Services, LLC (“AFS”), or persons acting in such capacity (collectively the “Covered Officers”) on behalf of Fund VIII, referred to herein as the “Company.”

Accordingly, under the Securities and Exchange Commission’s interpretation of its disclosure rules, the Board of Directors of AFS functions as the de facto audit committee for the Company with respect to all procedural and disclosure requirements applicable to audit committees under Securities and Exchange Commission rules. The Board of Directors shall have oversight responsibility over the activities of the Company for purposes of this Code of Ethics.

**B. PURPOSE**

The Company is proud of the values with which it conducts business. It has and will continue to uphold the highest levels of business ethics and personal integrity in all types of transactions and interactions. To this end, this Code of Ethics serves to (1) emphasize the Company’s commitment to ethics and compliance with the law; (2) set forth basic standards of ethical and legal behavior; (3) provide reporting mechanisms for known or suspected ethical or legal violations; and (4) help prevent and detect wrongdoing. This Code of Ethics is intended to augment and supplement the standard of ethics and business conduct expected of all Company employees, and its limitation to Covered Officers is not intended to limit the obligation of all Company employees to adhere to the highest standards of business ethics and integrity in all transactions and interactions conducted while in the Company’s employ.

Given the variety and complexity of ethical questions that may arise in the course of business of the Company, this Code of Ethics serves only as a rough guide. Confronted with ethically ambiguous situations, the Covered Officers should remember the Company’s commitment to the highest ethical standards and seek independent advice, where necessary, to ensure that all actions they take on behalf of the Company honor this commitment.

**C. ETHICS STANDARDS**

**1. Honest and Ethical Conduct**

The Covered Officers shall behave honestly and ethically at all times and with all people. They shall act in good faith, with due care, and shall engage only in fair and open competition, by treating ethically competitors, suppliers, customers, and colleagues. They shall not misrepresent facts or engage in illegal, unethical, or anti-competitive practices for personal or professional gain.

**2. Conflicts of Interest**

This fundamental standard of honest and ethical conduct extends to the handling of conflicts of interest. The Covered Officers shall avoid any actual, potential, or apparent conflicts of interest with the Company, and any personal activities, investments, or associations that might give rise to such conflicts. They shall not compete with or use the Company, for personal gain, self-deal, or take advantage of any corporate opportunities. They shall act on behalf of the Company free from improper influence or the appearance of improper influence on their judgment or performance of duties. A Covered Officer shall disclose any material transaction or relationship that reasonably could be expected to give rise to such a conflict to the Company’s General Counsel or a member of the Company’s Board of Directors. No action may be taken with respect to such transaction or party unless and until the Company’s Board of Directors has approved such action.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is understood, as fully disclosed in the offering documents for the Company, that AFS as managing member of the Company has certain inherent conflicts of interest. The provisions of the Company's Operating Agreement have been drafted to address the obligations, restrictions and limitations on the power and authority of AFS to manage the Company's affairs, including restrictions prohibiting or limiting the terms of any transactions in which conflicts of interest may arise. Furthermore, AFS has a fiduciary duty to the Company as its manager. It is therefore expressly understood by the Company and the Covered Officers that any and all actions by AFS and its personnel that comply with the provisions of the Company's Operating Agreement, and which are consistent with AFS's fiduciary duty to the Company, will not be considered material transactions or relationships which require disclosure or reporting under this Code of Ethics.

### **3. Timely and Truthful Disclosure**

In reports and documents filed with or submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission and other regulators by the Company and in other public communications made by the Company, the Covered Officers shall make disclosures that are full, fair, accurate, timely, and understandable. The Covered Officers shall provide thorough and accurate financial and accounting data for inclusion in such disclosures. The Covered Officers shall not knowingly conceal or falsify information, misrepresent material facts, or omit material facts necessary to avoid misleading the Company's independent public auditors or investors.

### **4. Legal Compliance**

In conducting the business of the Company shall comply with applicable governmental laws, rules, and regulations at all levels of government in the United States and in any non-U.S. jurisdiction in which the Company does business, as well as applicable rules and regulations of self-regulatory organizations of which the Company is a member. If the Covered Officer is unsure whether a particular action would violate an applicable law, rule, or regulation, he or she should seek the advice of inside counsel (if available), and, where necessary, outside counsel before undertaking it.

## **D. VIOLATIONS OF ETHICAL STANDARDS**

### **1. Reporting Known or Suspected Violations**

The Covered Officers will promptly bring to the attention of the Company's General Counsel or the Board of Directors any information concerning a material violation of any of the laws, rules or regulations applicable to the Company and the operation of its businesses, by the Company or any agent thereof, or of violation of this Code of Ethics. The Company's General Counsel will investigate reports of violations and the findings communicated to the Company's Board of Directors.

### **2. Accountability for Violations**

If the Company's Board of Directors determines that this Code of Ethics has been violated, either directly, by failure to report a violation, or by withholding information related to a violation, it may discipline the offending Covered Officer for non-compliance with penalties up to and including termination of employment. Violations of this Code of Ethics may also constitute violations of law and may result in criminal penalties and civil liabilities for the offending Covered Officer and the Company.

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a) OR RULE 15d-14(a)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Dean L. Cash, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of ATEL Capital Equipment Fund VIII, LLC;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 23, 2010

/s/ Dean L. Cash

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Dean L. Cash

President and Chief Executive Officer of

ATEL Financial Services, LLC (Managing Member)

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a) OR RULE 15d-14(a)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Paritosh K. Choksi, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of ATEL Capital Equipment Fund VIII, LLC;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 23, 2010

/s/ Paritosh K. Choksi

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Paritosh K. Choksi  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating  
Officer of ATEL Financial Services, LLC (Managing Member)

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. §1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
§906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report of ATEL Capital Equipment Fund VIII, LLC (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Dean L. Cash, President and Chief Executive Officer of ATEL Financial Services, LLC, Managing Member of the Company, hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: March 23, 2010

/s/ Dean L. Cash

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Dean L. Cash

President and Chief Executive Officer of  
ATEL Financial Services, LLC (Managing Member)

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. §1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
§906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report of ATEL Capital Equipment Fund VIII, LLC (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Paritosh K. Choksi, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of ATEL Financial Services, LLC, Managing Member of the Company, hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: March 23, 2010

/s/ Paritosh K. Choksi

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Paritosh K. Choksi

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of  
ATEL Financial Services, LLC (Managing Member)

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.