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# FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF <sup>9</sup><sub>1934</sub> For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016 OR ...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: 001-34177

Discovery Communications, Inc. (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	35-2333914
(State or other jurisdiction of	(I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization)	Identification No.)

One Discovery Place	20910
Silver Spring, Maryland	20910
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)
(240) 662-2000	
(Registrant's telephone number, includin	g area code)
Not Applicable	
(Former name, former address and former	er fiscal year, if changed since last report.)

Indicate by 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  $\circ$  No o 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  $\circ$  No " Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one): Large accelerated filer ý Accelerated filer " Non-accelerated filer o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) 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 ý Total number of shares outstanding of each class of the Registrant's common stock as of October 26, 2016: Series A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 151,943,509 Series B Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 6,512,379 Series C Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 234,668,886 DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FORM 10-Q TABLE OF CONTENTS

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#### PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION ITEM 1. Unaudited Financial Statements. DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (unaudited; in millions, except par value)

(unauched, in minions, except par value)	September 3 2016	30, December 31, 2015
ASSETS	2010	2015
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 224	\$ 390
Receivables, net	1,545	1,479
Content rights, net	350	313
Deferred income taxes	110	68
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	454	346
Total current assets	2,683	2,596
Noncurrent content rights, net	2,117	2,030
Property and equipment, net	464	488
Goodwill	8,179	8,164
Intangible assets, net	1,621	1,730
Equity method investments	515	567
Other noncurrent assets	271	289
Total assets	\$ 15,850	\$ 15,864
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 202	\$ 282
Accrued liabilities	1,045	988
Deferred revenues	180	190
Current portion of debt	95	119
Total current liabilities	1,522	1,579
Noncurrent portion of debt	7,901	7,616
Deferred income taxes	536	556
Other noncurrent liabilities	440	421
Total liabilities	10,399	10,172
Commitments and contingencies (Note 15)		
Redeemable noncontrolling interests	247	241
Equity:		
Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders' equity:		
Series A convertible preferred stock: \$0.01 par value; 75 shares authorized; 71 shares	1	1
issued	1	1
Series C convertible preferred stock: \$0.01 par value; 75 shares authorized; 31 and 38	1	1
shares issued	1	1
Series A common stock: \$0.01 par value; 1,700 shares authorized; 155 and 153 shares	1	1
issued	1	1
Series B convertible common stock: \$0.01 par value; 100 shares authorized; 7 shares issued	_	_
Series C common stock: \$0.01 par value; 2,000 shares authorized; 379 and 376 shares		
issued	4	4
Additional paid-in capital	7,016	7,021
Treasury stock, at cost	(6,214	) (5,461 )
Retained earnings	5,038	4,517
recurred our ming.	2,020	1,017

Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(643	) (633	)
Total equity	5,204	5,451	
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 15,850	\$ 15,864	
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.			

## DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (unaudited; in millions, except per share amounts)

	September 30,		Ended Septem	ber 30,
Deveryon	2016	2015	2016	2015
Revenues: Distribution	¢ 006	¢776	¢ 2 4 2 0	¢ 2 200
	\$806	\$776	\$2,420	\$2,309
Advertising	670	699	2,170	2,200
Other	80	82	235	239
Total revenues	1,556	1,557	4,825	4,748
Costs and expenses:				1 - 00
Costs of revenues, excluding depreciation and amortization	592	574	1,787	1,703
Selling, general and administrative	419	394	1,227	1,224
Depreciation and amortization	80	80	239	243
Restructuring and other charges	7	4	52	37
Gain on disposition				) (3 )
Total costs and expenses	1,098	1,052	3,292	3,204
Operating income	458	505	1,533	1,544
Interest expense				) (248 )
Income (loss) from equity investees, net	3	(10)		) (2 )
Other expense, net	· · ·		(27	) (78 )
Income before income taxes	321	413	1,211	1,216
Income tax expense	(96)	(130)	(302	) (394 )
Net income	225	283	909	822
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests			(1)	) —
Net income attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests	(6)	(4)	(18	) (7 )
Net income available to Discovery Communications, Inc.	\$219	\$279	\$890	\$815
Net income per share available to Discovery Communications, Inc. Series A, B and				
C common stockholders:				
Basic	\$0.37	\$0.43	\$1.45	\$1.25
Diluted	\$0.36	\$0.43	\$1.44	\$1.24
Weighted average shares outstanding:				
Basic	395	432	404	434
Diluted	602	653	615	658
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial stateme	nts.			

## DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (unaudited; in millions)

	Three Months Ended September 30,	Nine Months Ended September 30,
	2016 2015	2016 2015
Net income	\$225 \$283	\$909 \$822
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax:		
Currency translation adjustments	(16) (46	) (23 ) (162 )
Market value adjustments	50 —	25 —
Derivative adjustments	3 1	(9)(1)
Comprehensive income	262 238	902 659
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests		(1) —
Comprehensive (income) loss attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests	(6) (7	) (21 ) 16
Comprehensive income attributable to Discovery Communications, Inc.	\$256 \$231	\$880 \$675
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial staten	nents.	

## DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited; in millions)

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016 2015
Operating Activities	
Net income	\$909 \$822
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:	
Equity-based compensation expense	49 16
Depreciation and amortization	239 243
Content amortization and impairment expense	1,293 1,243
Gain on disposition	(13)(3)
Remeasurement gain on previously held equity interest	— (2 )
Equity in losses (earnings) of investee companies, net of cash distributions	33 9
Deferred income taxes	(55) 4
Realized loss from derivative instruments	3 11
Other-than-temporary impairment of AFS investments	62 —
Other, net	45 29
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of business combinations:	
Receivables, net	(48) (133)
Content rights, net	(1,464 (1,386
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(44)(14)
Equity-based compensation liabilities	(5) (25)
Income taxes receivable and prepaid income taxes	(50) (136)
Other, net	(127)(26)
Cash provided by operating activities	827 652
Investing Activities	
Investments in equity method investees, net	(67)(26)
Purchases of property and equipment	(69) (76)
Distributions from equity method investees	69 67
Proceeds from disposition, net of cash disposed	19 61
Investments in cost method investments	(4) (16)
Payments for derivative instruments, net	— (11 )
Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	— (24 )
Other investing activities, net	(2)(1)
Cash used in investing activities	(54)(26)
Financing Activities	
Commercial paper repayments, net	(23)(140)
Borrowings under revolving credit facility	445 222
Principal repayments of revolving credit facility	(672)(179)
Borrowings from debt, net of discount	498 936
Principal repayments of debt	— (849)
Principal repayments of capital lease obligations	(23)(22)
Repurchases of stock	(1,124 (576 )
Prepayments for common stock repurchase contracts	(71) —
Distributions to redeemable noncontrolling interests	(17)(38)

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Equity-based plan proceeds (payments), net	32	(9)	)
Hedge of borrowings from debt instruments		(29)	)
Other financing activities, net	(13)	(15)	)
Cash used in financing activities	(968)	(699)	)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	29	(32)	)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(166)	(105)	)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	390	367	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$224	\$262	
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial sta	atement	s.	

## DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EQUITY (unaudited; in millions)

	Stoc	erred k Par es Valu	Stoc		Addition Paid-In	nal	Treasury Stock	Retained Earnings	l Other		t Discover Commun nisi ve Stoc Equity	ica			
December 31, 2015 Net income available to	109	\$ 2	536	\$ 5	\$7,021	S	\$(5,461)	\$4,517		)	\$ 5,451		\$ —	\$5,45	1
Discovery Communications, Inc.	—			—	—	-		890	—		890		1	891	
Other comprehensive loss Repurchases of stock	(7)	)				-	(753)	(371)	(10	)	(10 (1,124	) )		(10 (1,124	)
Prepayments for common stock repurchase contracts		_	—	_	(71	) -		_	_		(71	)	_	(71	)
Equity-based compensation	—	—	—		25	-					25			25	
Excess tax benefits from equity-based compensation					7	-		_	_		7		_	7	
Tax settlements associated with equity-based compensation	_				(11	) -		_	_		(11	)	_	(11	)
Issuance of common stock in connection with equity-based plans Redeemable			4		45	-		_	_		45			45	
noncontrolling interest adjustments to redemption value		_	_	_	_	-		2	_		2		_	2	
Cash distributions to noncontrolling interests Share conversion			1		_	-		_			_		(1)	(1	)
Share conversion September 30, 2016 The accompanying notes a	102 are an								\$ (643 tatements	)	\$ 5,204		\$	\$5,204	4

#### NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

#### Description of Business

Discovery Communications, Inc. ("Discovery" or the "Company") is a global media company that provides content across multiple distribution platforms, including pay-TV, free-to-air ("FTA") and broadcast television networks, websites, digital distribution arrangements and content licensing agreements. The Company also develops and sells curriculum-based education products and services and operates production studios. The Company classifies its operations in two reportable segments: U.S. Networks, consisting principally of domestic television networks and websites, and International Networks, consisting principally of international television networks and two combined operating segments referred to as Education and Other, consisting principally of curriculum-based product and service offerings and production studios. Financial information for Discovery's reportable segments is discussed in Note 16.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Discovery and its majority-owned subsidiaries in which a controlling interest is maintained. For each non-wholly owned subsidiary, the Company evaluates its ownership and other interests to determine whether it should consolidate the entity or account for its ownership interest as an investment. As part of its evaluation, the Company makes judgments in determining whether the entity is a variable interest entity ("VIE") and, if so, whether it is the primary beneficiary of the VIE and is thus required to consolidate the entity. (See Note 3.) Inter-company accounts and transactions between consolidated entities have been eliminated in consolidation.

#### Unaudited Interim Financial Statements

These consolidated financial statements are unaudited; however, in the opinion of management, they reflect all adjustments consisting only of normal recurring adjustments necessary to state fairly the financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") applicable to interim periods. The results of operations for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year or future periods. These consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in Discovery's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2015 (the "2015 Form 10-K").

## Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the amounts and disclosures reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Management continually re-evaluates its estimates, judgments and assumptions, and management's evaluation could change. These estimates are sometimes complex, sensitive to changes in assumptions and require fair value determinations using Level 3 fair value measurements. Actual results may differ materially from those estimates.

Estimates inherent in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements include accounting for asset impairments, revenue recognition, allowances for doubtful accounts, content rights, depreciation and amortization, business combinations, equity-based compensation, income taxes, other financial instruments, contingencies and the determination of whether the Company is the primary beneficiary of entities in which it holds variable interests. Accounting and Reporting Pronouncements Adopted

#### **Business Consolidation**

In February 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued guidance that amends the analysis that a reporting entity performs to determine whether it should consolidate certain legal entities. The changes in this guidance include how related parties and de facto agents are considered in the primary beneficiary determination and the analysis for determining whether a fee paid to a decision maker or service provider is a variable interest. In

accordance with the adoption requirement, the Company adopted this guidance effective January 1, 2016, and there was no effect on the consolidated financial statements.

Business Combinations

In September 2015, the FASB issued new guidance on adjustments to provisional amounts recognized in a business combination, which are currently recognized on a retrospective basis. Under the new requirements, adjustments will be recognized

in the reporting period in which the adjustments are determined. The effects of changes in depreciation, amortization, or other income arising from changes to the provisional amounts, if any, are included in earnings of the reporting period in which the adjustments to the provisional amounts are determined. An entity is also required to present separately on the face of the income statement or disclose in the notes the portion of the amount recorded in current-period earnings by line item that would have been recorded in previous reporting periods if the adjustment to the provisional amounts had been recognized as of the acquisition date. The Company adopted this guidance effective January 1, 2016, and there was no effect on the consolidated financial statements.

Accounting for Fees Paid in a Cloud Computing Arrangement

In April 2015, the FASB issued explicit guidance on the recognition of fees paid by a customer for cloud computing arrangements as either the acquisition of a software license or a service contract. The Company adopted this guidance effective October 1, 2015, and there was no material effect on the consolidated financial statements. Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs

In April 2015, the FASB issued guidance requiring all debt issuance costs to be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying value of the debt instead of being presented as an asset on the balance sheet. The Company retrospectively adopted the new guidance on April 1, 2015 and reclassified its unamortized debt issuance costs related to the Company's debt from other noncurrent assets to noncurrent portion of debt on the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2014.

Accounting and Reporting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted Income Taxes

In October 2016, the FASB issued guidance that simplifies the accounting for the income tax consequences of intra-entity transfers of assets other than inventory. The new guidance includes requirements to recognize the income tax consequences of an intra-entity transfer of an asset other than inventory when the transfer occurs, and therefore eliminates the exception for an intra-entity transfer of an asset other than inventory. The new standard is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, and can be adopted early in any interim period, with any adjustments applied on a modified retrospective basis through a cumulative-effect adjustment directly to retained earnings as of the beginning of the period of adoption. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the pronouncement will have on the consolidated financial statements.

Share-Based Payment

In March 2016, the FASB issued guidance that simplifies how share-based payments are accounted for and presented in the financial statements. The new guidance includes requirements to record all of the tax effects related to share-based payments at settlement through the income statement, allows for tax withholdings up to maximum statutory rates before precluding equity accounting, and allows the Company to make an accounting policy election for the impact of forfeitures on the recognition of expense. The new standard is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016 and can be adopted early in any interim period, with any adjustments reflected as of the beginning of the fiscal year of adoption in retained earnings. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the pronouncement will have on the consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued guidance on leases that will require lessees to recognize almost all of their leases on the balance sheet by recording a right-of-use asset and liability. The new standard will be effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and requires application of the new accounting guidance at the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the year of adoption. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the pronouncement will have on the consolidated financial statements.

Recognition and Measurement of Financial Instruments

In January 2016, the FASB issued guidance regarding the classification and measurement of financial instruments. The standard requires equity securities, including available-for-sale ("AFS") securities, to be measured at fair value

with changes in the fair value recognized through net income, superseding the guidance permitting entities to record gains and losses on equity securities with readily determinable fair values in accumulated other comprehensive income. Investments accounted for under the equity method of accounting or that result in consolidation are not included within the scope of this update. The new standard will affect the Company's accounting for AFS securities for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017.

Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes

In November 2015, the FASB issued guidance to simplify the presentation of deferred income taxes, which removes the requirement to separate deferred tax liabilities and assets into current and noncurrent amounts and instead requires all such amounts be classified as noncurrent on the Company's consolidated balance sheets. The new requirement will be effective for financial statements issued for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016, and can be adopted on either a retrospective or prospective basis. The Company will record a balance sheet reclassification adjustment for the impact that the pronouncement will have on the consolidated financial statements. The Company will retrospectively adopt the pronouncement.

Presentation of Financial Statements - Going Concern

In August 2014, the FASB issued guidance requiring the Company to perform interim and annual assessments regarding conditions or events that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and to provide related disclosures, if applicable. The new standard is effective for reporting periods ending after December 15, 2016, with early adoption permitted. The adoption of this standard is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's disclosures in the consolidated financial statements.

Revenue from Contracts with Customers

In May 2014, the FASB issued an accounting pronouncement related to revenue recognition, which applies a single, comprehensive revenue recognition model for all contracts with customers. This standard, as amended, contains principles with respect to the measurement and timing of recognition of revenue. The Company will recognize revenue to reflect the transfer of goods or services to customers at an amount that it expects to be entitled to receive in exchange for those goods or services. The new standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, with early adoption permitted for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. The Company is required to apply the new revenue standard beginning in the first interim period within the year of adoption. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the pronouncement will have on the consolidated financial statements.

**Concentrations Risk** 

Customers

The Company has long-term contracts with distributors around the world. For the U.S. Networks segment, more than 90% of distribution revenue comes from the Company's top 10 distributors in the U.S. For the International Networks segment, approximately 46% of distribution revenue comes from the Company's top 10 distributors outside of the U.S. Agreements in place with the major cable and satellite operators in the U.S. expire at various times from 2016 through 2021. Although the Company seeks to renew its agreements with its distributors prior to expiration of a contract, a delay in securing a renewal that results in a service disruption, a failure to secure a renewal or a renewal on less favorable terms may have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition and results of operations. Not only could the Company experience a reduction in distribution revenue, but it could also experience a reduction in advertising revenue, as viewership is impacted by affiliate subscriber levels.

No individual customer accounted for more than 10% of total consolidated revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 or 2015. As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Company's trade receivables did not represent a significant concentration of credit risk as the customers and markets in which the Company operates are varied and dispersed across many geographic areas.

**Financial Institutions** 

Cash and cash equivalents are maintained with several financial institutions. The Company has deposits held with banks that exceed the amount of insurance provided on such deposits. Generally, these deposits may be redeemed upon demand and are maintained with financial institutions of reputable credit and, therefore, bear minimal credit risk. Additionally, the Company has cash and cash equivalents held by its foreign subsidiaries that would result in U.S. tax consequences should the Company decide it needs to repatriate these funds to the U.S.

Lender Counterparties

There is a risk that the counterparties associated with the Company's revolving credit facility will not be available to fund as obligated under the terms of the facility and that the Company may, at the time of such unavailability to fund, have limited or no access to the commercial paper market. If funding under the revolving credit facility is unavailable, the Company may have to acquire a replacement credit facility from different counterparties at a higher cost or may be unable to find a suitable replacement. Typically, the Company seeks to manage such risks from its revolving credit facility by contracting with experienced large financial institutions and monitoring the credit quality of its lenders. As of September 30, 2016, the Company did not anticipate nonperformance by any of its counterparties.

#### Counterparty Credit Risk

The Company is exposed to the risk that the counterparties to outstanding derivative financial instruments will default on their obligations. The Company manages these credit risks through the evaluation and monitoring of the creditworthiness of, and concentration of risk with, the respective counterparties. In this regard, credit risk associated with outstanding derivative financial instruments is spread across a relatively broad counterparty base of banks and financial institutions. In connection with the Company's hedge of certain investments classified as available-for-sale securities, the Company has pledged shares as collateral to the derivative counterparty. (See Note 3.) The Company also has a limited number of arrangements where collateral is required to be posted in the instance that certain fair value thresholds are exceeded. As of September 30, 2016, no collateral has been posted by either party under these arrangements. As of September 30, 2016, our exposure to counterparty credit risk included derivative assets with an aggregate fair value of \$92 million.

#### NOTE 2. ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS

Acquisitions

Eurosport France

On December 21, 2012, the Company acquired a 20% equity method investment in Eurosport France. On March 31, 2015, the Company acquired an additional 31% interest in Eurosport France for €36 million (\$38 million). This transaction gave the Company a 51% controlling stake in Eurosport France. The Company recognized a gain of \$2 million during the three months ended March 31, 2015, to account for the difference between the carrying value and the fair value of the previously held 20% equity method investment in Eurosport France as a component of other expense, net in the Company's consolidated statements of operations. (See Note 13.) On October 1, 2015, the Company acquired the remaining 49% of Eurosport France. (See Note 8.)

Eurosport France is part of Eurosport, a leading pan-European sports media platform. The flagship Eurosport network focuses on regionally popular sports, such as tennis, skiing, cycling and motor sports. Eurosport's brands and platforms also include Eurosport HD (high definition simulcast), Eurosport 2, Eurosport 2 HD and Eurosportnews. The acquisition is intended to increase the growth of Eurosport and enhance the Company's pay-TV offerings in Europe. The Company used a discounted cash flow ("DCF") analysis, which represents a Level 3 fair value measurement, to assess certain components of the Eurosport France purchase price allocation. The fair value of the assets acquired, liabilities assumed, noncontrolling interest recognized and the remeasurement gain recorded on the previously held equity interest is presented in the table below (in millions).

	March	31,
	2015	
Goodwill	\$ 69	
Intangible assets	40	
Other assets acquired	25	
Cash	35	
Removal of TF1 put right	2	
Currency translation adjustment	(6	)
Remeasurement gain on previously held equity interest	(2	)
Liabilities assumed	(30	)
Deferred tax liabilities	(14	)
Redeemable noncontrolling interest (Note 8)	(60	)
Carrying value of previously held equity interest	(21	)
Net assets acquired	\$ 38	
	. 1.0	•

The goodwill reflects the workforce and synergies expected from increased pan-European market penetration as the operations of Eurosport and the Company are combined. The goodwill recorded as part of this acquisition is included

in the International Networks reportable segment and is not amortizable for tax purposes. Intangible assets primarily consist of distribution and advertising customer relationships, advertiser backlog and trademarks with a weighted average estimated useful life of 10 years.

#### Other

In the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company acquired several other unrelated businesses for total cash and contingent consideration of \$91 million, net of cash acquired. Total consideration, net of cash acquired, included contingent consideration of \$13 million as of December 31, 2015, of which \$1 million was paid during the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The Company recorded \$54 million and \$43 million of goodwill and intangible assets, respectively, in connection with these acquisitions. The acquisitions included FTA networks in Italy and Turkey, cable networks in Denmark and a pay-TV sports channel in Asia. The goodwill reflects the synergies and regional market penetration from combining the operations of these acquisitions with the Company's operations. Impact of Business Combinations

The operations of each of the business combinations in 2015 discussed above were included in the consolidated financial statements as of each of their respective acquisition dates. The following table presents their revenue and earnings as reported within the consolidated financial statements for the current period (in millions).

cumings as rep	01100		une	consona		
	Th	Three		ne		
	mo	nths	months			
	end	led	ended			
	Ser	tember	September			
	_	2016	-			
Revenues:						
Distribution	\$	21	\$	64		
Advertising	12		42			
Other	1		3			
Total revenues	\$	34	\$	109		
Net income	\$	6	\$	21		
	Th	ree	Nine			
	mo	nths	months			
	end	ended		ded		
	Sep	tember	September			
	-	2015	30, 2015			
Revenues:	-					
Distribution	\$	21	\$	39		
Advertising	8		11			
Other						
Total revenues	\$	29	\$	50		
Net income	\$	1	\$	1		

Dispositions

Russia

On October 7, 2015, Discovery recorded a loss of \$5 million upon deconsolidation of its Russian business following its contribution to a joint venture (the "New Russian Business") with a Russian media company, National Media Group ("NMG"). The New Russian Business was established to comply with changes in Russian legislation that limit foreign ownership of media companies in Russia. No cash consideration was exchanged in the transaction. NMG contributed an FTA license which enables advertising for the New Russian Business. As part of the transaction, Discovery obtained a 20% ownership interest in the New Russian Business, which is accounted for under the equity method of

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accounting. The loss on contribution of the Russian business included \$15 million of goodwill allocated to the transaction based on the relative fair values of the Russian business disposed of and the portion of the reporting unit that was retained. Although Discovery no longer consolidates the Russian business, Discovery earns revenue by providing content and brands to the New Russian Business under long-term licensing arrangements (Note 14). The Russian business was included in the International Networks reportable segment; the licensing arrangements are reported as distribution revenue in the International Networks reportable segment (See Note 16).

#### Radio

On June 30, 2015, Discovery sold its radio business in Northern Europe to Bauer Media Group ("Bauer") for total consideration, net of cash disposed, of  $\notin$ 72 million (\$80 million), which included  $\notin$ 54 million (\$61 million) in cash and  $\notin$ 18 million (\$19 million) of contingent consideration. The cumulative gain on the disposal is \$1 million and includes \$26 million of goodwill allocated to the transaction based on the relative fair values of the radio business disposed of and the portion of the reporting unit that was retained. Upon sale, the Company recorded a \$3 million gain including estimated contingent consideration as disclosed for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. As of December 31, 2015, the Company revised its estimated contingent consideration resulting in a \$12 million loss. Based on the final resolution and receipt of contingent consideration payable, Discovery recorded a pre-tax gain of \$13 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016.

The Company determined that the disposal did not meet the definition of a discontinued operation because it does not represent a strategic shift that has a significant impact on the Company's operations and consolidated financial results. The Company's radio business had no impact on income before income taxes for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The Company's radio businesses were part of the International Networks reportable segment. Discovery Digital Networks

On October 13, 2016, the Company announced a plan to contribute \$100 million and its digital network Seeker and production studio SourceFed in exchange for a 39% minority interest in a new holding company, Group Nine Media. Group Nine Media includes digital companies Thrillist Media Group, Now This Media, and The Dodo. The businesses contributed by Discovery have a net asset balance of approximately \$30 million, primarily comprised of goodwill. The Company expects to record a gain upon deconsolidation of these businesses. NOTE 3. INVESTMENTS

The Company's investments consisted of the following (in millions).

Category	Balance Sheet Location	•	December 31,	
		2016	2015	
Trading securities:				
Mutual funds	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$ 161	\$ 149	
Equity method investments	Equity method investments	515	567	
Available-for-sale securities:				
Common stock	Other noncurrent assets	50	81	
Common stock - pledged	Other noncurrent assets	50	81	
Cost method investments	Other noncurrent assets	48	43	
Total investments		\$ 824	\$ 921	
Trading Securities				

Trading securities include investments in mutual funds held in a separate trust which are owned as part of the Company's supplemental retirement plan. (See Note 4.)

Equity Method Investments

In the normal course of business, the Company makes investments that support its underlying business strategy and enable it to enter new markets and develop programming. All equity method investees are privately owned. The carrying values of the Company's equity method investments are consistent with its ownership in the underlying net assets of the investees, except for Oprah Winfrey Network ("OWN"), because the Company has recorded losses in excess of its ownership interest. Certain of the Company's equity method investments are VIEs, for which the Company is not the primary beneficiary. As of September 30, 2016, the Company's estimated risk of loss for all its VIEs including the investment carrying values, unfunded contractual commitments, and guarantees made on behalf of VIEs was approximately \$380 million. The Company's estimated risk of loss excludes the non-contractual future funding of VIEs. The aggregate carrying values of these VIE investments were \$374 million and \$423 million as of

September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. The Company recognized its portion of net income generated by VIEs of \$10 million and \$21 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and \$13 million and \$31 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

#### OWN

OWN is a pay-TV network and website that provides adult lifestyle content, which is focused on self-discovery, self-improvement and entertainment. Since the initial equity was not sufficient to fund OWN's activities without additional subordinated financial support in the form of a note receivable held by the Company, OWN is a VIE. While the Company and Harpo, Inc. ("Harpo") are partners who share equally in voting control, power is not shared because Harpo holds operational rights related to programming and marketing, as well as selection and retention of key management personnel, that significantly impact OWN's economic performance. Accordingly, the Company has determined that it is not the primary beneficiary of OWN and accounts for its investment in OWN using the equity method. However, the Company provides OWN content licenses and services, such as distribution, sales and administrative support, for a fee and has provided OWN funding. (See Note 14.)

The carrying value of the Company's investment in OWN of \$317 million and \$373 million as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively, includes the Company's note receivable and accumulated investment losses. The Company's combined advances to and note receivable from OWN, including accrued interest, were \$326 million and \$384 million as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. On April 30, 2015, Oprah Winfrey agreed to extend her exclusivity agreement with OWN and the note receivable agreement was modified to reduce its interest rate, compounded annually, from 7.5% to 5.0%, retroactive to January 1, 2014. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company received net repayments of \$71 million from OWN and accrued interest on the note receivable of \$13 million.

The note receivable is secured by the net assets of OWN. While the Company has no further funding commitments, the Company will provide additional funding to OWN, if necessary, and expects to recoup amounts funded. There can be no event of default on the borrowing until 2023. However, borrowings are scheduled for repayment four years after the borrowing date to the extent that OWN has excess cash to repay the borrowings then due. Following such repayment, OWN's subsequent cash distributions will be shared equally between the Company and Harpo. In accordance with the venture agreement, losses generated by OWN are generally allocated to both investors based on their proportionate ownership interests. However, the Company has recorded its portion of OWN's losses based upon accounting rules for equity method investments. Prior to the contribution of the Discovery Health network to OWN at its launch, the Company had recognized \$104 million, or 100%, of OWN's net losses. During the three months ended March 31, 2012, accumulated operating losses at OWN exceeded the equity contributed to OWN, and Discovery began again to record 100% of OWN's net losses. Although OWN has become profitable, the Company will record 100% of any net losses to the extent they occur resulting from OWN's operations as long as Discovery has provided all funding to OWN and OWN's accumulated losses continue to exceed the equity contributed. All of OWN's net income has been and will continue to be recorded by the Company until the Company recovers losses absorbed in excess of the Company's equity ownership interest. The Company monitors the financial results of OWN along with other relevant business information to assess the recoverability of the OWN note receivable. There has been no impairment of the OWN note receivable.

Based on the joint venture agreement, as amended on April 1, 2016, Harpo has the right to conditionally require the Company to purchase all or part of Harpo's interest in OWN at fair market value up to a maximum put amount during 90-day windows beginning on April 1, 2017 and every two and a half years commencing July 1, 2018 through January 1, 2026. The maximum put amount ranges from \$100 million on the first put exercise date up to a cumulative cap of \$400 million on the fifth put exercise date. The Company has not recorded amounts for the put right because the fair value of this put right was zero as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015. Other Equity Method Investments

At September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Company's other equity method investments included the New Russian Business, All3Media and certain joint ventures in Canada. In addition on June 24, 2016, the Company acquired a 27.5% interest in Mega TV, a FTA channel in Chile owned by Bethia Comunicaciones, for \$53 million.

The Company acquired other equity method investments and made additional contributions to existing equity method investments totaling \$14 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2016. Available-for-Sale Securities ("AFS")

On November 12, 2015, the Company acquired 5 million shares, or approximately 3%, of Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. ("Lionsgate"), an entertainment company, for \$195 million. As the shares have a readily determinable fair value and the Company has the intent to retain the investment, the shares are classified as AFS securities.

The accumulated amounts associated with the components of the Company's AFS securities, which are included in other non-current assets, are summarized in the table below (in millions).

	September December		
	30, 2016	31, 2015	
Cost	\$ 195	\$ 195	
Other-than-temporary impairment of AFS securities	(62	) —	
Adjusted Cost Basis	133	195	
Unrealized losses for changes in fair value of:			
Hedged AFS - Other expense, net	(33	) (2 )	
Unhedged AFS - Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax		(31)	
Carrying value	\$ 100	\$ 162	

During the three months ended September 30, 2016, the Company determined that the decline in value of AFS securities related to our investment in Lionsgate is other-than-temporary in nature and, as such, the cost basis was adjusted to a fair value of \$100 million. The impairment determination is based on the sustained decline in the stock price of Lionsgate in relation to the purchase price and the prolonged length of time the fair value of the investment has been less than the carrying value. Based on the other-than-temporary impairment determination, unrealized pre-tax losses of \$62 million previously recorded as a component of other comprehensive (loss) income were recognized as an impairment charge that is included as a component of other expense, net for the three months ended September 30, 2016.

The total decline in fair value of \$95 million on the Lionsgate investment since its purchase has been recorded to other expense, net, of which \$93 million was recorded in 2016. (See Note 9.)

The Company hedged 50% of the shares with an equity collar (the "Lionsgate Collar") and pledged those shares as collateral to the derivative counter party. In the application of hedge accounting, when the share price of Lionsgate is within the boundaries of the collar and the hedge has no intrinsic value, the Company records the gains or losses on the Lionsgate AFS securities as a component of other comprehensive (loss) income. When the share price of the Lionsgate AFS is outside the boundaries of the collar and the hedge has intrinsic value, the Company records a gain or loss for the change in the fair value of the hedged portion of Lionsgate shares that correspond to the change in intrinsic value of the hedge as a component of other expense, net. (See Note 7.)

Cost Method Investments

Cost method investments include ownership rights in entities that do not provide the Company with control or significant influence in these investments and that have no readily determinable fair values. The Company's cost method investments as of September 30, 2016 primarily include an educational website and an electric car racing series.

# NOTE 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is defined as the amount that would be received for selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. Assets and liabilities carried at fair value are classified in the following three categories:

Level 1 Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets.

Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in Level 2-markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs and significant value

drivers are observable in active markets.

Level 3 Valuations derived from techniques in which one or more significant inputs are unobservable.

_		Septe	mber 30	, 2016	
Category	Balance Sheet Location	Level	Level 2	Level	3 Total
Assets					
Trading securities - mutual funds	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$161	\$ —	\$	-\$161
Available-for-sale securities:					
Common stock	Other noncurrent assets	50			50
Common stock - pledged	Other noncurrent assets	50	—		50
Derivatives:					
Cash flow hedges:					
Foreign exchange	Prepaid expenses and other current assets		29		29
Interest rate	Prepaid expenses and other current assets		2		2
Foreign exchange	Other noncurrent assets	—	2		2
Net investment hedges:					
Cross-currency swaps	Other noncurrent assets		22		22
Fair value hedges:					
Equity (Lionsgate Collar)	Other noncurrent assets		36		36
No hedging designation:					
Cross-currency swaps	Other noncurrent assets		1		1
Total		\$261	\$ 92	\$	-\$353
Liabilities					
Deferred compensation plan	Accrued liabilities	\$161	\$ —	\$	-\$161
Derivatives:					
Cash flow hedges:					
Foreign exchange	Accrued liabilities	—	31		31
Foreign exchange	Other noncurrent liabilities	—	4		4
Net investment hedges:					
Cross-currency swaps	Accrued liabilities	—	3		3
Cross-currency swaps	Other noncurrent liabilities	—	48		48
Total		\$161	\$ 86	\$	-\$247

Category	Balance Sheet Location	Decer Level 1	mber 3 Level 2	31, 20 Lev 3	)15 el Total
Assets					
Trading securities - mutual funds	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$149	\$ —	\$	<del>-\$</del> 149
Available-for-sale securities:					
Common stock	Other noncurrent assets	81			81
Common stock - pledged	Other noncurrent assets	81			81
Derivatives:					
Cash flow hedges:					
Foreign exchange	Prepaid expenses and other current assets		21		21
Foreign exchange	Other noncurrent assets		2		2
Fair value hedges:					
Equity (Lionsgate Collar)	Other noncurrent assets		15		15
Total		\$311	\$ 38	\$	-\$349
Liabilities					
Deferred compensation plan	Accrued liabilities	\$149	\$ —	\$	-\$149
Derivatives:					
Foreign exchange	Accrued liabilities		4		4
Total		\$149	\$4	\$	-\$153
		,			,

Trading securities are comprised of investments in mutual funds held in a separate trust which are owned as part of the Company's deferred compensation plan. The fair value of Level 1 trading securities was determined by reference to the quoted market price per unit in active markets multiplied by the number of units held without consideration of transaction costs. The fair value of the deferred compensation plan liability was determined based on the fair value of the related investments elected by employees.

AFS securities represent equity investments with readily determinable fair values. The fair value of Level 1 AFS securities was determined by reference to the quoted market price per unit in active markets multiplied by the number of units held without consideration of transaction costs. (See Note 3).

Derivative financial instruments are comprised of foreign exchange, interest rate and equity contracts. (See Note 7). In addition to the financial instruments listed in the tables above, the Company holds other financial instruments, including cash deposits, accounts receivable, accounts payable, commercial paper, borrowings under the revolving credit facility, capital leases and senior notes. The carrying values for such financial instruments, other than the senior notes, each approximated their fair values as of September 30, 2016. The estimated fair value of the Company's outstanding senior notes using quoted prices from over the counter markets, considered Level 2 inputs, was \$7.7 billion and \$6.6 billion as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

#### NOTE 5. CONTENT RIGHTS

The table below presents the components of content rights (in millions).

	September 30,	December 31,
	2016	2015
Produced content rights:		
Completed	\$ 3,846	\$ 3,624
In-production	452	376
Coproduced content rights:		
Completed	686	691
In-production	54	62
Licensed content rights:		
Acquired	1,103	1,078
Prepaid	157	96
Content rights, at cost	6,298	5,927
Accumulated amortization	(3,831)	(3,584)
Total content rights, net	2,467	2,343
Current portion	(350)	(313)
Noncurrent portion	\$ 2,117	\$ 2,030

Content expense is included in costs of revenues on the consolidated statements of operations and consisted of the following (in millions).

	Three	;			
	ended		Nine months ended September 30,		
	30,				
	2016	2015	2016	2015	
Content amortization	\$424	\$414	\$1,279	\$1,210	
Other production charges	67	54	205	163	
Content impairments <sup>(a)</sup>	5	3	14	33	
Total content expense	\$496	\$471	\$1,498	\$1,406	

<sup>(a)</sup> Content impairments are generally recorded as a component of costs of revenue. However, during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, \$3 million in content impairments were reflected as a component of restructuring and other charges. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, \$21 million in content impairments were reflected as a component of restructuring and other charges. These impairment charges resulted from the cancellation of certain high profile series due to legal circumstances pertaining to the associated talent.

NOTE 6. DEBT

The table below presents the components of outstanding debt (in millions).

September 30, December 3		
2016	2015	
\$ 500	\$ 500	
1,300	1,300	
650	650	
336	328	
500	500	
350	350	
300	300	
500		
672	656	
850	850	
500	500	
850	850	
545	782	
70	93	
142	142	
8,065	7,801	
(69)	(66	)
7,996	7,735	
(95)	(119	)
\$ 7,901	\$ 7,616	
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Senior Notes

On March 11, 2016, Discovery Communications, LLC ("DCL"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, issued \$500 million principal amount of 4.90% senior notes due March 11, 2026 (the "2016 USD Notes"). The proceeds received by DCL from the offering were net of a \$2 million issuance discount and \$3 million of debt issuance costs. Interest on the 2016 USD Notes is payable semi-annually on March 11 and September 11 of each year. Revolving Credit Facility

On February 4, 2016, DCL amended its \$1.5 billion revolving credit facility to allow DCL and certain designated foreign subsidiaries of DCL to borrow up to \$2.0 billion, including a \$100 million sublimit for the issuance of standby letters of credit and a \$50 million sublimit for swingline loans. Borrowing capacity under this agreement is reduced by any outstanding borrowings under the commercial paper program discussed below. The revolving credit facility agreement provides for a maturity date of February 4, 2021 and the option for up to two additional 364-day renewal periods.

As of September 30, 2016, the Company had outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit facility of \$545 million at a weighted average interest rate of 1.94%, none of which were denominated in foreign currencies. As of December 31, 2015, the Company had outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit facility of \$782 million at a weighted average interest rate of 1.55% of which \$207 million was denominated in foreign currencies. The interest rate on borrowings under the revolving credit facility is variable based on DCL's then-current credit ratings for its publicly traded debt and changes in financial index rates. For dollar-denominated borrowings, the interest rate is based, at the Company's option, on either adjusted LIBOR plus a margin, or an alternate base rate plus a margin. For borrowings denominated in foreign currencies, the interest rate is based on adjusted LIBOR, plus a margin. The current margins are 1.30% and 0.30%, respectively, per annum for adjusted LIBOR and alternate base rate

borrowings. A monthly facility fee is charged based on the total capacity of the facility, and interest is charged based on the amount borrowed on the facility. The current facility fee rate is 0.20% per annum and subject to change based on DCL's then-current credit ratings. All obligations of DCL and the other borrowers under the revolving credit facility are unsecured and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Discovery.

The credit agreement governing the revolving credit facility contains customary representations, warranties and events of default, as well as affirmative and negative covenants. As of September 30, 2016, the Company, DCL and the other borrowers were in compliance with all covenants, and there were no events of default under the revolving credit facility.

#### **Commercial Paper**

The Company's commercial paper program is supported by the revolving credit facility described above. Outstanding commercial paper borrowings were \$70 million with a weighted average interest rate of approximately .90% as of September 30, 2016 and \$93 million with a weighted average interest rate of approximately 1.10% as of December 31, 2015.

#### NOTE 7. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company uses derivative financial instruments to modify its exposure to market risks from changes in foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates and the fair value of investments classified as AFS securities. At the inception of a derivative contract, the Company designates the derivative as one of four types based on the Company's intentions and belief as to likely effectiveness as a hedge. These four types are: (1) a hedge of a forecasted transaction or the variability of cash flows to be received or paid related to a recognized asset or liability ("cash flow hedge"), (2) a hedge of net investments in foreign operations ("net investment hedge"), (3) a hedge of the fair value of a recognized asset or liability or of an unrecognized firm commitment ("fair value hedge"), or (4) an instrument with no hedging designation. The Company does not enter into or hold derivative financial instruments for speculative trading purposes.

#### Cash Flow Hedges

The Company designates foreign currency forward and option contracts as cash flow hedges to mitigate foreign currency risk arising from third-party revenue and inter-company licensing agreements. The Company also designates interest rate contracts used to hedge the pricing for certain senior notes as cash flow hedges. Gains and losses on the effective portion of designated cash flow hedges are initially recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss on the consolidated balance sheets and reclassified into the statements of operations in the same line item in which the hedged item is recorded and in the same period as the hedged item affects earnings. If it becomes probable that a forecasted transaction will not occur, any related gains and losses recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss on the consolidated balance sheets are reclassified to other expense, net on the consolidated statements of operations in that period. The total notional amount of outstanding foreign exchange and interest rate contracts designated as cash flow hedges as of September 30, 2016 were \$510 million and \$900 million, respectively. The total notional amount of outstanding foreign exchange as of December 31, 2015 was \$868 million. There were no interest rate contracts outstanding as of December 31, 2015.

During the three months ended September 30, 2016, the Company discontinued hedge accounting for certain foreign currency forward and option contracts designated as cash flow hedges because the occurrence of the forecasted transactions was no longer probable, but reasonably possible. The notional amount and fair value of these hedges as of September 30, 2016 was \$125 million and \$14 million, respectively, and was classified in prepaid and other current assets and other noncurrent assets on the Company's consolidated balance sheet. As a result of the change in probability, future changes in the fair value of these hedges will be reflected immediately in other expense, net on the consolidated statements of operations. Unrealized gains recognized prior to the change in probability will remain in accumulated other comprehensive loss until earnings are impacted by the forecasted transaction or the forecasted transaction becomes probable of not occurring, at which time they will be reclassified to other expense, net on the consolidated statements of operations.

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Company terminated and settled its interest rate cash flow hedges following the pricing of its 3.45% senior notes due March 15, 2025 (the "2015 USD Notes"). The total notional value of the interest rate forward contracts at the termination date was \$490 million, which exceeded the \$300 million

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principal amount of the 2015 USD Notes. Of the \$40 million pretax loss recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss at the termination date, \$29 million was an effective cash flow hedge that will be amortized as an adjustment to interest expense over the ten year term of the 2015 USD Notes consistent with amortization of the debt discount. The remaining \$11 million was reclassified into other expense, net on the consolidated statements of operations during the three months ended March 31, 2015, because the forecasted borrowing transaction was no longer probable.

# Net Investment Hedges

In 2016, the Company entered into a series of cross-currency swaps designated as hedges of net investments in foreign operations. Changes in the fair value of these cross-currency swaps, including the accrual and periodic cash settlement of interest, are reported in the same manner as translation adjustments to the extent that they are effective. Changes in the value of the investment due to changes in spot rates are offset by fair value changes in the effective portion of the derivative instruments. Both changes are recorded as cumulative translation adjustments, a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss, and are only

recognized in earnings upon the liquidation or sale of the hedged investment. If the notional amount of the instrument designated as the hedge of a net investment is greater than the portion of the net investment being hedged, hedge ineffectiveness, which is the gain or loss of the portion over hedged, is reclassified to other expense, net on the consolidated statements of operations in that period. The notional amount of net investment hedges outstanding as of September 30, 2016 was \$770 million. There were no derivative contracts designated as net investment hedges outstanding as of December 31, 2015.

## Fair Value Hedges

The Company designates derivative instruments used to mitigate the risk of changes in the fair value of its AFS securities as fair value hedges. On November 12, 2015, the Company entered into the Lionsgate Collar, designed to mitigate the risk of market fluctuations with respect to 50% of the Lionsgate shares held by the Company. (See Note 3.) The collar, which qualifies for hedge accounting, settles in three tranches starting in 2019 and ending in 2022. The Company records gains and losses from the Lionsgate Collar as a component of other expense, net on the consolidated statements of operations. The notional amount of fair value hedges outstanding was \$97 million as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

## No Hedging Designation

The Company may also enter into derivative financial instruments that do not qualify for hedge accounting and are not designated as hedges. These instruments are intended to mitigate economic exposures of the Company. Realized and unrealized gains and losses on instruments that do not qualify for hedge accounting are reflected in other expense, net on the consolidated statements of operations. The total notional amount of outstanding foreign exchange and interest rate contracts with no hedging designation as of September 30, 2016 was \$27 million and \$9 million, respectively. There were no derivative contracts that did not receive hedging designation outstanding as of December 31, 2015. Financial Statement Presentation

The Company records all unsettled derivative contracts at their gross fair values on the consolidated balance sheets. (See Note 4.) There were no amounts eligible to be offset under master netting agreements as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015. The portion of the fair value that represents cash flows occurring within one year are classified as current, and the portion related to cash flows occurring beyond one year are classified in the consolidated statements of cash flows in the same section as the cash flows from the hedged item. For example, the cash paid or received to settle the effective portion of foreign exchange derivatives intended to hedge distribution revenue earned during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 is reported as an operating activity in the consolidated statements of cash flows consistent with the classification of cash received from customers. The cash flows from the ineffective portion of derivative as hedges, periodic settlement of interest on cross-currency swaps, and derivative contracts not designated as hedges are reported as investing activities in the consolidated statements of cash flows.

The following table summarizes the impact of derivative financial instruments on the Company's consolidated balance sheets (in millions).

Category	Balance Sheet Location	Fair V Septen 2016	nbectomber
Cash flow hedges:			
Foreign exchange	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$ 29	\$ 21
Interest rate	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2	
Foreign exchange	Other noncurrent assets	2	2
Foreign exchange	Accrued liabilities	31	4
Foreign exchange	Other noncurrent liabilities	4	
Net investment hedges:			
Cross-currency swaps	Other noncurrent assets	22	
Cross-currency swaps	Accrued liabilities	3	
Cross-currency swaps	Other noncurrent liabilities	48	
Fair value hedges:			
Equity (Lionsgate collar)	Other noncurrent assets	36	15
No hedging designation:			
Cross-currency swaps	Other noncurrent assets	1	

The following table presents the pretax impact of derivatives designated as cash flow hedges on income and other comprehensive (loss) income (in millions).

-	Three	Nine
	Months	Months
	Ended	Ended
	September	September
	30,	30,
	20162015	2016 2015
Gains (losses) recognized in accumulated other comprehensive loss:		
Foreign exchange - derivative adjustments	\$\$10	\$(18) \$22 2 (11)
Interest rate - derivative adjustments	2 1	2 (11)
(Losses) gains reclassified into income from accumulated other comprehensive loss		
(effective portion):		
Foreign exchange - distribution revenue	(1) 7	(15) 15
Foreign exchange - advertising revenue	(1) —	(2) 1
Foreign exchange - costs of revenues	(1) - 8 2	15 6
Foreign exchange - other expense, net	1 1	3 2
Interest rate - interest expense	(1) (1 )	(3)(1)
Losses reclassified into income from accumulated other comprehensive loss (ineffective		
portion):		
Interest rate - other expense, net		— (11)
Fair value excluded from effectiveness assessment:		
Foreign exchange - other expense, net	(1) —	(5) —

If current fair values of designated cash flow hedges as of September 30, 2016 remained static over the next twelve months, the Company would reclassify \$6 million of net deferred losses from accumulated other comprehensive loss into income in the next twelve months.

The following table presents the pretax impact of derivatives designated as net investment hedges on other comprehensive (loss) income (in millions).

	Three Months Nine Months
	Ended Ended
	September 30, September 30,
	2016 2015 2016 2015
(Losses) gains recognized in accumulated other comprehensive loss:	
Cross-currency swaps - changes in fair value	\$ (21 ) \$ <b>-</b> \$ (29 ) \$ <b>-</b>
Cross-currency swaps - interest settlements	2 — 2 —
Total other comprehensive loss	\$ (19 ) \$ -\$ (27 ) \$

The following table presents the pretax impact of derivatives designated as fair value hedges on income, including offsetting changes in fair value of the hedged items and amounts excluded from the assessment of effectiveness (in millions). The Company recognized \$2 million of ineffectiveness on fair value hedges for the three months ended September 30, 2016. There were no amounts of ineffectiveness recognized on fair value hedges for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The Company had no outstanding fair value hedges during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015.

	Three		Nine	
	Months		Months	
	Ended		Ended	
	Septem	ber	Septem	ber
	30, 2016		30, 201	6
Losses on changes in fair value of hedged AFS	\$ (1	)	\$ (31	)
Gains on changes in the intrinsic value of equity contracts	3		31	
Fair value of equity contracts excluded from effectiveness assessment	(3	)	(10	)
Total in other expense, net	\$ (1	)	\$ (10	)

The following table presents the pretax gains (losses) on derivatives not designated as hedges and recognized in other expense, net in the consolidated statements of operations (in millions).

	Three	Nine
	Months	Months
	Ended	Ended
	Septembe	r September
	30,	30,
	2016 201	5 2016 2015
Foreign exchange derivatives	\$ 1 \$ 8	\$ \$ (1 ) \$ 8

#### NOTE 8. REDEEMABLE NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS

Redeemable noncontrolling interests reflected as of the balance sheet date are the greater of the noncontrolling interest balances adjusted for comprehensive income items and distributions or the redemption values remeasured at the period end foreign exchange rates (i.e., the "floor"). Adjustments to the carrying amount of redeemable noncontrolling interests to redemption value as a result of changes in exchange rates are reflected in currency translation adjustments, a component of other comprehensive (loss) income; however, such currency translation adjustments to redemption value are allocated to Discovery stockholders only. Redeemable noncontrolling interest adjustments of redemption

value to the floor are reflected in retained earnings. Any adjustment of redemption value to the floor that reflects a redemption in excess of fair value is included as an adjustment to net income available to Discovery stockholders in the calculation of earnings per share. There were no current period adjustments to reflect a redemption in excess of fair value. (See Note 12.)

The table below presents the reconciliation of changes in redeemable noncontrolling interests (in millions).

	Three Mont Endeo Septe 30,	hs 1	Nine M Ended Septer 30,		
	2016	2015	2016	2015	
Beginning balance	\$241	\$754	\$241	\$747	
Initial fair value of redeemable noncontrolling interests of acquired businesses				60	
Reclassification of redeemable equity to current liabilities		(551)		(551)	I
Cash distributions to redeemable noncontrolling interests		(2)	(17)	(38)	I
Comprehensive income adjustments:					
Net income attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests	6	4	18	7	
Other comprehensive income (loss) attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests		3	3	(23)	)
Currency translation on redemption values		4	4	(36)	)
Retained earnings adjustments:					
Adjustments of redemption values to the floor		28	(2)	74	
Ending balance	\$247	\$240	\$247	\$240	

Redeemable noncontrolling interests consist of the following arrangements:

In connection with the acquisition of a controlling interest in Eurosport France on March 31, 2015, the Company recognized \$60 million for TF1's 49% redeemable noncontrolling interest. On July 22, 2015, TF1 exercised its right to put the entirety of its remaining 49% noncontrolling interest in both Eurosport France and Eurosport International to the Company for €491 million (\$551 million as of the date redemption became mandatory, and \$548 million on October 1, 2015 when the transaction closed). The difference between the carrying amount of the redeemable noncontrolling interest and its fair value at the date of exercise resulted in a €25 million (\$28 million) adjustment to retained earnings, recognized as a component of redeemable noncontrolling interest adjustments to redemption value in the consolidated statements of equity for the period ended September 30, 2015. Upon acquisition of TF1's noncontrolling interest on October 1, 2015, the Company adjusted the accumulated other comprehensive income balance of \$61 million attributable to TF1 and allocated it to Discovery stockholders.

In connection with its non-controlling interest in Discovery Family, Hasbro has the right to put the entirety of its remaining 40% non-controlling interest to the Company for one year after December 31, 2021, or in the event a Discovery performance obligation related to Discovery Family is not met. Embedded in the redeemable noncontrolling interest is also a Discovery call right that is exercisable for one year after December 31, 2021. Upon the exercise of the put or call options, the price to be paid for the redeemable noncontrolling interest is generally a function of the then-current fair market value of the redeemable noncontrolling interest, to which certain discounts and floor values may apply in specified situations depending upon the party exercising the put or call and the basis for the exercise of the put or call. As Hasbro's put right is outside the control of the Company, Hasbro's 40% noncontrolling interest is presented as redeemable noncontrolling interest outside of permanent equity on the Company's consolidated balance sheet.

In connection with its non-controlling interest in Discovery Japan, Jupiter Telecommunications Co., Ltd ("J:COM") has the right to put all, but not less than all, of its 20% noncontrolling interest to Discovery at any time for cash. Through January 10, 2017, the redemption value is the January 10, 2013 fair value denominated in Japanese yen; thereafter, as chosen by J:COM, the redemption value is the then-current fair value or the January 10, 2013 fair value denominated in Japanese yen. NOTE 9. EQUITY

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Common Stock Repurchase Program

On August 3, 2010, the Company implemented a stock repurchase program. Under the Company's stock repurchase program, management is authorized to purchase shares of the Company's common stock from time to time through open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions at prevailing prices, pursuant to one or more accelerated stock repurchase agreements, or other derivative arrangements as permitted by securities laws and other legal requirements, and subject to stock price, business and market conditions and other factors. Over the life of the program, authorization under the stock repurchase program has

totaled \$7.5 billion. As of September 30, 2016, the Company had remaining authorization of \$1.3 billion for future repurchases under the existing stock repurchase program, which will expire on October 8, 2017. All common stock repurchases have been made through open market transactions and repurchased common stock has been recorded as treasury stock on the consolidated balance sheet. As of September 30, 2016, the Company had repurchased over the life of the program 3 million and 144 million shares of Series A and Series C common stock, respectively, for the aggregate purchase price of \$171 million and \$6 billion, respectively. The table below presents a summary of common stock repurchases (in millions).

	Three M Ended Septemb 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2016	2015	2016 2015			
Series C Common Stock:						
Shares repurchased	10.4		29.2 10.3			
Purchase price	\$ 253	\$ -	\$753 \$323			
Common Stool Donuraha	o Contro	ot				

Common Stock Repurchase Contract

On August 22, 2016, the Company made an up front cash payment of \$71 million to enter into a prepaid common stock repurchase contract for the Company's Series C common stock. The contract will settle during the quarter ended December 31, 2016. If Discovery's Series C common stock price is below \$25.86 at expiry, the Company will receive 3 million shares of its Series C common stock. If Discovery's Series C common stock price is above \$25.86 at expiry, the Company can elect to receive \$75 million in cash or that number of shares of Series C common stock at the then current market price equal to \$75 million. The contract represents a hybrid instrument consisting of a debt instrument and an embedded equity-linked derivative that does not require bifurcation because it is linked to the Company's own stock. The contract is accounted for as an equity transaction. As of September 30, 2016, the \$71 million prepayment was recorded as a reduction in additional paid-in capital. If the contract settles in shares of Series C common stock, that amount will be reclassified to treasury stock. If the contract settles in cash, the \$75 million cash receipt will be recorded as an increase to additional paid-in capital.

Preferred Stock Repurchase and Conversion

The Company has an agreement with Advance/Newhouse Programming Partnership ("Advance/Newhouse") to repurchase, on a quarterly basis, a number of shares of Series C convertible preferred stock convertible into a number of shares of Series C common stock equal to 3/7 of the number of shares of Series C common stock purchased under the Company's common stock repurchase program during the then most recently completed fiscal quarter. The price paid per preferred share is calculated as 99% of the average price paid for the Series C common shares repurchased by the Company during the applicable fiscal quarter multiplied by the Series C conversion rate. The Series C preferred stock is convertible, at the option of the holder, into two shares of Series C common stock. The Advance/Newhouse repurchase are made outside of the Company's publicly announced common stock and retained earnings upon settlement as there is no remaining additional paid-in capital for this class of stock.

The table below presents a summary of Series C convertible preferred stock repurchases (in millions).

Three	Nine
Months	Months
Ended	Ended
September	September
30,	30,

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2016201520162015Series C Convertible Preferred Stock:2.20.86.93.9Purchase price\$121\$52\$371\$253

Based on the number of shares of Series C common stock repurchased during the three months ended September 30, 2016, the Company expects to repurchase, convert and retire 2.2 million shares of its Series C convertible preferred shares under the preferred stock conversion and repurchase arrangement for an aggregate purchase price of \$108 million on or about November 3, 2016. The expected purchase of these shares has not been recognized as a liability on the Company's consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2016, due to certain termination rights held by Discovery and Advance/Newhouse in the preferred stock conversion and repurchase arrangement.

In addition, on February 25, 2016, at the request of Advance/Newhouse and in accordance with the Company's Articles of Incorporation, the Company converted 292,500 shares of Advance/Newhouse Series C convertible preferred stock into 585,000 shares of Series C common stock.

Stock Repurchases

As of September 30, 2016, total shares repurchased, on a split-adjusted and as-converted basis, under these programs represent 34% of the Company's outstanding shares from the time the repurchase programs were authorized or 30% net of issuances for equity based compensation.

Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income

The table below presents the tax effects related to each component of other comprehensive (loss) income and reclassifications made into the consolidated statements of operations (in millions).

	Three Months Ended				Three Months Ended						
	-				September 30, 2015						
			Tax					Tax			
	Pret	ax	Benefit (Expens	se)	Net-of-	tax	Pretax	Benefit (Expense)		Net-of-	tax
Currency translation adjustments:											
Unrealized losses - foreign currency	\$(10	))	\$ 10		\$ —		\$(57)	\$ 11		\$ (46	)
Unrealized losses - net investment hedges	(19	)	3		(16	)					
Total currency translation adjustments	(29	)	13		(16	)	(57)	11		(46	)
Market value adjustments:											
Unrealized losses - AFS securities	(2	)	2					_			
Reclassifications to other expense, net:											
Other-than-temporary-impairment AFS securities	62		(12	)	50						
Hedged portion of AFS securities	1		(1	)							
Total market value adjustments	61		(11	)	50			_			
Derivative adjustments:											
Unrealized gains	2		(2	)			11	(4	)	7	
Reclassifications:											
Distribution revenue	11		(4	)	7		(7)	2		(5	)
Advertising revenue	1				1						
Costs of revenues	(8	)	3		(5	)	(2)	1		(1	)
Interest expense	1				1		1			1	
Other expense, net	(1	)	_		(1	)	(1)			(1	)
Total derivative adjustments	6		(3	)	3		2	(1	)	1	
Other comprehensive income (loss)	\$38		\$ (1	)	\$ 37		\$(55)	\$ 10		\$ (45	)

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016 Tax				Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 Tax						
	Preta	ax	Benefit	se)	Net-of-	tax	Pretax	Benefi (Exper		Net-of-t	tax
Currency translation adjustments:											
Unrealized losses - foreign currency	\$(34	)	\$ 35		\$ 1		\$(197)	\$ 6		\$ (191	)
Unrealized losses - net investment hedges	(27	)	3		(24	)					
Reclassifications:											
Gain on disposition							23			23	
Other expense, net							6			6	
Total currency translation adjustments	(61	)	38		(23	)	(168)	6		(162	)
Market value adjustments:											
Unrealized losses - AFS securities	(62	)	12		(50	)		_			
Reclassifications to other expense, net:											
Other-than-temporary-impairment AFS securities	62		(12	)	50						
Hedged portion of AFS securities	31		(6	)	25						
Total market value adjustments	31		(6	)	25						
Derivative adjustments:				,							
Unrealized (losses) gains	(16	)	5		(11	)	11	(4	)	7	
Reclassifications:						-			-		
Distribution revenue	15		(5	)	10		(15)	5		(10	)
Advertising revenue	2				2		(1)			(1	)
Costs of revenues	(15	)	5		(10	)	(6)	2		(4	)
Interest expense	3		(1	)	2		1			1	
Other expense, net	(3	)	1		(2	)	9	(3	)	6	
Total derivative adjustments	(14	)	5		(9	)	(1)			(1	)
Other comprehensive loss	\$(44		\$ 37		\$ (7	)	\$(169)	\$ 6		\$ (163	)
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	-				-						

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The table below presents the changes in the components of accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of taxes (in millions).

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016					
	Currenc <b>}</b> Market Translat <b>ión</b> lue Adjustm <b>Anlin</b> ustment	Derivative Adjustment	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss			
Beginning balance	\$(616) \$ (52 )	\$ (12 )	\$ (680 )			
Other comprehensive (loss) income before reclassifications	(16) —		(16)			
Reclassifications from accumulated other comprehensive loss to net income	— 50	3	53			
Other comprehensive (loss) income	(16) 50	3	37			
Ending balance	\$(632) \$ (2 )	\$ (9 )	\$ (643 )			

	Three Months I Currency Translation Adjustments	Ended Septembe Market Value Adjustments	er 30, 201	5 Derivat Adjusti		Oth	umulated er nprehensive	Loss		
Beginning balance	•	\$ (2	)	\$ (	(1)	\$	(460	)		
Other comprehensive (loss) income (46 before reclassifications	(46)	_		7		(39		)		
Reclassifications from accumulated other comprehensive loss to net income Other	_	_		(6	)	(6		)		
comprehensive (loss) income Other comprehensive	(46)	_		1		(45		)		
income attributabl to redeemable noncontrolling interests		—		—		(3		)		
Ending balance	\$ (506 )	\$ (2	)	\$ -		\$	(508	)		
					Nine Months	s Ende	d September	30, 2016		
					Currenc Market Accumulated Translat Malue Adjustments Comprehensi Loss					
Beginning balance					\$(606) \$ (2		Ŧ	\$ (633	)	
Other comprehense Reclassifications f			ensive lo	ss to net	(23) (50	)	( )	(84	)	
income				55 to net	— 75		2	77		
Other comprehens			nahla		(23) 25		(9)	(7	)	
Other comprehensive income attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests			(3) —		—	(3	)			
Ending balance					\$(632) \$ (2	2)	\$ (9 )	\$ (643	)	
					Nine Months Currenc <b>M</b> ark Translat <b>ióa</b> lu Adjustm <b>&amp;adjs</b> a	ket e	Derivative	30, 2015 Accumula Other ts Comprehe Loss		

Beginning balance	\$(367) \$ (2 )	\$ 1	\$ (368 )
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications	(191) —	7	(184)
Reclassifications from accumulated other comprehensive loss to net income	29 —	(8)	21
Other comprehensive loss	(162) —	(1)	(163)
Other comprehensive loss attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests	23 —	_	23
Ending balance	\$(506) \$ (2 )	\$ —	\$ (508 )
NOTE 10. EQUITY-BASED COMPENSATION			

The Company has various incentive plans under which stock options, time-based restricted stock units ("RSUs"), performance-based restricted stock units ("PRSUs"), stock appreciation rights ("SARs") and unit awards have been issued. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the vesting and service requirements of equity-based awards granted were consistent with the arrangements disclosed in the 2015 Form 10-K.

The table below presents the components of equity-based compensation expense (in millions).

	Three		Nine	;
	Mon	ths	Mon	ths
	Ende	d	Ende	ed
	Septe	ember	Sept	ember
	30,		30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
PRSUs	\$12	\$(5)	\$21	\$8
RSUs	4	4	14	12
Stock options	4	4	11	12
SARs	2	(12)	3	(15)
ESPP		—	—	1
Unit awards				(2)
Total equity-based compensation expense	\$22	\$(9)	\$49	\$16
Tax benefit (expense) recognized	\$8	(4)	\$18	\$6

Compensation expense for all awards was recorded in selling, general and administrative expense on the consolidated statements of operations. The Company records expense for the fair value of cash-settled and other liability-classified equity-based compensation awards ratably over the graded vesting service period based on changes in fair value and the probability that performance targets will be met, if applicable, less estimated forfeitures. The table below presents current and non-current portions of liability-classified equity-based compensation awards (in millions).

Sep	ember		
201	6	201	5
\$	25	\$	
2		5	
41		46	
4		3	
\$	72	\$	54
	201 \$ 2 41	2016 \$ 25 2 41 4	$ \begin{array}{ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

The table below presents award activity (in millions, except weighted-average exercise price) for PRSUs, RSUs and SARs.

SARS.						
	Nine Months Ended					
	Septen	nber 30, 2016				
	Ŵ	eighted-Average				
	Weighted-Average Awards Grant Price					
Awards granted:						
PRSUs	1.0 \$	25.15				
RSUs	1.4 \$	25.22				
SARs	2.4 \$	25.78				
Awards converted or settled:						
PRSUs	0.6 \$	22.32				
RSUs	0.4 \$	33.41				
SARs	0.9 \$	20.67				

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The table below presents stock option activity (in millions, except weighted-average exercise price).

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		Weighted-					
Stock Optic	me	Average					
1		Exercise					
		Price					
15.3		\$ 24.01					
2.8		\$ 25.61					
(3.1	)	\$ 13.45					
(0.9	)	\$ 34.02					
14.1							
	Stock Optic 15.3 2.8 (3.1 (0.9	2.8 (3.1 ) (0.9 )					

The table below presents unrecognized compensation cost, net of expected forfeitures, related to non-vested equity-based awards and the weighted average amortization period over which these expenses will be recognized as of September 30, 2016 (in millions, except years).

	Unrecognized	
	Compensation	Weighted Average Amortization
	Cost, Net of	Period
	Expected	(years)
	Forfeitures	
RSUs	\$ 49	3.0
PRSUs	32	1.0
Stock options	33	2.3
SARs	9	1.1
Total unrecognized compensation cost, net of expected forfeitures	\$ 123	

#### NOTE 11. INCOME TAXES

The Company's income tax expense was \$96 million and \$302 million, and the effective income tax rates were 30% and 25%, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively. The Company's income tax expense was \$130 million and \$394 million, and the effective income tax rates were 31% and 32%, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. The following table reconciles the Company's effective income tax rate to the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate of 35%.

	Three	Nine
	Months	Months
	Ended	Ended
	September	September
	30,	30,
	2016 2015	2016 2015
U.S. federal statutory income tax rate	35 % 35 %	35 % 35 %
State and local income taxes, net of federal tax benefit	1 % 1 %	(4)% 2 %
Effect of foreign operations	(5)% — %	(4)% — %
Domestic production activity deductions	(1)% (1)%	(3)% (3)%
Change in uncertain tax positions	— % (3)%	1 % (2)%
Other, net	- % (1)%	_% _%
Effective income tax rate	30 % 31 %	25 % 32 %
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The Company and its subsidiaries file income tax returns in the U.S. and various state and foreign jurisdictions. The Company is currently under limited issue examination by the IRS for its 2008 to 2011 tax years and under audit for its

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2012 to 2014 consolidated federal income tax returns. As it is difficult to predict the final outcome of any particular tax matter, an estimate of any related impact to the reserve for uncertain tax positions cannot currently be determined. With few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to audit by any jurisdiction for years prior to 2006. Adjustments that arose as the audits for certain tax years were completed have been included in change in uncertain tax positions in the table above.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company resolved multi-year state tax positions that resulted in a reduction of reserves related to uncertain tax positions. The effect is included within the effective tax rate reconciliation as a component of changes in state and local income taxes, net of federal tax benefit. The Company's reserves for uncertain tax

positions at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015 totaled \$149 million and \$173 million, respectively. It is reasonably possible that the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits related to certain of the Company's uncertain tax positions could decrease by as much as \$31 million within the next twelve months as a result of ongoing audits, lapses of statutes of limitations or regulatory developments.

As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Company had accrued approximately \$15 million and \$20 million of total interest and penalties payable related to unrecognized tax benefits, respectively. The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as a component of income tax expense. NOTE 12. EARNINGS PER SHARE

In calculating earnings per share, the Company follows the two-class method, which distinguishes between the classes of securities based on the proportionate participation rights of each security type in the Company's undistributed income. The Company's Series A, B and C common stock and the Series C convertible preferred stock are treated as one class for purposes of applying the two-class method, because they have substantially equal rights and share equally on an as-converted basis with respect to income available to Discovery Communications, Inc.

The table below sets forth the computation for income available to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders (in millions).

	Three Month Ended Septer 30,	l	Nine M Ended Septer 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Numerator:				
Net income	\$225	\$283	\$909	\$822
Less:				
Allocation of undistributed income to Series A convertible preferred stock	(52)	(61)	(205)	(176)
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests			(1)	
Net income attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests	(6)	(4)	(18)	(7)
Net income available to Discovery Communications, Inc. Series A, B and C common and Series C convertible preferred stockholders for basic net income per share	\$167	\$218	\$685	\$639
Allocation of net income available to Discovery Communications Inc. Series A, B and C common stockholders and Series C convertible preferred stockholders for basic net income per share:				
Series A, B and C common stockholders	144	185	587	541
Series C convertible preferred stockholders	23	33	98	98
Total	167	218	685	639
Add:				
Allocation of undistributed income to Series A convertible preferred stockholders	52	61	205	176
Net income available to Discovery Communications, Inc. Series A, B and C common stockholders for diluted net income per share	\$219	\$279	\$890	\$815
Net in a second se	- 4 1-1	1.1		1 /

Net income available to Discovery Communications, Inc. Series C convertible preferred stockholders for diluted net income per share is included in net income available to Discovery Communications, Inc. Series A, B and C common stockholders for diluted net income per share. For the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, net income available to Discovery Communications, Inc. Series C convertible preferred stockholders for diluted net income per share was \$23 million and \$33 million, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, net

income available to Discovery Communications, Inc. Series C convertible preferred stockholders for diluted net income per share was \$97 million and \$97 million, respectively.

The table below sets forth the weighted average number of shares outstanding utilized in determining the denominator for basic and diluted earnings per share (in millions).

	Thre	e	Nine	
	Mon	ths	Mon	ths
	Ende	ed	Ende	d
	Septe	ember	Septe	ember
	30,		30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Denominator:				
Weighted average Series A, B and C common shares outstanding — basic	395	432	404	434
Weighted average impact of assumed preferred stock conversion	204	217	208	220
Weighted average dilutive effect of equity-based awards	3	4	3	4
Weighted average Series A, B and C common shares outstanding — diluted	602	653	615	658

Weighted average Series C convertible preferred stock outstanding — basic and diluted 31 38 34 39 The weighted average number of diluted shares outstanding adjusts the weighted average number of shares of Series A, B and C common stock outstanding for the potential dilution that would occur if common stock equivalents, including convertible preferred stock and equity-based awards, were converted into common stock or exercised, calculated using the treasury stock method. Series A, B and C diluted common stock includes the impact of the conversion of Series A preferred stock, the impact of the conversion of Series C preferred stock, and the impact of equity-based compensation.

The table below sets forth the Company's calculated earnings per share.

	Three Month Endec Septer 30,	hs d	Nine Month Ended Septer 30,	1	
		2015		2015	
Basic net income per share available to Discovery Communications, Inc. Series A, B and C common and Series C convertible preferred stockholders:	2010	2013	2010	2013	
Series A, B and C common stockholders	\$0.37	\$0.43	\$1.45	\$1.25	
Series C convertible preferred stockholders	\$0.74	\$0.86	\$2.90	\$2.50	
Diluted net income per share available to Discovery Communications, Inc. Series A, B and C common and Series C convertible preferred stockholders:	b				
Series A, B and C common stockholders	\$0.36	\$ \$ 0.43	\$1.44	\$1.24	
Series C convertible preferred stockholders	\$0.72	\$0.86	\$2.88	\$2.48	
Series C convertible preferred earnings per share amounts may not recalculate due to roun the diluted earnings per share of Series A, B and C common stockholders assumes the con convertible preferred stock, while the diluted earnings per share amounts of Series C conver- not assume conversion of those shares.	version	of Seri	es A ar	nd C	

The table below presents the details of the anticipated stock repurchases and equity-based awards that were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share (in millions).

Three	Nine
Months	Months

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	Endec Septer 30,	-	Ended Septer 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Anti-dilutive stock options and RSUs	9	6	8	6
PRSUs whose performance targets have not been achieved	4	3	3	3
Anti-dilutive common stock repurchase contracts (See Note 9.)	3		3	
Anti-dilutive preferred stock repurchase and conversion (See Note 9.)	2		2	

Only outstanding PRSUs whose performance targets have been achieved as of the last day of the most recent period are included in the dilutive effect calculation.

## NOTE 13. SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES

The following tables present supplemental information related to the consolidated financial statements (in millions). Accrued Liabilities

	September 3	30, Decem	ber 31,
	2016	2015	
Accrued payroll and related benefits	\$ 438	\$ 449	)
Content rights payable	176	217	
Accrued interest	108	61	
Accrued income taxes	36	30	
Current portion of equity-based compensation liabilities	27	5	
Other accrued liabilities	260	226	
Total accrued liabilities	\$ 1,045	\$ 988	
Other Expense, net	+ -;• ••	+ 200	
	Three	Nine	
	Months	Months	
	Ended	Ended	
	September		r
	30,	30,	
	2016 2015		5
Foreign currency gains (losses), net		\$52 \$(7	
(Losses) gains on derivative instruments	(1) 8		)
Remeasurement gain on previously held equity interest	(i ) <del>-</del>	- 2	)
Other expense, net:		-	
Other-than-temporary impairment of AFS investments	(62) —	(62) —	
Other	(02) (1) (2)		)
Other expense, net	(1) $(2)$ $(63)$ $(2)$		/
Total other expense, net	\$(49) \$—		
Equity-Based Plan Proceeds, Net	ψ(+) ψ—	$\Psi(27) \Psi(7)$	0)
Equity-Dascu Fian Flocecus, Net			Nine
			Months
			Ended
			September
			30, 2016 - 2015
The south manual states into the south state in the state of the south states in the state of the sta			2016 2015 ¢(11) ¢(27)
Tax settlements associated with equity-based plans			\$(11) \$(27)
Excess tax benefits from equity-based compensation		1 . 1	7 6
Proceeds from issuance of common stock in connection	with equity-b	ased plans	36 12
Total equity-based plan proceeds (payments), net			\$32 \$(9)

Supplemental Cash Flow Information

11	Nine Mont Ende	
	Septe	ember
	30,	
	2016	2015
Cash paid for taxes, net	\$427	\$609
Cash paid for interest, net	207	188
Noncash investing and financing activities:		
Mandatorily redeemable equity (see Note 8)	_	551
Contingent consideration obligations from business acquisitions	—	9
Contingent consideration receivable from business dispositions	_	19
Receivables for exercised/unsettled incentive stock options	9	
Accrued purchases of property and equipment	7	13
Assets acquired under capital lease arrangements	23	2
NOTE 14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS		

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into transactions with related parties. Related parties include entities that share common directorship, such as Liberty Global plc ("Liberty Global"), Liberty Broadband Corporation ("Liberty Broadband") and their subsidiaries and equity method investees (together the "Liberty Group"). Discovery's Board of Directors includes Mr. Malone, who is Chairman of the Board of Liberty Global and beneficially owns approximately 24% of the aggregate voting power with respect to the election of directors of Liberty Global. Mr. Malone is also Chairman of the Board of Liberty Broadband and beneficially owns approximately 46% of the aggregate voting power with respect to the election of directors of the revenue earned from the Liberty Group relates to multi-year network distribution arrangements. Related party transactions also include revenues and expenses for content and services provided to or acquired from equity method investees, such as OWN, All3Media and the New Russian Business, or minority partners of consolidated subsidiaries, such as Hasbro. The table below presents a summary of the transactions with related parties (in millions).

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine M Ended Septen 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Revenues and service charges:				
Liberty Group <sup>(a)</sup>	\$116	\$40	\$259	\$120
Equity method investees	34	12	91	44
Other	7	10	26	27
Total revenues and service charges	\$157	\$62	\$376	\$191
Interest income <sup>(b)</sup>	\$4	\$5	\$13	\$18
Expenses	\$(25)	\$(12)	\$(85)	\$(43)

<sup>(a)</sup> The increase for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, includes the May 2016 acquisition of Time Warner Cable, Inc. by Charter Communications, an equity method investee of the Liberty Group and other changes in Liberty Group's businesses.

<sup>(b)</sup> The Company records interest earnings from loans to equity method investees, such as OWN, as a component of income from equity investees, net, in the consolidated statements of operations. (See Note 3.)

The table below presents receivables due from related parties (in millions).

_	September 30,	December 31,
	2016	2015
Receivables (a)	\$ 112	\$ 37
Note receivable (Note 3)	326	384

<sup>(a)</sup> The increase for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, includes the May 2016 acquisition of Time Warner Cable Inc. by Charter Communications, an equity method investee of the Liberty Group and other changes in Liberty Group's businesses.

NOTE 15. COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENCIES, AND GUARANTEES

Commitments

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into various commitments, which primarily include programming and talent arrangements, operating and capital leases, employment contracts, arrangements to purchase various goods and services, future funding commitments to equity method investees, and the conditional obligation to issue or acquire additional shares of preferred stock. (See Note 9.)

#### Contingencies

## Put Rights

The Company has granted put rights related to an equity method investment and certain consolidated subsidiaries. Harpo has the right to require the Company to purchase all or part of its interest in OWN for fair value at various dates. No amounts have been recorded by the Company for the Harpo put right. (See Note 3.) Hasbro and J:COM have the right to require the Company to purchase their remaining noncontrolling interests in Discovery Family and Discovery Japan, respectively. The Company recorded the value of the put rights for Discovery Family and Discovery Japan as a component of redeemable equity in the amounts of \$216 million and \$31 million, respectively. (See Note 8.)

## Legal Matters

The Company is party to various lawsuits and claims in the ordinary course of business, including claims related to employees, vendors, other business partners or patent issues. However, a determination as to the amount of the accrual required for such contingencies is highly subjective and requires judgment about future events. Although the outcome of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty and the impact of the final resolution of these matters on the Company's results of operations in a particular subsequent reporting period is not known, management does not believe that the resolution of these matters will have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, future results of operations or cash flows.

#### Guarantees

There were no guarantees recorded as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

The Company may provide or receive indemnities intended to allocate business transaction risks. Similarly, the Company may remain contingently liable for certain obligations of a divested business in the event that a third party does not fulfill its obligations under an indemnification obligation. The Company records a liability for its indemnification obligations and other contingent liabilities when probable and estimable. There were no material amounts for indemnifications or other contingencies recorded as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015. NOTE 16. REPORTABLE SEGMENTS

The Company's operating segments are determined based on (i) financial information reviewed by its chief operating decision maker ("CODM"), the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), (ii) internal management and related reporting structure, and (iii) the basis upon which the CEO makes resource allocation decisions.

The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as the Company's, except that certain inter-segment transactions that are eliminated for consolidation are not eliminated at the segment level. Inter-segment transactions primarily include advertising and content purchases.

The Company evaluates the operating performance of its segments based on financial measures such as revenues and adjusted operating income before depreciation and amortization ("Adjusted OIBDA"). Adjusted OIBDA is defined as operating income excluding: (i) mark-to-market equity-based compensation, (ii) depreciation and amortization, (iii) amortization of deferred launch incentives, (iv) restructuring and other charges, (v) certain impairment charges, (vi) gains and losses on business and asset dispositions, and (vii) certain inter-segment eliminations related to production studios. The Company uses this measure to assess the operating results and performance of its segments, perform analytical comparisons, identify strategies to improve performance and allocate resources to each segment. The Company believes Adjusted OIBDA is relevant to investors because it allows them to analyze the operating performance of each segment using the same metric management uses. The Company excludes mark-to-market equity-based compensation, restructuring and other charges, certain impairment charges, and gains and losses on business and asset disposition of Adjusted OIBDA due to their volatility. The Company also excludes depreciation of fixed assets, amortization of intangible assets and deferred launch incentives, as these amounts do not represent cash payments in the current reporting period. Certain corporate expenses are excluded from segment results to enable executive management to evaluate segment performance based upon the decisions of

segment executives. Adjusted OIBDA should be considered in addition to, but not a substitute for, operating income, net income and other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with GAAP. The tables below present summarized financial information for each of the Company's reportable segments, other operating segments and corporate and inter-segment eliminations (in millions).

Revenues by Segment

U.S. Networks International Networks Education and Other Corporate and inter-segment eliminations Total revenues Adjusted OIBDA by Segment	Three Months Ended September 30 2016 2015 \$793 \$781 720 740 43 36  \$1,556 \$1,55	Ende 2016 \$2,47 2,221 133 (2	ember 30, 2015 73 \$2,344 2,276 130 ) (2 )	
Adjusted OIDDA by Segment	Three			
	Months	Nine M	Ionths	
	Ended September	Ended	nber 30,	
	30,	Septen	1001 50,	
	2016 2015	2016	2015	
U.S. Networks	\$458 \$443	\$1,475	\$ \$1,364	
International Networks	183 218	617	699	
Education and Other		(5	) (2 )	
Corporate and inter-segment eliminations			) (237)	
Total Adjusted OIBDA			5 \$1,824	C
Reconciliation of Total Adjusted OIBDA	to Net Income		e to Discover Three	y Communications, Inc.
			Months	Nine Months
			Ended	Ended
			September	September 30,
			30,	L ,
Total Adjusted OIBDA			2016 2015	2016 2015
			2016 2015 \$562 \$576	
Amortization of deferred launch incentive			\$562 \$576 (3) (4	\$1,845 \$1,824 (10) (12)
Amortization of deferred launch incentive Mark-to-market equity-based compensation			\$562 \$576 (3 ) (4 (14 ) 17	\$1,845 \$1,824 (10)(12) (24)9
Amortization of deferred launch incentive Mark-to-market equity-based compensation Depreciation and amortization			\$562 \$576 (3 ) (4 ) (14 ) 17 (80 ) (80 )	\$1,845 \$1,824 ) (10 ) (12 ) (24 ) 9 ) (239 ) (243 )
Amortization of deferred launch incentive Mark-to-market equity-based compensation Depreciation and amortization Restructuring and other charges			\$562 \$576 (3 ) (4 ) (14 ) 17 (80 ) (80 )	\$1,845 \$1,824 ) (10 ) (12 ) (24 ) 9 ) (239 ) (243 ) ) (52 ) (37 )
Amortization of deferred launch incentive Mark-to-market equity-based compensation Depreciation and amortization Restructuring and other charges Gain on disposition			\$562 \$576 (3 ) (4 ) (14 ) 17 (80 ) (80 ) (7 ) (4 )	\$1,845 \$1,824 ) (10 ) (12 ) (24 ) 9 ) (239 ) (243 ) ) (52 ) (37 ) 13 3
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Amortization of deferred launch incentive Mark-to-market equity-based compensation Depreciation and amortization Restructuring and other charges Gain on disposition Operating income Interest expense			\$562 \$576 (3) (4 (14) 17 (80) (80 (7) (4 	\$1,845 \$1,824 ) (10 ) (12 ) (24 ) 9 ) (239 ) (243 ) ) (52 ) (37 ) 13 3 \$1,533 \$1,544 ) (267 ) (248 )
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Amortization of deferred launch incentive Mark-to-market equity-based compensation Depreciation and amortization Restructuring and other charges Gain on disposition Operating income Interest expense			\$562 \$576 (3) (4 (14) 17 (80) (80 (7) (4 	\$1,845 \$1,824 ) (10 ) (12 ) (24 ) 9 ) (239 ) (243 ) ) (52 ) (37 ) 13 3 \$1,533 \$1,544 ) (267 ) (248 ) ) (28 ) (2 )
Amortization of deferred launch incentive Mark-to-market equity-based compensation Depreciation and amortization Restructuring and other charges Gain on disposition Operating income Interest expense Income (loss) from equity investees, net Other expense, net			\$562 \$576 (3 ) (4 (14 ) 17 (80 ) (80 (7 ) (4 	\$1,845 \$1,824 ) (10 ) (12 ) (24 ) 9 ) (239 ) (243 ) ) (52 ) (37 ) 13 3 \$1,533 \$1,544 ) (267 ) (248 ) ) (28 ) (2 ) (27 ) (78 ) \$1,211 \$1,216
Amortization of deferred launch incentive Mark-to-market equity-based compensation Depreciation and amortization Restructuring and other charges Gain on disposition Operating income Interest expense Income (loss) from equity investees, net Other expense, net Income before income taxes Income tax expense Net income attributable to noncontrolling	interests		\$562 \$576 (3 ) (4 (14 ) 17 (80 ) (80 (7 ) (4 	\$1,845 $$1,824) (10 ) (12 )(24 ) 9) (239 ) (243 )) (52 ) (37 )13 3$1,533$ $$1,544) (267 ) (248 )) (28 ) (2 )(27 ) (78 )$1,211$ $$1,216) (302 ) (394 )(1 ) —$
Amortization of deferred launch incentive Mark-to-market equity-based compensation Depreciation and amortization Restructuring and other charges Gain on disposition Operating income Interest expense Income (loss) from equity investees, net Other expense, net Income before income taxes Income tax expense	on interests acontrolling int	erests	\$562 \$576 (3 ) (4 (14 ) 17 (80 ) (80 (7 ) (4 	\$1,845 \$1,824 ) (10 ) (12 ) (24 ) 9 ) (239 ) (243 ) ) (52 ) (37 ) 13 3 \$1,533 \$1,544 ) (267 ) (248 ) ) (28 ) (2 ) (27 ) (78 ) \$1,211 \$1,216 ) (302 ) (394 )

Total Assets by Segment

	September 30	December 31,
	2016	2015
U.S. Networks	\$ 3,274	\$ 3,295
International Networks	5,176	5,151
Education and Other	416	520
Corporate and inter-segment eliminations	6,984	6,898
Total assets	\$ 15,850	\$ 15,864

Total assets for corporate and inter-segment eliminations include goodwill that is allocated to the Company's segments to account for goodwill. The presentation of segment assets in the table above is consistent with the financial reports that are reviewed by the Company's CEO.

#### NOTE 17. RESTRUCTURING AND OTHER CHARGES

Restructuring and other charges, by segment were as follows (in millions).

	Thre	e	Nine		
	Mon	ths	Months		
	Ende	ed	Ended		
	Sept	ember	September		
	30,		30,		
	2016	2015	2016	2015	
U.S. Networks	\$ 2	\$ —	\$10	\$ 22	
International Networks	5	3	25	13	
Education and Other		2	3	2	
Corporate		(1)	14		
Total restructuring and other charges	\$ 7	\$4	\$ 52	\$ 37	

	Three		Nine				
	Mont	hs	Months				
	Endeo	1	Ended				
	Septe	mber	September				
	30,		30,				
	2016	2015	2016	2015			
Restructuring charges	\$4	\$4	\$53	\$16			
Other	3		(1)	21			
Total restructuring and other charges	\$7	\$4	\$52	\$ 37			

Restructuring charges relate to management changes, cost reduction efforts and contract terminations. On April 28, 2016, the Company committed to a cost-savings plan that encompasses a series of actions intended to enable the Company to more efficiently operate in a leaner and more directed cost structure and invest in growth initiatives, including digital services and content creation. The cost-savings plan includes significant employee terminations. Other charges during 2016 and 2015 result from content impairments primarily at the Company's U.S. Networks segment due to the cancellation of certain high profile series as a result of legal circumstances pertaining to the associated talent.

Restructuring and other charges of \$45 million and \$2 million are recorded in accrued liabilities and other noncurrent liabilities, respectively, on the consolidated balance sheet. Changes in restructuring and other liabilities by major category were as follows (in millions).

		tract	Employee	Total	
	Terr	ninations	Terminations	Total	
December 31, 2015	\$	2	\$ 21	\$23	
Net Accruals	—		53	53	
Cash Paid	(2	)	(27)	(29)	
September 30, 2016	\$		\$ 47	\$47	

# NOTE 18. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Overview

As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, all of the outstanding senior notes have been issued by DCL, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, pursuant to one or more Registration Statements on Form S-3 filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). (See Note 6.) The Company fully and unconditionally guarantees the senior notes on an unsecured basis. Each of the Company, DCL, and/or Discovery Communications Holding LLC ("DCH") (collectively the "Issuers") may issue additional debt securities under the Company's current Registration Statement on Form S-3 that are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the other Issuers.

Set forth below are condensed consolidating financial statements presenting the financial position, results of operations and comprehensive income and cash flows of (i) the Company, (ii) DCH, (iii) DCL, (iv) the non-guarantor subsidiaries of DCL on a combined basis, (v) the other non-guarantor subsidiaries of the Company on a combined basis, and (vi) reclassifications and eliminations necessary to arrive at the consolidated financial statement balances for the Company. DCL and the non-guarantor subsidiaries of DCL are the primary operating subsidiaries of the Company. DCL primarily includes the Discovery Channel and TLC networks in the U.S. The non-guarantor subsidiaries of DCL include substantially all of the Company's other U.S. and international networks, education businesses, production companies, and most of the Company's websites and digital distribution arrangements. The non-guarantor subsidiaries of DCL are wholly owned subsidiaries of DCL with the exception of certain equity method investments. DCL is a wholly owned subsidiary of DCH. The Company wholly owns DCH through a 33 1/3% direct ownership interest through Discovery Holding Company ("DHC"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. DHC is included in the other non-guarantor subsidiaries of the Company. Basis of Presentation

Solely for purposes of presenting the condensed consolidating financial statements, investments in the Company's subsidiaries have been accounted for by their respective parent company using the equity method. Accordingly, in the following condensed consolidating financial statements the equity method has been applied to (i) the Company's interests in DCH and the other non-guarantor subsidiaries of the Company, (ii) DCH's interest in DCL, and (iii) DCL's interests in the non-guarantor subsidiaries of DCL. Inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated to arrive at the consolidated financial statement amounts for the Company. The Company's accounting bases in all subsidiaries, including goodwill and recognized intangible assets, have been "pushed down" to the applicable subsidiaries.

The operations of certain of the Company's international subsidiaries are excluded from the Company's consolidated U.S. income tax return. Tax expense related to permanent differences has been allocated to the entity that created the difference. Tax expense related to temporary differences has been allocated to the entity that created the difference, where identifiable. The remaining temporary differences are allocated to each entity included in the Company's consolidated U.S. income tax return based on each entity's relative pretax income. Deferred taxes have been allocated based upon the temporary differences between the carrying amounts of the respective assets and liabilities of the applicable entities.

The condensed consolidating financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of the Company.

Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet September 30, 2016 (in millions)

	Discover	yDCH	DCL	Non-Guarant Subsidiaries o DCL	Other Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries Discovery	Reclassificatio and Eliminations	nDiscovery and Subsidiaries
ASSETS							
Current assets:	\$ —	<b>\$</b> —	\$8	¢ 016	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 224
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	<b>2</b> —	\$8 433	\$ 216 1,112	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 224 1,545
Receivables, net	_	_	433 10	1,112 340			1,545 350
Content rights, net	_	_					
Deferred income taxes			41	69		_	110
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	76	46	205	127	_	_	454
Inter-company trade receivables,			160			(160)	
net						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Total current assets	76	46	857	1,864	—	(160)	2,683
Investment in and advances to subsidiaries	5,130	5,084	7,598	_	3,433	(21,245)	
Noncurrent content rights, net			656	1,461			2,117
Goodwill			3,769	4,410			8,179
Intangible assets, net			278	1,343			1,621
Equity method investments			25	490			515
Other noncurrent assets		20	104	631		(20)	735
Total assets	\$ 5,206	\$5,150	\$13,287	\$ 10,199	\$ 3,433	\$ (21,425 )	\$ 15,850
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY							
Current liabilities:							
Current portion of debt	\$ —	\$—	\$75	\$ 20	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 95
Other current liabilities			505	922			1,427
Inter-company trade payables, net				160		(160)	
Total current liabilities			580	1,102		(160)	1,522
Noncurrent portion of debt			7,270	631			7,901
Other noncurrent liabilities	2		353	621	20	(20)	976
Total liabilities	2		8,203	2,354	20	(180)	10,399
Redeemable noncontrolling				247			247
interests				247			247
Total equity	5,204	5,150	5,084	7,598	3,413	(21,245)	5,204
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 5,206	\$5,150	\$13,287	\$ 10,199	\$ 3,433	\$ (21,425 )	\$ 15,850

Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet December 31, 2015 (in millions)

(in minous)	Discovery	yDCH	DCL	Non-Guarant Subsidiaries o DCL	Other Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries Discovery	Reclassificatio and Eliminations	nDiscovery and Subsidiaries
ASSETS							
Current assets:	<i>.</i>	<b>.</b>	<b>*</b> •	<b>*</b> • • • <b>-</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>•</b> • • • •
Cash and cash equivalents	\$—	\$—	\$3	\$ 387	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 390
Receivables, net			435	1,044	—		1,479
Content rights, net			9	304	—		313
Deferred income taxes			36	32			68
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	47	26	163	110	_	_	346
Inter-company trade receivables, net			74		_	(74)	
Total current assets	47	26	720	1,877		(74)	2,596
Investment in and advances to subsidiaries	5,406	5,381	7,539	_	3,618	(21,944 )	_
Noncurrent content rights, net			601	1,429			2,030
Goodwill	_		3,769	4,395	_		8,164
Intangible assets, net			290	1,440			1,730
Equity method investments			25	542			567
Other noncurrent assets		20	103	674		(20)	777
Total assets	\$ 5,453	\$5,427	\$13,047	\$ 10,357	\$ 3,618	\$ (22,038 )	\$ 15,864
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY							
Current liabilities:							
Current portion of debt	\$—	\$—	\$98	\$ 21	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 119
Other current liabilities	_		470	990			1,460
Inter-company trade payables, net				74		(74)	
Total current liabilities			568	1,085		(74)	1,579
Noncurrent portion of debt			6,724	892			7,616
Other noncurrent liabilities	2		374	600	21	(20)	977
Total liabilities	2		7,666	2,577	21	(94)	10,172
Redeemable noncontrolling				241			241
interests				241			241
Total equity	5,451	5,427	5,381	7,539	3,597	(21,944 )	5,451
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 5,453	\$5,427	\$13,047	\$ 10,357	\$ 3,618	\$ (22,038 )	\$ 15,864

# Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations Three Months Ended September 30, 2016 (in millions)

	Discove	ryDCH	DCL	Non-Gua Subsidiar DCL		Guarantor	Reclassifi and SEMimination		and	•
Revenues	\$ —	\$—	\$471	\$ 1,088		\$`	\$ (3	)	\$ 1,556	
Costs of revenues, excluding depreciation and amortization	—		109	484		_	(1	)	592	
Selling, general and administrative	3		82	336		—	(2	)	419	
Depreciation and amortization			9	71			_		80	
Restructuring and other charges				7		—			7	
Total costs and expenses	3		200	898		—	(3	)	1,098	
Operating (loss) income	(3)		271	190		—			458	
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	221	221	108	—		147	(697	)		
Interest expense		—	(86 )	) (5	)	—			(91	)
Income from equity investees, net		_	3	_		_	_		3	
Other expense, net			(13	(36	)	_			(49	)
Income before income taxes	218	221	283	149		147	(697	)	321	
Income tax benefit (expense)	1	—	(62)	(35	)	_			(96	)
Net income	219	221	221	114		147	(697	)	225	
Net income attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests				_			(6	)	(6	)
Net income available to Discovery Communications, Inc.	\$ 219	\$221	\$221	\$ 114		\$ 147	\$ (703	)	\$ 219	

# Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 (in millions)

				Other Non-Guarant&on-			Reclassificatid			<b>17</b> 37
	Discove	ryDCH	DCL			Guarantor			and	•
Revenues	\$ —	\$—	\$478	\$ 1,082		Discovery \$ —	\$ (3	)	\$ 1,557	
Costs of revenues, excluding depreciation and amortization	_		159	417		_	(2	)	574	
Selling, general and administrative	3		63	329			(1	)	394	
Depreciation and amortization			10	70					80	
Restructuring and other charges			(1)	5		_			4	
Total costs and expenses	3		231	821		_	(3	)	1,052	
Operating (loss) income	(3)		247	261		_	_		505	
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	281	281	171	—		187	(920	)		
Interest expense			(79)	) (3	)				(82	)
Loss from equity investees, net	—		(2)	) (8	)	—	—		(10	)
Other (expense) income, net			(5)	5						
Income before income taxes	278	281	332	255		187	(920	)	413	
Income tax benefit (expense)	1		(51)	(80	)				(130	)
Net income	279	281	281	175		187	(920	)	283	
Net income attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests	_	_	_				(4	)	(4	)
Net income available to Discovery Communications, Inc.	\$ 279	\$281	\$281	\$ 175		\$ 187	\$ (924	)	\$ 279	

# Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016 (in millions)

	Discove	ryDCH	DCL	Non-Guar Subsidiari DCL	ant es o	Guarantor	Reclassifica and esEdMinination		Discove and Subsidia	•
Revenues	\$ —	\$—	\$1,473	\$ 3,362		\$ _ `	\$ (10	)	\$ 4,825	
Costs of revenues, excluding depreciation and amortization	_		339	1,451			(3	)	1,787	
Selling, general and administrative	11	_	211	1,012			(7	)	1,227	
Depreciation and amortization			28	211					239	
Restructuring and other charges			23	29					52	
Gain on disposition		—		(13	)				(13	)
Total costs and expenses	11	—	601	2,690			(10	)	3,292	
Operating (loss) income	(11)	—	872	672					1,533	
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	897	897	498			598	(2,890	)		
Interest expense		—	(251)	(16	)				(267	)
Loss from equity investees, net		—	(2)	(26	)				(28	)
Other (expense) income, net		—	(32)	5					(27	)
Income before income taxes	886	897	1,085	635		598	(2,890	)	1,211	
Income tax benefit (expense)	4	_	(188)	(118	)				(302	)
Net income	890	897	897	517		598	(2,890	)	909	
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests							(1	)	(1	)
Net income attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests							(18	)	(18	)
Net income available to Discovery Communications, Inc.	\$ 890	\$897	\$897	\$ 517		\$ 598	\$ (2,909	)	\$ 890	

# Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 (in millions)

	Discove	eryDCH	DCL	Non-Guai Subsidiari DCL		Guarantor	Reclassific and eEdifminatio		o <b>D</b> aiscove and Subsidia	
Revenues	\$ —	\$—	\$1,434	\$ 3,323		\$`	\$ (9	)	\$ 4,748	
Costs of revenues, excluding depreciation and amortization	_	_	373	1,332		_	(2	)	1,703	
Selling, general and administrative	11		159	1,061			(7	)	1,224	
Depreciation and amortization		—	27	216		_	_		243	
Restructuring and other charges			19	18		—	—		37	
Gain on disposition	—			(3	)	—	—		(3	)
Total costs and expenses	11		578	2,624		—	(9	)	3,204	
Operating (loss) income	(11 )	)	856	699		—	—		1,544	
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	822	822	414	_		548	(2,606	)		
Interest expense			(241)	) (7	)		_		(248	)
Loss from equity investees, net				(2	)		_		(2	)
Other expense, net			(16 )	(62	)		_		(78	)
Income before income taxes	811	822	1,013	628		548	(2,606	)	1,216	
Income tax benefit (expense)	4		(191)	(207	)	_	_		(394	)
Net income	815	822	822	421		548	(2,606	)	822	
Net income attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests			_	—			(7	)	(7	)
Net income available to Discovery Communications, Inc.	\$ 815	\$822	\$822	\$ 421		\$ 548	\$ (2,613	)	\$ 815	

# Condensed Consolidating Statement of Comprehensive Income Three Months Ended September 30, 2016 (in millions)

	Discove	ryDCH	DCL	Non-Guara Subsidiarie DCL	es 6 fiarantor	Reclassific and esEdfminatio		and	•
Net income	\$ 219	\$221	\$221	\$ 114	\$ 147	\$ (697	)	\$ 225	
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax:						× ·			
Currency translation adjustments	(16)	(16	) (16 )	(16)	(10)	58		(16	)
Market value adjustments	50	50	50	50	34	(184	)	50	
Derivative adjustments	3	3	3	2	2	(10	)	3	
Comprehensive income	256	258	258	150	173	(833	)	262	
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests		—			—	—			
Comprehensive income attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests	_	_	_	_	_	(6	)	(6	)
Comprehensive income attributable to Discovery Communications, Inc.	\$ 256	\$258	\$258	\$ 150	\$ 173	\$ (839	)	\$ 256	

# Condensed Consolidating Statement of Comprehensive Income Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 (in millions)

					Other		
				Non-Gua	iran <b>No</b> n-	Reclassificat	idaiscovery
	Discove	eryDCH	DCL	Subsidia	ries <b>G</b> fiarantor	and	and
				DCL	Subsidiari	esEdfminations	Subsidiaries
					Discovery	r	
Net income	\$ 279	\$281	\$281	\$ 175	\$ 187	\$ (920 )	\$ 283
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of							
tax:							
Currency translation adjustments	(46	) (46 )	(46)	(46	) (31 )	169	(46)
Derivative adjustments	1	1	1	1		(3)	1
Comprehensive income	234	236	236	130	156	(754)	238
Comprehensive loss attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests	(3	) (3 )	(3)	(3	) (2	7	(7)
Comprehensive income attributable to Discovery Communications, Inc.	\$ 231	\$233	\$233	\$ 127	\$ 154	\$ (747 )	\$ 231

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Comprehensive Income (Loss) Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016 (in millions)

Discovery	DCH	DCL	Noi Sub DC	n-Guarantor osidiaries of L	Other Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries of Discovery	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Discovery and Subsidiaries
Net income \$ 890	\$897	\$897	\$	517			